

**ORANGE COUNTY  
CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD  
Wednesday, April 24, 2019  
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

**County of Orange  
1300 S. Grand Avenue, Bldg. B  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Nets  
Judson Brown, City of Santa Ana [Chair]  
Paul Cho, Illumination Foundation  
Donald Dermit, The Rock Church  
Curtis Gamble, Hope Lifted  
Dustin Halliwell, Veteran Affairs**

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

### **Call to Order** – Judson Brown, Chair

Chair Judson Brown called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M.

### **Pledge of Allegiance** – Albert Ramirez, City of Anaheim

Albert Ramirez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Invocation/Inspiration** – Albert Ramirez, City of Anaheim

Albert Ramirez led the Invocation/Inspiration.

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

**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.

Paul Hyek and Lupe Ramirez shared public comments to the CoC Board.

### **Welcome and Introductions** - Judson Brown, Chair

Chair Judson Brown welcomed the Continuum of Care Board members and attendees. The Continuum of Care Board will now include quarterly updates from partner agencies including but not limited to the school districts, youth providers, the United to End Homelessness initiative and the Hospital Association of Southern California.

### **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 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

George Searcy, Housing Opportunities Committee Chair, requested that the Housing Opportunities Report be pulled for discussion. George Searcy shared the progress of the Housing Opportunities Committee and its ad hoc committees. George Tita from the University of California intends to conduct a countywide study of affordable housing in Orange County. An overview of the study will be shared at a later CoC Board meeting. Patti Long motioned to approve the Housing Opportunities Report update, Becks Heyhoe seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Paul Cho motioned to approve the remainder for 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

Susan Price, Director of Care Coordination, provided Office of Care Coordination updates to the CoC Board. The Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) was approved by the Board of Supervisors on April 23, 2019. Seven cities have signed to the Housing Trust Fund. It is expected to have 13 by the end of May 2019.

**2. 2019 Point in Time Count Report** – Susan Price, County Executive Office

Susan Price, Director of Care Coordination, shared an 11-page infographic detailing the results from the 2019 Point in Time Count. The methodology changed from previous years and resulted in a further developed count and an increase in people experiencing homelessness in Orange County. Susan Price thanked all the partner agencies involved such as City Net, 2-1-1 Orange County, Hub for Urban Initiatives, the County of Orange, CoC agencies, the 34 cities and the community volunteers. A final report will be available by the end of June and the data will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development by April 30, 2019.

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

Cymantha Atkinson provided updates on the following topics:

1. Orange County Community Resources Staffing

Cymantha Atkinson welcomed Shannon Legere as the new Director of Housing and Homeless Services for OC Community Resources. Shannon joined the County on April 12, 2019.

2. Continuum of Care Governance Charter

The Continuum of Care Governance Charter met in April. The Ad Hoc is working on cleaning up the language of the Governance Charter. An update is expected during the June CoC Board meeting.

3. Homeless and Housing Disability Advocacy Program

On April 9, 2019, the Orange County Board of Supervisors approved the three sole source contracts with City Net, Friendship Shelter, and Mercy House to deliver HDAP services to individuals experiencing homelessness in need of outreach, case management, disability benefits advocacy, and housing assistance in each Service Planning Area.

#### **4. United to End Homelessness Initiatives Updates –** Becks Heyhoe, Orange County United Way

Becks Heyhoe from Orange County United Way shared an overview of the first year of the United to End Homelessness initiative. United to End Homelessness launched February 2018 and focuses on developing the recommendations of the 2017 UC Irvine study, "Homelessness in Orange County: The Cost to Our Community". Key milestones include raising public awareness, building support, investing in Orange County, expanding housing opportunities and garnering federal attention from representatives of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

#### **5. Veteran Initiatives Update –** Dustin Halliwell, Veteran Affairs

Dustin Halliwell from the Veteran Affairs shared updates on the ongoing veteran initiatives to the CoC Board. The Veteran By Name List continues to grow in numbers, roughly 5-10 vets are added to the list per week. The Veteran Affairs has expanded the criteria to all clients that meet the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development definition of homelessness. The Veteran Steering Committee is currently being developed and will shortly begin meeting.

#### **6. 2019 Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Process Recommendation –** Cymantha Atkinson, Deputy Director and Interim Homeless Services Director, OC Community Resources

Cymantha Atkinson provided the following preliminary FY 2019 CoC Notice of Funding Availability process recommendations (NOFA) to the CoC Board.

- I. Release the Agency Administrative Review following the April 24, 2019 approval by the CoC Board.
- II. Call for the Letter of Intent Project Submittals following the release of the 2019 NOFA by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- III. Combine the RFP and RFQ process for Reallocation and/or Bonus Projects. Release the combined RFQ/RFP after the release of the 2019 NOFA by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- IV. Select non-conflicted CoC Board members to serve on the NOFA Ad Hoc to oversee the NOFA process on behalf of the Continuum of Care and provide recommendations to the CoC Board. Non-conflicted members include: Albert Ramirez, Judson Brown, Curtis Gamble, Tim Shaw, Becks Heyhoe and Donald Dermit. Three members will be selected to participate in the Ad Hoc.
- V. Direct staff to use the Project Performance Reports for Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Rehousing that were published in February 2019 and April 2019 to be used to evaluate project performance as part of the 2019 NOFA Rating and Ranking process. The NOFA Ad Hoc will review and recommend the performance measures to be included in this analysis, as well as the thresholds and point values assigned to these measures. In addition, direct HMIS Lead, 2-1-1 Orange County, to develop Data Quality measurements and share with the Ad Hoc for approval and inclusion in the analysis.
- VI. Direct the NOFA Ad Hoc, with County staff, to review and recommend the 2019 NOFA Rubric to the CoC Board using metrics that address system performance, local priorities and any other priorities that HUD may emphasize in the 2019 NOFA. Agency presentations are recommended to be optional to provide applicants the opportunity to discuss their scores to the Ad Hoc.
- VII. Direct staff to use timely and complete submission standards as presented for the 2019 NOFA.

George Searcy motioned to approve the preliminary FY 2019 CoC NOFA recommendations. Jason Austin seconded the motion, the motion passed by unanimous consent.

#### **7. Miscellaneous Updates**

Five members of the public shared miscellaneous updates/comments.

#### **8. Board Member Comments**

Chair, Judson Brown, George Searcy and Curtis Gamble shared Board member comments.

**Next Meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m. to May 22, 2019

**Orange County  
Continuum of Care Board Meeting  
Building B, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Conference Room A/B  
1300 S. Grand Avenue  
Santa Ana, CA 92705**

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>