

**ORANGE COUNTY
CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
Wednesday, June 24, 2020
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

Webinar:
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MINUTES

Board Member Names

Jeanne Awrey, OC Dept. of Education [Secretary]
Matt Bates, City Net
Judson Brown, City of Santa Ana
Natalie Bui, Veteran Affairs CRRC
Donald Dermit, The Rock Church
Curtis Gamble, Hope Lifted
Vacant
Vacant

Becks Heyhoe, OC United Way
Patti Long, Mercy House
Dawn Price, Friendship Shelter
Albert Ramirez, City of Anaheim
Maricela Rios-Faust, Human Options
George Searcy, Jamboree Housing [Chair]
Tim Shaw, Individual [Vice-Chair]

Call to Order – George Searcy, Chair

Board Member Roll Call – Jocelyn Gaspar, CoC Specialist

Present: Jeanne Awrey, Matt Bates, Judson Brown, Natalie Bui, Donald Dermit, Curtis Gamble, Becks Heyhoe, Patti Long, Dawn Price, Albert Ramirez, Maricela Rios-Faust, George Searcy and Tim Shaw.

Absent Excused: none

Public Comments: Members of the public may address the Continuum of Care Board on items listed within this agenda or matters not appearing on the agenda so long as the subject matter is within the jurisdiction of the Continuum of Care Board. Members of the public may address the Continuum of Care Board with public comments on agenda items in the business calendar after the Continuum of Care Board member discussion. Comments will be limited to three minutes. If there are more than five public speakers, this time will be reduced to two minutes.

- Callie Rutter commented on the need for housing, employment opportunities and food during the COVID-19 pandemic.

CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters are approved by one motion unless pulled by a Board Member for discussion or separate action. The CoC Board requests that only pertinent information be discussed during this time.

1. Approve Continuum of Care Board Meeting Minutes from May 27, 2020.

Dawn Price motioned to approve the Consent Calendar. Natalie Bui seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

1. Update from the Office of Care Coordination regarding COVID-19 response – Jason Austin, Director

The five motels that are available throughout Orange County as a part of the County's Homelessness COVID-19 response are nearing capacity. The County of Orange is beginning to explore interim and permanent housing options for program participants. The Office of Care Coordination has established a Project Roomkey hotline (714-834-3000) to facilitate service referrals to Project Roomkey and answer any Project Roomkey related questions.

2. Continuum of Care Manager's Report – Paul Duncan, CoC Manager

The Office of Care Coordination reviewing the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Consent Form to ensure that the document meets a minimum readability standard and that it includes information on the System of Care Data Integration System.

The Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC) is evaluating the need for a gender identity based policy given the policy released by the Department of Health and Human Services and the Supreme Court of the United States ruling on gender identity. The Orange County CoC currently has policy that is inclusive to all people regardless of how a person identifies, but if additional policy is needed, it may be put forward to the CoC Board for approval.

The Office of Care Coordination met with CARES Act entitlement cities to discuss the second round of CARES Act funding and how to best align funding with current needs. The Office of Care Coordination will hold a second meeting to continue the ongoing discussion and will provide additional information next month.

3. System of Care Data Integration System (SOCDIS) – Paul Duncan, CoC Manager and Natalie Dempster, Care Coordination Manager

Recommended Action:

- a. Authorize 2-1-1 Orange County as the HMIS Administrator for Orange County Continuum of Care to share data with the Data Integration Project to ensure increased care coordination, streamline service delivery and deduplication of efforts.

Becks Heyhoe motioned to approve the recommended action. Donald Dermit seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Chair George Searcy suggested developing a process to record feedback and returning to the CoC Board for updates on the System of Care Data Integration System.

4. Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 2 Request for Proposal (RFP) Overview – Paul Duncan, CoC Manager

The Orange County CoC and the County of Orange's goal is to create a balanced System of Care by ensuring that persons experiencing homelessness have access to services, temporary housing options that are focused on permanent housing, and permanent housing resources that are robust. The HHAP Round 2 RFP process aims to:

- Fill gaps in services within the current system
- Have a high impact in moving people towards or into permanent housing
- Incorporate evidence-based practices, such as but not limited to, trauma-informed care, housing first, harm reduction, critical time intervention and motivational interviewing

Capital for Emergency Shelter and Navigation Centers will increase the number of available beds and services for persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness. The Emergency Shelter and/or Navigation Centers will allow people a safe and stable environment to work towards long-term goals and stability. The RFP makes up to \$6,648,309 available through the State of California's HHAP funding for capital projects. The CoC Board is to determine total award for capital projects based upon future prioritization decisions. The RFP is set to be released June 25, 2020.

Dawn Price suggested analyzing Project Roomkey data to find disparities of clients that sought out beds versus clients that received beds.

Public Comments

- Callie Rutter commented on the importance of implementing sensitivity training such as trauma-informed care and job training.

5. Resolution for the Black Lives Matters movement – Tim Shaw, Vice Chair

Recommended Action:

- a. Adopt the OC CoC Board Resolution for the Black Lives Matters movement

Vice Chair Tim Shaw motioned to approve the CoC Board Resection for the Black Lives Matters movement. Judson Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Amended Action:

- b. Authorize the allocation of \$50,000 from HHAP funding for a consultant to conduct a racial disparities and equity evaluation of CoC systems and processes.

Vice Chair Tim Shaw motioned to approve the amended recommendation. Curtis Gamble seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

The CoC Board will select members for an ad hoc during at an upcoming meeting of the CoC Board.

Public Comments

- Callie Rutter praised the CoC Board for the Black Lives Matters movement Resolution.

6. 2020 Housing Inventory Count and Sheltered Point in Time Presentation – Erin DeRycke, HMIS Lead

The Housing Inventory Count (HIC) is a point-in-time inventory of housing programs within a Continuum of Care (CoC) that provide beds and units dedicated to serve people experiencing homelessness (or for permanent housing projects, were experiencing homelessness at entry). The project types included in the HIC are Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, Rapid Re-housing, Safe Haven, and Permanent Supportive Housing. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires the submission of the HIC on an annual basis.

The Point in Time (PIT) count is a count of people experiencing homelessness on a single night in January. HUD requires that CoCs conduct an annual count of people experiencing homelessness who are sheltered in Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, and Safe Havens on a single night. CoCs also must conduct a count of unsheltered people experiencing homelessness every other year (odd numbered years).

The HIC and Sheltered PIT counts were conducted on January 27, 2020 for Orange County. Typically, the HIC and PIT are due to HUD at the end of April, but HUD extended the deadline to June 30th due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Erin DeRycke provided an analysis of the 2020 HIC and PIT.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:03 p.m.

Next Meeting: July 22, 2020