

**ORANGE COUNTY
CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
Wednesday, May 27, 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.

No Public Comments

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 March 26, 2020 and the Continuum of Care Board Retreat Minutes from April 29, 2020.**

Dawn Price motioned to approve the Consent Calendar. Becks Heyhoe 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

Five motel sites are available throughout Orange County as a part of the County's Homelessness COVID-19 response. Two of the motel sites are for individuals that are sick or symptomatic with COVID-19, the other sites are for the vulnerable individuals experiencing homelessness who are considered high-risk for severe COVID-19 illness based on the Centers for Disease Control guidance. The Office of Care Coordination has established a Project Roomkey hotline to support with service referrals to Project Roomkey and answer any Project Roomkey related questions.

2. Update from the Continuum of Care (CoC) Manager regarding COVID-19 response – Paul Duncan, CoC Manager

See agenda items 4 and 5.

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

Amended action:

- a. Authorize 2-1-1 Orange County as the HMIS Administrator for Orange County Continuum of Care to participate and provide input on the OC Health Care Agency's Data Integration Project.
- b. Authorize 2-1-1 Orange County as the HMIS Administrator for Orange County Continuum of Care to share data with the Data Integration Project for purposes related only to build out the project, but not shared for care coordination.
- c. Assign the Continuum of Care Manager or designee as the program expert on behalf of the Continuum of Care to design and implement the Data Integration Project in partnership with the OC Health Care Agency.

Maricela Rios-Faust motioned to approve the amended action. Patti Long seconded the amended action. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Chair George Searcy requested that a roadmap, goals and outcomes, and a timeline for stakeholder involvement be shared with the CoC Board. In addition, Chair George Searcy requested that the County staff contact all agency participating in HMIS to inform them of the development of the integration project and the client data sharing.

Public Comments

- Karen Williams, 2-1-1 Orange County, commented on agency engagement and data sharing in the SOCDIS project.
- Stephanie Smolkin, Serving People in Need, commented on high utilizers and its definition.
- Charles Guiam commented on Sonoma County's data integration and why it is a good example for Orange County to follow.
- Callie Rutter commented on SOCDIS end-users and their case management experience working with clients experience homelessness.
- Julie Thomas commented on including grassroots organizations into SOCDIS conversation.

4. Update on COVID-19 Funds Expended To Date – Paul Duncan, CoC Manager

The Orange County CoC Board at the March Special meeting authorized the Chair and Vice-Chair of the CoC Board to work with Office of Care Coordination staff to identify areas for funding need and to direct funding to areas that were specific to COVID-19 response. The Chair and Vice-Chair allocated \$500,000 in funding to provide isolation space for families and individuals.

All homeless shelter providers and/or cities operating shelters in Orange County may access up to \$500,000 of the COVID-19 funding allocated to the Orange County CoC from the State to provide immediate resources and/or alternative shelters for the following three segments of the homeless population and related eligible activities:

- a. Sheltered and Unsheltered Individuals who are at Higher Risk for Severe COVID-19 Illness
- b. Sheltered and Unsheltered Individuals Experiencing COVID-19 symptoms (does not have to be confirmed COVID-19); and
- c. Unsheltered families.

Funding commitments to date:

- a. Projected Costs based on County's Approvals – \$340,213
- b. Accounts Receivable to Date – \$144,732.88
- c. Remaining Funds for Alternative Shelter Placement – \$159,787

5. Utilization of funding update for HHAP, California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH), Emergency Solutions Grants Programs (ESG) CARES - Paul Duncan, CoC Manager

The Orange County CoC has received \$13,751,854.50 in HHAP, CESH and ESG-CV funding to address and prevent homelessness. Of the above funding amount, there is \$11,618,001 that is currently unallocated. The funding sources have a range of requirements for utilization, including eligible program types and time frame for expending funds.

In addition to the above identified funding, there are additional allocations that will be made to specifically address COVID-19. Of the currently available funding there is \$3,281,888 that must be allocated to address COVID-19, while the remaining \$8,336,112 can be used for a wider range of services, including COVID-19 response. The Office of Care Coordination engaged with the Chair and Vice-Chair to discuss options for balancing a number of priorities for the utilization of available funds in the Orange County CoC.

Judson Brown commented on using an RFP process for the available funding.

Chair George Searcy suggested the CoC Board, County staff and entitlement cities discuss utilization of CARES Act funding to ensure a coordinated response throughout the county.

Public Comments:

- Erin DeRycke, 2-1-1 Orange County, commented on funding for 2-1-1 Orange County to support the data integration project.
- Brooke Weitzman commented on minimum acceptable health standards in shelters.

6. Analysis of Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) infrastructure allocations and Family Solutions Collaborative funding allocation - Paul Duncan, CoC Manager

Amended Action:

- a. Authorize the allocation of an additional \$50,000 to the Family Solutions Collaborative from HHAP funding for a total of \$100,000, to support structural shifts in the operations of the Family Solutions Collaborative
- b. Direct the Chair and Vice Chair to work with County staff to identify eligible activities for the remaining HHAP funds.

Vice Chair Tim Shaw motioned to approve the amended action. Donald Dermit seconded the amended action. Patti Long and Maricela Rios-Faust abstained from voting. The motion passed.

7. Creation of a Coordinated Entry System (CES) Ad Hoc to update prioritization policy in response to COVID-19 - Paul Duncan, CoC Manager

Recommended Action:

- a. Authorize the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee with authority to research, review and change CES prioritization policies for the purpose of COVID-19 response. Any prioritization policy changes will be specific to the period of COVID-19 pandemic response and will revert to the preceding policies at the point that COVID-19 response ends.

- b. Ad Hoc Committee will be responsible for reporting back at the monthly CoC Board meeting any time there is a change made to the CES prioritization policy for COVID-19 response.

The action did not move forward to a vote. Rather, the CoC Board agreed to create an Ad Hoc with representatives from the Santa Ana Housing Authority and Anaheim Housing Authority, the Shelter Committee Chair and CES Committee Chair. The Ad Hoc will work with County staff to develop prioritization policy recommendations to share with the CoC Board for adoption, if a need is found. The CoC Board agreed that a special meeting may be called to approve the proposed recommendations.

8. HUD 2019 CoC Notice of Funding Availability Competition Debrief - Paul Duncan, CoC

No presentation on the item.

9. Authorize the extension of CoC Board member seats through October 2020 - Paul Duncan, CoC Manager

Recommended Action:

- a. Authorize the extension of expiring CoC Board Member seats through October 2020.
- b. Authorize the extension of George Searcy as Board Chair, Tim Shaw as the Vice Chair, and Jeanne Awrey as Secretary until the point at which an election is done to fill expiring board seats.
- c. Assign County staff to conduct further research and analysis of timeline and if there are alternatives that can be made for conducting the process, such as a virtual process with a general CoC members meeting.

Maricela Rios-Faust motioned to approve the recommendation. Jeanne Awrey seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Public Comments:

- Brooke Weitzman commented on holding public nominations online.
- Callie Rutter Commented on CoC Board member seat nominations and expressed an interest in a CoC Board seat.
- Paul Hyeck expressed an interest in a CoC Board seat and commented on issues with motel housing.
- Peter Warner commented on meals served and the bussing system in place at Bridges at Kraemer.

10. Board Member Comments:

- Judson Brown commented on agenda item 5: utilization of funding update for HHAP, CESH and ESG CARES.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:48 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 24, 2020