

**ORANGE COUNTY
CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
Wednesday, March 27, 2019
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

**County of Orange
1300 S. Grand Avenue, Bldg. B
2nd Floor, Conference Room A/B
Santa Ana, CA 92705**

MINUTES

Board Member Names

Jason Austin, O.C. Health Care Agency
Jeanne Awrey, O.C. Dept. of Education [Secretary]
Matt Bates, City Net
Judson Brown, City of Santa Ana [Chair]
Paul Cho, Illumination Foundation
Donald Dermitt, The Rock Church
Curtis Gamble, Individual
George Searcy, Jamboree Housing

Patti Long, Mercy House
Dawn Price, Friendship Shelter [Vice-Chair]
Albert Ramirez, City of Anaheim
Maricela Rios-Faust, Human Options
Vacant
Vacant
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Call to Order – Judson Brown, Chair

Pledge of Allegiance – Maricela Rios-Faust, Human Options

Maricela Rios-Faust led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation/Inspiration – Maricela Rios-Faust, Human Options

Maricela Rios-Faust led the Invocation/Inspiration.

Board Member Roll Call – Cymantha Atkinson, Deputy Director and Interim Homeless Services Director, OC Community Resources

Present: Matt Bates, Judson Brown, Donald Dermitt, Dawn Price, George Searcy, Patti Long, Maricela Rios-Faust, Jason Austin, Curtis Gamble

Absent Excused: Jeanne Awrey, Paul Cho, Albert Ramirez

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. Comments will be limited to three minutes. If there are more than five public speakers, this time will be reduced to two minutes.

Hafsa Kaka shared an update for the City of Santa Ana's homelessness initiatives.

Welcome and Introductions - Judson Brown, Chair

Chair, Judson Brown, welcomed Continuum of Care Board members and attendees.

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 February 27, 2019.

2. Continuum of Care Committee Reports

- A. Coordinated Entry System
- B. Data and Performance
- C. Emergency Shelters
- D. Housing Opportunities
- E. Orange County's Homeless Provider Forum
- F. Street Outreach Team

Maricela Rios-Faust motioned to approve the Consent Calendar. Curtis Gamble seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent

BUSINESS CALENDAR

1. Director of Care Coordination Updates – Susan Price, County Executive Office Information

Susan Price provided Office of Care Coordination updates to the CoC Board and shared two documents that detailed the work from the County Executive Office. The documents presented the Orange County System of Care and its integrated services, and information detailing the sectors that operate with the Board of Supervisors.

2. Continuum of Care Updates– Cymantha Atkinson, Deputy Director and Interim Homeless Services Director, OC Community Resources Information

Cymantha Atkinson provided updates on the following topics:

- 1. Orange County Community Resources Staffing
Shannon Legere will be joining the Housing and Community Development & Homeless Services Department as the new director for the department. Positions left to fill include a CoC Manager, CoC Administrator and Shelter Manager.
- 2. Continuum of Care Governance Charter
The Governance Charter Ad-Hoc will meet in April to review the CoC Governance Charter. A recommendation is expected to be presented to the CoC Board in May.
- 3. California Emergency Solutions (CESH) & Housing and Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) RFP
The CESH HEAP/TAY Request for Proposals is currently in the evaluation phase as of Wednesday, March 26, 2019. The county received 18 proposals for these programs. The intent is to present the funding recommendation for approval to the OC Board of Supervisors in July 2019.
- 4. Housing and Disability Advocacy Program
The County of Orange was awarded \$2,147,651 in funds. The sub-recipients selected to carry out the HDAP services are CityNet in Central Service Planning Area, Friendship Shelter, in South Service Planning Area, and Mercy House in the North Service Planning Area. Approval of the HDAP agreements with the selected sub-recipients will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on April 9, 2019.
- 5. 2018 CoC Notice of Funding Availability Debrief
The Department of Housing and Urban Development hosted a webinar to debrief the 2018 CoC NOFA and released a breakdown of points received for the Orange County CoC. The total points for this year is 149.75 out of 200 which is 1.25 less points than last year. Cymantha Atkinson shared room for improvements for the upcoming NOFA and shared the tentative target timing for the 2019 NOFA Cycle released by HUD.

3. Filling Unexpired CoC Vacancies Recommendation – Cymantha Atkinson Action

Cymantha Atkinson brought forward candidates to fill the two At Large seats and the one Veteran seat for CoC Board consideration. Each recommended member was considered individually to the CoC Board.

At Large Seat 1: Tim Shaw, Tim Shaw & Associates

Vice Chair, Dawn Price motioned to approve the recommendation. Matt Bates seconded the motion. George Searcy abstained from voting. The motion passed.

At Large Seat 2: Becks Heyhoe, Orange County United Way

Donald Dermit motioned to approve the recommendation. Jason Austin seconded the motion. George Searcy abstained from voting. The motion passed.

Veteran: Dustin Halliwell, Veteran Affairs

Vice Chair, Dawn Price motioned to approve the recommendation. Maricela Rios-Faust seconded the recommendation. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

4. 2019 Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Availability Priorities – Vice Chair Dawn Price, Friendship Shelter **Action**

The 2019 CoC NOFA Ad Hoc met to create prioritization guidelines for the 2019 CoC Notice of Funding Availability Prioritization Process. Vice Chair, Dawn Price shared the recommendations for reallocation, bonus funding and renewal funding.

REALLOCATION:

Recommend the release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for reallocation funding. Recommend that this RFP should use the data from the Point in Time to establish subpopulation priorities. If the 2017 PIT were used, it would prioritization would be as follows. It is hoped the 2019 data will be available and if so, these rankings could change based on that data.

1. Non-chronically homeless individuals
2. Chronic individuals
3. Non-chronically homeless families
4. Veterans
5. Victims of domestic violence
6. Transitional age youth

BONUS FUNDING:

Recommend bonus project funding, if allowable, be prioritized based on system priorities that includes:

1. Non-VASH eligible veteran households
2. Chronically homeless individuals
3. Chronically homeless families

RENEWAL FUNDING

Recommend the CoC NOFA Request for Renewal Proposals include the questions that address:

1. How the applicant might propose changing their program to address system gaps found in Coordinated Entry System.
2. How the applicant would propose using any reallocated funds, if an RFP is not used for that purpose.

Chair, Judson Brown called for a vote. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

5. State Funding – SB2 California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) Round 2 – Susan Price, Director of Care Coordination **Action**

Orange County is eligible to apply for \$1,116,463 through the California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program (CESH) Round 2 to assist people experiencing homelessness.

Recommendation:

- a. Designate the County of Orange as the Administrative Entity to administer CESH Round 2 on behalf of the Orange County Continuum of Care
- b. Approve the use of CESH Funding Priorities as approved on September 26, 2018 by the Continuum of Care Board to Round 2. The approved recommended funding priorities are:
 - a. Rental assistance, housing reallocation and stabilization services
 - b. Flexible housing subsidy funds; and
 - c. Operating support for emergency housing interventions (40% cap).
- c. County staff will identify local priorities and share them with the CoC Board prior to the issuance of the second round of the CESH RFP.

Vice Chair, Dawn Price motioned to approve recommendation. George seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

6. Coordinated Entry System (CES) Prioritization Policies Update – Patti Long, Mercy House, Zulima Lundy, County of Orange and Rebecca Ricketts, County of Orange **Information**

The CES Steering Committee has been testing prioritization policies for the individual component of CES since August 2018. The prioritization road test led to the implementation of the following priorities, with project specific requirements applied as required: a. Length of homelessness, b. VI-SPDAT score, c. Regional Service Planning Area Distribution and d. Shelter Priority.

The CES steering Committee will draft a revised CES policies and procedures to align with the lessons learned during the prioritization road test. Vice Chair, Dawn Price requested quarterly reports from CES.

7. Data Dashboard – Adriana De La Rosa, 2-1-1 Orange County **Information**

Adriana De La Rosa, filling in for Erin DeRycke, provided an update regarding the CoC Dashboard that is being developed by 2-1-1 Orange County and the Data and Performance Management Committee. The dashboard will be available for feedback April 2019.

8. HMIS Client Consent Form – Rose Bermudez, Families Forward, Co-Chair Data and Performance Management Committee **Action**

Rose Bermudez reviewed proposed changes to the HMIS Client Consent form and sought approval from the CoC Board.

It was recommended that the document be shared with County Council and that complex language be simplified. Jason Austin motioned to table the recommendation until further review from County Council. Maricela Rios-Faust seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

9. Housing Opportunities Committee Recommendation – George Searcy, Jamboree Housing **Action**

The Housing Opportunities Committee, with Chair Judson Brown's amendment, recommended that the CoC Board recommend to the Commission to End Homelessness, the Housing Finance Trust, and the Housing Community Development Commission that resources be developed to identify best practices to align public development processes to accelerate affordable housing development.

Chair, Judson Brown called for a vote. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

10. Miscellaneous Updates **Information**

Curtis Gamble and Matt Bates shared miscellaneous updates.

11. Board Member Comments **Information**

Chair, Judson Brown ended the meeting in honor of Roy Pendleton.

Next Meeting: Meeting adjourned at 4:11pm to April 24, 2019

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For Further Information Regarding the Orange County Continuum of Care:
<https://www.211oc.org/get-connected/oc-continuum-of-care-coc.html>

For Further Information Regarding the Orange County Commission to End Homelessness:
<http://www.ocgov.com/gov/ceo/care/commendhom>