MINUTES

Board Member Names

Elizabeth Andrade, Family Solutions Collaborative  
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 Dermit, the Rock Church  
Curtis Gamble, Individual

Patti Long, Mercy House  
Meghan Medlin, O.C. Re-Entry Partnership  
Dawn Price, Friendship Shelter [Vice-Chair]  
Albert Ramirez, City of Anaheim  
Maricela Rios-Faust, Human Options  
George Searcy, Jamboree Housing  
Seat 15 - Vacant

I. Call to Order – Judson Brown
Judson Brown called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance – Paul Cho
Paul Cho led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Invocation/Inspiration – Paul Cho
Paul Cho led the invocation.

IV. Roll Call – Jim Wheeler – Continuum of Care Manager, County of Orange
Present: Jeanne Awrey, Matt Bates, Judson Brown, Paul Cho, Curtis Gamble, Patti Long, Meghan Medlin, Dawn Price, George Searcy, Donald Dermit

Absent Excused: Elizabeth Andrade, Jason Austin, Albert Ramirez, Maricela Rios-Faust

V. Welcome and Introductions - Judson Brown

VI. Approve Continuum of Care Board Meeting Minutes from 4/25/2018 – Judson Brown
The April 2018 Minutes had two changes from Susan Price and Curtis Gamble. With the adjusted changes, Paul Cho motioned to approve the minutes, Vice-Chair Dawn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

VII. Approve Governance Charter Ad-Hoc Committee Recommendations – Jim Wheeler
Jim Wheeler recommended to table the update until the June meeting due the number of agenda items today.

VIII. Director of Care Coordination Update – Susan Price – Director of Care Coordination, County of Orange
Susan Price commented on meeting with many different cities recently. In addition, department heads recently met to go through the County’s budget. The Board of Supervisors has allocated a total of 90.5 million in Mental Health Services Act dollars for housing. Over the next 12 months, about 450 units are expected to be ready for the system.

Susan indicated her office and others in the County are working with agencies like Jamboree Housing in the development of the expected 2,700 units in the pipeline. Susan hopes agencies continue building connections with cities and establishing CES as a priority. If the CoC continues collaborating with cities’ needs, the continuum as a whole will have more support.

Susan met with Erin DeRycke from 211OC and hopes to continue meeting with Erin given her critical role in implementing CES into the new HMIS System called Clarity. Susan recommends that the new system reflects the ongoing changes within the CoC.

IX. Continuum of Care Committee Reports  
  a. Data – Rose Bermudez/Erin DeRycke

Rose Bermudez from Families Forward provided an update from last month’s meeting as the new Data and Performance Management co-chair. Erin added that a draft CoC Board Report was shared with the subcommittee and feedback was provided from the subcommittee. The CoC Board recommended tracking seniors 60 and over. Erin requested that any additional feedback from the CoC Board members be sent to her via email at ederycke@211oc.org.

- Update on New HMIS/CES System Implementation – Erin DeRycke

The data group is discussing which clients and fields should be migrated into Clarity. Currently, the “go live” date for CES’s migration into clarity is July 1, 2018.

- Housing Inventory Chart (HIC) – Point-in-Time Count (PIT) HDX Submission Update – Erin DeRycke

The HIC and PIT were submitted to HUD in late April. A discrepancy was found on the 2018 HIC and PIT Handout, but a corrected copy will be provided to the Board.


Erin DeRycke shared the summary System Performance draft report for FY2017 to the Board. The System Performance report is due to HUD at the end of May. Erin DeRycke expects to submit it to HUD before then.

- Data Sharing Policies and Procedures – Discussion and Direction – Jim Wheeler/Susan Price

Jim Wheeler recommended updating the data policies and procedures to reflect the appropriate polices in place when data is requested.

- Data Provided to United to End Homelessness Campaign – Jim Wheeler

The agenda item was tabled to the closed session following the open session meeting.

b. Coordinated Entry System – Patti Long

The Procedural Review Committee met for the last time before it is transitions over as the CES Steering Committee. The committee is currently working through access and is hoping to share the complete member roster at the upcoming Homeless Provider Forum. The new steering committee will meet on the same day/time as the previously held Procedural Review Committee.

- CES Transition Update – Jim Wheeler/Patti Long

Jim Wheeler provided the CES transition update. The transition is still an ongoing process. The county met with 2-1-1 Orange County and HUD to work through the details, so that on July 1, 2018, the County of Orange will become the fiscal agent of the CES grant. The group worked out a budget for the transition period. The County plans to hire a CES Coordinator, and provide transition support funding to 2-1-1 Orange County for a smooth 6 month transition.

- Approve CES Transition Budget – Jim Wheeler
Jim Wheeler shared the 2018-2019 CES Transition funding handout and requested that the budget be approved.

Vice-Chair Dawn Price stated the budget does not reflect current needs and would like to stress that this budget be approved as the transition budget. Vice-Chair Price expects a budget that appropriately reflects current needs in the future.

Chair Brown motioned to amend the budget and to request that the Board of Supervisors match the entire CES budget to double funding amount. George Searcy seconded the motion, the CoC Board voted, but the majority were not in favor of the amendment. The motion did not pass.

Chair Brown motioned to approve the original budget without the amendment and the motion unanimously passed. Paul Cho, Dawn Price, and Patti Long abstained from voting due to the conflict of interest.

c. Street Outreach Team – Matt Bates

The Street Outreach Team met on May 17, 2018. Discussion included the integration of new technologies into street outreach, including additional desired stakeholders into meetings, and resource allocation to street outreach efforts in the county.

d. Housing Opportunity Team – George Searcy

The Housing Opportunities team prefers to keep the current stakeholders and prefers not to include any additional members for the time being. The meeting focused on data-driven decision making. Elizabeth Andrade agreed to follow up with needed data and existing data that can inform the subcommittee on the best housing strategy. Becks Heyhoe from United way presented on a private rental landlord strategy.

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

May’s Homeless Provider Forum consisted of a Trauma Informed training hosted by Project Hope Alliance. This training was a current gap noticed during the last CoC Application.

f. Emergency Shelter Updates

- Bridges at Kraemer Place
- Courtyard
- Armories
- Family Care Center
- Hospitality House
- Friendship Shelter
- Alternate Sleeping Location (ASL)
- SAFEPlace

Due to the lack of time, the Emergency Shelter Updates were tabled for the next meeting.

X. Shelter Committee Creation – Dawn Price/Jim Wheeler

Vice-Chair Price recommended implementing a subcommittee that focuses on shelters. Vice-Chair Price held a conference call and shared an update for the planning call. Vice-Chair Price motioned to move forward with creating a shelter subcommittee. Chair Brown motioned to approve and recommended that the bylaws be updated to reflect the new subcommittee. The motion passed.

XI. Continuum of Care NOFA Process – Jim Wheeler

a. HUD Debrief

Jim Wheeler provided an update stating the 2017 CoC Application Briefing document had just been shared with the County and the document will be shared with the Board. Out of the 200 total points, OC CoC’s score was 151, which is a 3 point increase from the year prior. Jim Wheeler noted that overall the CoC did well, but would like the continuum to focus on income growth, returns to homelessness, and Rapid Re-Housing.


Jim Wheeler shared the Preliminary CoC Funding Application Policy and Recommendations to the board. This document was created by and recommended by the CoC Ad-Hoc. Jim Wheeler motioned to approve the document for the 2018 NOFA policies and Process. Chair Brown seconded the motion.
motioned passed. Paul Cho, Dawn Price, and Patti Long abstained from voting due to the conflict of interest.

c. Single Audit Policy for CoC Projects

Jim Wheeler noted that there was a public comment regarding the NOFA process and asked Jimmy Gaston from Anaheim Supportive Housing to speak on the issue.

Jimmy Gaston recommended that the upcoming CoC renewal application process for agencies comply with A-133, and therefore exclude small organizations, making under $750,000, from submitting a full auditor’s report.

George Searcy seconded the motion. The motion passed. Paul Cho, Dawn Price, and Patti Long abstained from voting due to the conflict of interest.

XII. Continuum of Care Board Seat #15 for Veterans Nomination – Judson Brown

Chair Brown stated that there is a current CoC Board seat open for a veteran representative. Chair Brown nominated Tim Wilson, who oversees the VASH program.

Curtis Gamble expressed a desire to have a veteran sit on the Board.

Donald Dermit nominated Donald Newsom from 1736 Family Crisis Center. Curtis Gamble seconded the motion. No other CoC Board members voted in favor. The motion did not pass.

Chair Brown motioned to nominate Tim Wilson, George Searcy seconded the motion. All members, but Curtis Gamble voted in favor of nominating Tim Wilson. The motion passed.

XIII. Miscellaneous Updates

   No update was provided.

XIV. PRESENTATION(S):
   a. None

XV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kevin O’Grady, the executive director from Build Futures announced that Build Future will be closing their doors in three months. The agency has struggled with securing funding and requested to be informed if any funding becomes available. Jim Wheeler recommended a meeting to mentor Build Futures to secure future funding.

John Hacker from Volunteers of America announced that there will be a collaborative meeting held at the USC Campus in Irvine on June 6th.

Hafsa Kaka from the City of Santa Ana stated that she is in full support of Chair Brown’s recommendation to ask the Board of Supervisors to match the CES budget at 100%. She also provided recommendations as to why the Board of Supervisors should fund the budget. Hafsa also had a question for the CoC Board in regards to referring people from the Flood Control Channels and the Civic Center. Paul Cho addressed the question.

XVI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Curtis Gamble presented an article from the Fullerton Observer. He stated that there is a building for sale and expressed interest in using this opportunity as a temporary shelter.

XVII. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:
   a. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.
   b. Complete Retreat Goal-Setting

The closed session meeting was rescheduled for a later date.
XVIII. **NEXT MEETING:** June 27, 2018

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