• **Call to Order** – Judson Brown

  Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

• **Pledge of Allegiance** – Elizabeth Andrade

  Elizabeth Andrade led the Pledge of Allegiance.

• **Invocation/Inspiration** – Elizabeth Andrade

  Elizabeth Andrade led the Invocation.

• **Roll Call** – Jim Wheeler – Continuum of Care Manager, County of Orange

  Present: Elizabeth Andrade, Jason Austin, Jeanne Awrey, Matt Bates, Judson Brown, Paul Cho, Curtis Gamble, Patti Long, Meghan Medlin, Dawn Price, Albert Ramirez, George Searcy, Donald Dermit

  Absent Excused: Maricela Rios-Faust, Jean Willis

• **Welcome and Introductions** - Judson Brown

  Chair Brown led the welcome and introductions.

• **Approve Continuum of Care Board Meeting Minutes from 3/16/2018** – Judson Brown

  Chair Brown asked for a motion to approve March 16, 2018’s Minutes. Elizabeth Andrade made a motion, Patti Long seconded the motion. The motion passed.

• **Continuum of Care Board Training Retreat Review** – Dawn Price
Dawn Price provided an update about the training retreat to the public. She stated that Tim Shaw donated his time and led the training retreat. Dawn Price transcribed the brain storm session and shared it with the Board. The CoC Board established goals and how these goals would be assigned to each subcommittee. Dawn Price recommended another session to finalize the Board’s goals. The board members agreed to either meet before or after the next CoC Board Meeting on May 23, 2018. The one hour meeting would be a closed session meeting.

- **Director of Care Coordination Update** – Susan Price – Director of Care Coordination, County of Orange

Susan Price provided an update to the Board and stated that the Health Care Agency has assessed about 1000 homeless people in the last 90 days between the Flood Control Channel and the Civic Center. She stated that building capacity and generating appropriate funding to create housing has been difficult, but believes that a regional approach is necessary to provide the appropriate services. The Courtyard has been the response system to what is occurring, but hopes to empty out the building capacity.

- **Continuum of Care Committee Reports**

Jim Wheeler stated that he and Chair Brown created a template report for all subcommittee chairs to fill out in regards to monthly meetings. This template also assists with motions from the Subcommittees for the CoC Board.

  a. **Data** – Elizabeth Andrade

Elizabeth Andrade stated that she is glad to have Erin DeRycke leading as we move through a different system for HMIS. Elizabeth requested to change and adopt a title change from the Data Subcommittee to the Data and Performance Management Subcommittee. The change is to not only allow the subcommittee to focus on data collection process and standards, but also review performance of the projects by type and support the goal of the CoC board to meet system performance measures set out by HUD. Elizabeth requested that the board motion to pass the title change from Data Subcommittee to Data and Performance Management Subcommittee. George Searcy made the first motion to pass. Patti Long seconded the motion. The motion passed.

  - **Update on New HMIS System Implementation** – Erin DeRycke – 2-1-1 Orange County

Erin DeRycke provided an update to the Board in regards to the new HMIS System implementation. All the HMIS client data has been migrated into Bitfocus Clarity. Custom fields still need to be reviewed. There has been positive feedback from agency users. Currently, there are over 100 users in HMIS and tickets are far less than before. Bitfocus Clarity just had its Community Que CES Demo webinar earlier in the day with agency users.

  b. **Coordinated Entry System** – Patti Long

- **Approve New CES Committee Structure** – Patti Long

Patti Long provided a CES update to the Board. A working group met to discuss access points and have started a manual that they will present to the Board at the next CoC Board meeting. Patti Long requested a modification in the Coordinated Entry System Committee Structure. She shared her recommendations with the Board. The current Procedural Review Committee was proposed to be restructured to become the Coordinated Entry Steering Committee. The formerly CES Committee meeting, also known as the CE At Large, was proposed to be canceled and was recommended to add a CE report to the monthly Homeless Provider Forum. This is to help minimize the meetings people are required to attend and provide a time saving benefit to agencies. Matt Bates made the motion to approve the committee restructure, Meghan Medlin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The new CES Steering committee is accepting nominations for open seats to sit on the committee. The offer will also be extended to all Procedural Review Committee members should they wish to
participate in the CES Steering Committee. Nominations will also be accepted at the upcoming Homeless Provider Forum.

- **CES Transition Update** – Jim Wheeler

  Jim briefly stated that currently, the coordinated entry transition from 2-1-1 Orange County to the County of Orange has been smooth so far. Patti Long, Donna Mace, and the county have been meeting to transition the contract over.

c. **Street Outreach Team** – Matt Bates

  Matt Bates stated that the Street Outreach Committee did not meet during the month of April. The SOT members have been occupied with the current FCC situation. Matt Bates hopes to meet during the month of May. The meetings will be held on the third Thursday of every month.

  Curtis Gamble shared his idea on tuff sheds, also known as tiny homes and their effectiveness to assist people experiencing homelessness. He asks that the Board consider the possibility of using the idea in Orange County.

d. **Housing Opportunity Team** – George Searcy

  George Searcy stated that there is no formal meeting yet. The first meeting will be held on May 18, 2018 at the Jamboree offices in Irvine. George expressed the need for data to drive policy. He asked the following members to join the Housing Opportunities Team subcommittee: ACC-OC, developers, housing navigators, Affordable Property Management Companies, Apartment Association, the VA, and United Way.

e. **Orange County’s Homeless Provider Forum** – Pastor Donald Dermit

  Pastor Donald Dermit shared the monthly meeting report to the Board. Presentations included United Way’s, “United to End Homelessness” initiative and United Way’s “Cost study of Homelessness in Orange County”. May’s Homeless Provider Forum will be a CoC At Large meeting and will open memberships to join the Continuum of Care as a CoC Member.

f. **Emergency Shelter Updates**

- Bridges at Kraemer Place
  - Bridges is on track to open Phase 2 in late spring of 2018. Currently has 193 beds, 509 clients served to date, 73 from Bridges have been housed, and an additional 26 were matched but not placed.

- Courtyard
  - Courtyard currently has a maximum capacity of 425 and averages about 400 clients per night. Medical is on site twice a week to provide services. A new pet area will be developed soon.

- Armories
  - Armories have been extended for an additional 90 days until July 14, 2018. The numbers of safe sleep have been roughly the same for both Santa Ana and Fullerton Armories. Jim Wheeler and Kelly Lupro are looking for available locations to take clients during “dark nights” until July. Chair Brown recommended sending an email to the City of Santa Ana to look for available locations.

- Family Care Center
  - The Family Care Center is a partnership with HomeAid OC which houses up to 58 people, which equates to 12 to 15 families.

- Friendship Shelter and Alternate Sleeping Location (ASL)
  - Vice Chair Dawn Price stated that Friendship Shelter is currently at 30 beds but will increase to 32 starting July 1, 2018. Both Friendship Shelter and ASL have gone through a transformation with a focus in housing. Dawn also recommended creating a shelter committee to discuss ongoing shelter work. Jim Wheeler agreed to create a small AdHoc to discuss a potential shelter subcommittee. Vice Chair Dawn Price agreed to lead the meetings.

- SAFEPlace
Only referrals from the Health Care Agency are being accepted due to limited beds.

- Hospitality House
  - Hospitality House was recommended to be added to the list of Emergency Shelter Updates. Jean Willis agreed.

- Continuum of Care NOFA Process – Formation of Ad-Hoc Committee – Jim Wheeler
  a. Registration Update

  Jim Wheeler provided an update to the Board. The registration has been different this year. There is currently no due date for the registration. Beginning 2019, the process will be streamlined from HUD. HUD seems to be making the process easier. The registration is pre-populated, if there are no changes. The Grant Inventory Worksheet was just released by HUD. Jim agreed to send instructions to all CoC funded agencies, should they need to make any changes.

  b. Ad-Hoc Committee

  An Ad-Hoc Committee for the NOFA was created. Ad-Hoc members include: Albert Ramirez, Judson Brown, George Searcy, Jeanne Awrey and Curtis Gamble. The Ad-Hoc members play a crucial role in deciding project ranking, priority, process, and performance. The timeline for the NOFA Will be send via the listserv.

- Updated Continuum of Care Meeting Calendar – Jim Wheeler

  Jim Wheeler shared the latest CoC Calendar. The calendar includes location updates for all meetings until June 26, 2019.

- Miscellaneous Updates

  The National Conference on Ending Homelessness is scheduled for July 23-25. Jim asked that everyone that is planning to attend register soon because spots fill up early. Let Jim Wheeler know if you plan on attending.

- PRESENTATION(S):

  The presentation was a curriculum video. The presentation video was not shared at the meeting, but chair Brown asked that the Board view the curriculum.

- PUBLIC COMMENTS:

  John Hacker from Volunteers of America, complimented the County of Orange and the CoC Board for their work. He emphasized the importance of collaboration, compassion, and being a champion.

  Cesar Covarrubias from the Kennedy Commission, suggested to the CoC Board to consider a Housing Bond recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

  Hafsa Kaka from the City of Santa, praised the CoC Board for doing so much since the inaugural CoC Board meeting. She also suggested a regional coordination on housing navigation committee on which she would want to be a part of. Hafsa supports the suggestion of Cesar Covarrubias of recommending a Housing Bond to the Board of Supervisors.

- BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

  Jeanne Awrey stated that the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth Conference will be held on October 27, 2018 – October 30, 2018. She will provide more information at the upcoming meetings.

  Pastor Donald Dermit stated that a forum will be held at UCI on May 6, 2018.

  Chair Judson Brown stated that the ESG funding allocation for this year is going to the city council next Tuesday. Also, the City of Tustin approved an inclusionary housing ordinance. Tustin now joins Brea, Santa Ana, Huntington Beach, and Irvine as the only cities in Orange County with an inclusionary housing ordinance.
Vice-Chair Dawn shared a flyer with the Board. She stated that Friendship Shelter is offering a free community event called, Intersections: Exploring the Cross Section of Mental Health and Criminal Justice, on May 16, 2018 at 5:00pm. Visit friendshipshelter.org/intersections for more information.

Megan Medlin stated that the County of Orange awarded a contract to Project Kinship that will focus on housing navigators in jails. Also, OCREP will hold a general meeting on May 8, 2018 at the Anaheim Parole Complex.

- **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:20pm
- **NEXT MEETING:** May 23, 2018

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