Orange County’s Homeless Provider Forum
August 2, 2018
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Location
Covenant Presbyterian Church, St. Andrew’s Hall
1855 Orange Olive Road, Orange 92865

Chairs
Tiffany Mitchell, Project Hope Alliance
Donald Dermit, The Rock Homeless Ministries
Tim Houchen, Hope 4 Restoration

Notes

• Informal Networking

• Welcome and Announcements
  ▪ Radiant Health Centers announced that their Housing Resource Guide has been updated and released. Housing Resource Guides were available at the end of the meeting for pickup.

• Continuum of Care Updates - Jim Wheeler, CoC Manager, Orange County
  ▪ Jim Wheeler from the County of Orange announced that the Notice of Funding Available was released June 20th and provided a few updates to the NOFA. He stated that the deadline to submit the CoC Project Application is September 18th. There is a new Domestic Violence Bonus released from HUD for $50 million. Orange County’s CoC is allowed to apply for about $1.4 million. The CoC is accepting RFQ/RFPs for Rapid Rehousing and Joint Transitional Rapid Rehousing opportunities that focuses on victims of domestic violence. The Bonus Project is set for $1.3 million, and this year, the OC CoC is accepting Rapid Rehousing projects. Jim expressed the importance of high project performance ranking for getting both bonus projects awarded.
  ▪ This year, all agencies submitting renewal projects will have project presentations that will thoroughly review how an agency is performing. The presentations will be based off of a preapproved rubric. The rubric scores will be used to rank the all the agencies for the project priority listing. The executive directors and AdHoc will meet before the CoC Board meeting to recommend the project priority ranking to the CoC Board on August 22nd.

• Office of Care Coordination Regional System of Care Presentation – Susan Price, Director of Care Coordination
  ▪ Susan Price from the County of Orange shared key terms frequently used within the System of Care to begin using the same language across the board. She also shared that the 2019 Point-in-Time will change in methodology from the last count. Rather than an extrapolation, a full
count will be conducted. Partners working with The County include: Urban Initiatives, CityNet, OC Public Works ArcGIS Unit, 2-1-1 Orange County, and United Way. When discussing regional navigation centers, Susan stated that regional navigation centers are regional resource hubs that provide emergency shelter beds and co-located supportive services. The regional navigation centers coordinate with other shelter programs within the Service Planning Area to facilitate regional targeting of resources. Linkage to resources or services includes: mental health, physical health, public benefits, employment, and housing placement.

• Susan shared that Coordinated Entry System is also changing. The family component of CES is now led by the Family Solutions Collaborative. The individual component is led by the County of Orange, and the 2-1-1 Orange County helpline leads as the Virtual Front Door. Housing resources to house our most vulnerable include: Rapid Rehousing, Permanent Supportive Housing, Section 8 Set Aside Vouchers, Prevention and Diversion and Mental Health Services Act resources. In addition to the current resources, 2,700 units are in the pipeline to be developed for PSH.

• **Coordinated Entry System Update** – Patti Long, Mercy House

  Patti Long, the CES Steering Committee Chair shared details about the Prioritization Policy for the Concept Road Test that will soon be implemented for individuals. Current prioritization includes VISPDAT Score, Length of Homelessness, and shelter priority. The new prioritization will pull a subset of individuals that have experienced homelessness the longest, will then filter by acuity score and allow services provider connected to the client and the housing provider discuss the best housing intervention for the individual. After that, sort by shelter and acuity score and allow service provider and housing provider discuss the best housing intervention. Lastly, if there is no match to the housing opportunity to the individual, the full Prioritization List will be accessed to match an individual to the housing opportunity. The concept road test will be implemented and will allow for feedback, testing, retesting, refining and correcting. The goal is to present a tested and improved prioritization policy to the CoC Board.

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**The next Continuum of Care Homeless Provider Forum is scheduled for:**

September 6th, from 9:00-11:00 am
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