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
VACANT

PUBLIC COMMENTS: 15 Minutes will be set aside at the beginning of the meeting for public comments. If you wish to speak to the Board please complete a Request to Address the Board card and return it to one of the staff members present. Comments will be limited to three minutes. If there are more than five comments, this time will be reduced to two minutes.

I. Call to Order – Judson Brown

Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance – Maricela Rios-Faust

Maricela Rios-Faust led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Invocation/Inspiration – Maricela Rios-Faust

Maricela Rios-Faust led invocation/inspiration.

IV. Roll Call – Jim Wheeler, Continuum of Care Manager, County of Orange

Present: Matt Bates, Judson Brown, Paul Cho, Curtis Gamble, Dawn Price, George Searcy, Donald Dermit, Elizabeth Andrade, Jason Austin, Albert Ramirez, Patti Long, Maricela Rios-Faust

Absent Excused: Meghan Medlin, Jeanne Awrey

V. Welcome and Introductions - Judson Brown

Chair Brown led the welcome and introductions.

VI. Public Comments
John Hacker from the Volunteers of America Los Angeles (VOALA) invited all Continuum of Care (CoC) Board members to attend the next Orange County Veterans and Military Families Collaborative at the University of South California campus located in Irvine on October 4th, from 9:30 am – 11:30 am.

Timothy Wilson from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recently resigned, and the VA is in the process of finding his replacement. Xavier Mack will remain as the contact person until a replacement is found.

VII. **Approve Continuum of Care Board Meeting Minutes from 8/22/2018** – Judson Brown

Motion
Maricela motioned to approve the August 22, 2018 CoC Board Meeting Minutes. Patti Long seconded the motioned. The motion passed.

VIII. **Homelessness Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) Grant** – Susan Price, Director of Care Coordination

Susan Price held three Service Planning Area meetings across Orange County to provide an overview to stakeholders regarding the available State funding coming to Orange County. The various city representatives in attendance were acknowledged in the meeting and noted the opportunity for ongoing collaboration. Susan Price provided an overview of HEAP Funding and next steps.

a. **City of Santa Ana Large City HEAP Allocation**
   i. Hafsa Kaka shared that the City of Santa Ana is using a large portion of the city’s HEAP allocation to relocate the Courtyard Transitional Center in partnership with the County of Orange. The City of Santa Ana expressed they would like to see creation of additional shelters.

b. **City of Anaheim Large City HEAP Allocation**
   i. Albert Ramirez shared that the City of Anaheim intends to partner with The Salvation Army to create 200 emergency shelter beds with the city’s HEAP allocation.

IX. **Appoint Ad-Hoc Committee for HEAP**

The appointed Ad-Hoc Committee membership for the HEAP will consist of members from the Commission to End Homelessness and non-conflicting CoC Board Members. Jason Austin, Donald Dermit, and George Searcy were recommended to sit on the Ad-Hoc Committee. The three recommended members agreed to the recommendation.

Motion
Dawn Price motioned to approve the recommended CoC Board members, Jason Austin, Donald Dermit, and George Searcy to the Ad-Hoc, Paul Cho seconded the motion. The motion passed.

X. **Approve SB 2 California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) Funding Priorities** – Jim Wheeler

The County of Orange as the Administrative Entity presented CESH funding priorities from the eligible activities to the CoC Board for consideration. The recommended funding priorities are:

- Rental assistance, housing reallocation and stabilization services;
- Flexible housing subsidy funds; and
- Operating support for emergency housing interventions.

Jim Wheeler indicated an RFP Panel will be created in the future to support the CESH funding process.

Public Comment
Krista Johnson, Assistant City Manager for city of Laguna Beach requested that inclusionary housing funds be made available. The City of Laguna Beach receives Community Development Block Grant program funding, but would prefer a consistent source of funding to fund Laguna Beach’s shelter program. Krista Johnson also stated that the City of Laguna intends to apply for the SB2 funding.

Motion
George Searcy motioned to approve the CESH funding priorities. Donald Dermit seconded the motion. The motion passed.

XI. **United to End Homelessness Presentation** – Sue Parks, Orange County United Way
Sue Parks from Orange County United Way provided a background to the United to End Homelessness initiative and where it currently stands. United Way has met with key stakeholders to implement recommendations from the UCI cost study and has been working on gaining public awareness for the United to End Homelessness Campaign. United Ways stated that they have completed the first phase of the initiative and are now moving into its second phase.

Chair Judson Brown and Donald Demit praised OC United Way for their hard work towards the initiative.

XII. Continuum of Care Committee Reports
   a. Data and Performance – Elizabeth Andrade/Erin DeRycke
      • Monthly Performance Report – Erin DeRycke
         • This last meeting, the committee reviewed each permanent supportive housing project performance measures with all project and agency names identified. The agencies and committee members discussed thresholds and strategies to improve project performance.
         • The August 2018 CoC Board Report was also distributed to the Board.
   b. Coordinated Entry System (CES) – Patti Long/Zulima Lundy
      • The CES Steering Committee did not meet in September.
   c. Street Outreach Team – Matt Bates
      • The Street Outreach Team has yet to meet in September, therefore no update was provided.
   d. Housing Opportunity Team – George Searcy
      • The Housing Opportunity Committee formed a subcommittee for Community Awareness and Engagement. Kelsey Brewer will be leading as Chair of the subcommittee.
   e. Orange County’s Homeless Provider Forum – Donald Demit
      • Donald Demit recapped September’s monthly Homeless Provider Forum. The Wellness Center presented about the services they provide, and the VA presented about Suicide Assessment and Prevention. The next meeting will be held on October 4th.
   f. Emergency Shelters – Dawn Price
      • The Emergency Shelter Committee is chaired by Mia Ferreira from the Friendship Shelter. The shelter providers are working on reviewing grievance policies and procedures and are working on completing the National Alliance to End Homelessness self-assessment to discuss at their next meeting.

XIII. Continuum of Care Updates – Jim Wheeler
   a. CoC Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Update
      • The 2018 CoC NOFA was submitted on September 28th, and this year’s NOFA had an emphasis on Youth, Domestic Violence and Racial Disparity. The NOFA continued to emphasize reallocation and system performance this year.
   b. Mini-Retreat – Data-Based Priorities/Strategies for the CoC NOFA Process
      • Jim Wheeler would like to hold a mini-retreat before next year’s NOFA to begin discussing priorities and best strategies for the 2019 NOFA Process. Currently, November 9th seem to be the best date for the CoC Board. Next year, HUD intends to move the process up to January which is earlier than previous years.
   c. 2019 Point In Time (PIT) Count Update
      • The 2019 Point in Time will be held over multiple days beginning on the evening of January 22, 2019. All 34 cities will be counted and City Net is the lead with 2-1-1 Orange County and Urban Initiatives providing support. A planning committee will be created for the Point in Time to target subpopulations. The County intends to work with the Transitional Age Youth Collaborative to outreach to the youth population in this count.
   d. Vacant Board Seat Recommendation
      • Given Timothy Wilson’s resignation, there is a vacant seat for the CoC Board. Jim Wheeler recommended John Hacker from VOALA to fill the vacant seat for a veteran representative.

Motion
Elizabeth Andrade motioned to approve the nomination, Dawn Price seconded the motion. The motion passed.
e. Approve CoC Committee attendee policy
   - Jim Wheeler recommended that the CoC Committee meetings be closed-meetings with an established membership given the “working group” nature of the meetings. The Homeless Provider Forum and CoC Board Meetings will remain as public forums for community discussion. Jim Wheeler also recommended that all handouts shared at committee meetings be marked as “draft” are they are yet to be finalized or approved by the CoC Board.

   Motion
   Donald Dermit motioned to approve the recommendations for the CoC Committee attendance policy, Patti Long seconded the motion. The motion passed.

XIV. Miscellaneous Updates
a. Board Member Training Curriculum
   - All CoC Board members have completed their Board Member Curriculum and have submitted it to Jim Wheeler. John Hacker will be sent the training curriculum to complete the training.

XV. Board Member Comments:
   o Matt Bates stated that the North Orange County count data is expected to be made public soon. It was prefaced that the methodology for North Orange County count is different than the upcoming Point in Time Count given the differences in days to conduct the count.
   o Maricela Rios-Faust requested that CoC Board meeting documents be emailed for review prior to the Board meeting so that all motions and decisions made are well-informed.
   o Curtis Gamble recommended that everyone review their jurisdictions’ SB2 zoning codes to see where shelters are allowed. He also spoke in support of tuff sheds to alleviate current homelessness.
   o Judson Brown shared that Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Vouchers were recently awarded to the Santa Ana Housing Authority. He also shared that he is looking forward to hear from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regarding the Family Unification Voucher Request for Proposals.

XVI. NEXT MEETING: October 24, 2018

Meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

For Further Information Regarding the Orange County Continuum of Care: