MINUTES

Call to Order – George Searcy, Chair

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

Pledge of Allegiance – Matt Bates, City Net

Matt Bates led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Member Roll Call – Jocelyn Gaspar, Health Care Agency


Absent Excused: Jeanne Awrey

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. Members of the public may address the Continuum of Care Board with public comments on agenda items in the business calendar after the Continuum of Care Board member discussion. Comments will be limited to three minutes. If there are more than five public speakers, this time will be reduced to two minutes.

Stephanie Schneider from Stand up for Kids commented on college students experiencing homelessness and including Stand Up for Kids in the biannual Point in Time Count planning process.

Paul Hyek commented on the armories emergency shelter and the Assembly Bill 143.

Welcome and Introductions - George Searcy, Chair
Chair George Searcy welcomed the Continuum of Care Board members and the new Veteran Representative of the CoC Board, Natalie Bui from the Veteran Affairs Center at Community Resource and Referral Center.

**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 November 20, 2019.**

2. **Continuum of Care Committee/Working Group Reports**
   - Data and Performance
   - Street Outreach Team

Dawn Price motioned to approve the Consent Calendar. Patti Long seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

**BUSINESS CALENDAR**

1. **Office of Care Coordination Updates** – Shannon Legere, Director of Homeless Services

Shannon Legere shared an overview of state funding. The Governor’s Task Force on Homelessness released a set of recommendations which will be critical to review to determine how it aligns with efforts in Orange County.

The Office of Care Coordination is working on a data integration to effectively communicate between different County departments and community stakeholders. In support of the data integration effort is a HMIS Reboot to standardize and improve coordination among homeless service providers.

2. **Continuum of Care Updates** – Paul Duncan, Continuum of Care Manager

Paul Duncan shared updates on the Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC) including the:
   - CoC Board Retreat
     - The CoC Board Retreat is scheduled for February 7, 2020 from 9am to 2pm.
   - CoC Board Seat Resignation
     - Paul Cho has resigned from the CoC Board. The CoC Board thanked Paul Cho for his service on the CoC Board. The position held was an At Large seat. Elections are forthcoming.
   - 2019 CoC Notice of Funding Availability Awards (NOFA)
     - The Tier 1 and the Domestic Violence (DV) awards have been announced by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Orange County CoC has been awarded the applications submitted in Tier 1, the DV Bonus and the Coordinated Entry System (CES) expansion grants. A Request For Proposals for the CES expansion is forthcoming and Tier 2 funding is still pending HUD announcement.

3. **California State University, Fullerton Data Request Presentation** – Erin DeRycke, 2-1-1 Orange County

California State University, Fullerton (CSUF) is requesting data from Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and the Coordinated Entry System (CES) in order to complete an analysis of the Individual CES.

After discussion, Chair George Searcy amended the motion to:

1. Release of client de-identified data within HMIS and CES to CSUF for the following purposes:
   - To describe the network structure of housing placement agencies and organizations in Orange County, including number, intensity, and density of relationships.
   - To identify bottlenecks to permanent housing available through CES using HMIS data.
   - To compare client and provider perceptions of barriers to permanent housing placements in Orange County.

2. Coordinate with CoC County staff to create a memorandum of understanding to include the following:
   - Release of any data to be based on readiness to proceed;
b. Quarterly updates to be provided to the CoC Board;
c. and research findings will be shared with CoC Lead Agency prior to release of information.

Albert Ramirez seconded the amendment. Matt Bates abstained from voting. The remaining attendees of the CoC Board voted in favor. The motion passed.

4. California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) Round 2 and Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Request for Information – Paul Duncan, Continuum of Care Manager

Paul Duncan shared an overview of CESH Round 2 and HHAP funding and the available Request for Information (RFI). The RFI has been released by the County of Orange and the RFI closes February 3, 2020. The intent of the RFI is to release a well thought out Request for Proposal based on eligible activities of CESH Round 2 and HHAP funding.

Public Comments:

Jeremy Frimond from the City of Laguna believes the RFI is progressive and the City of Laguna looks forward to participating in the process.

Griffin Dooly from Working Wardrobes commented on addressing senior homelessness and seniors at-risk of homelessness in the RFI.

5. System Performance Measures Report – Erin DeRycke, 2-1-1 Orange County

Erin DeRycke shared an overview of the CoC System Performance Measures (SPM) Report which is due to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development by February 28, 2020. The SPM report is submitted to HUD on an annual basis for the reporting period October 1st through September 30th, and includes six measures for projects participating in HMIS. Measures include: length of time persons remain homeless, exits to homelessness, numbers of homeless persons, employment and income growth for homeless persons, number of first time homeless and successful placement from street outreach/in or retention of permanent housing.

6. WelcomeHomeOC Veteran Initiative Request for Applications – Becks Heyhoe, United Way

Presentation by Becks Heyhoe on the WelcomeHomeOC, the Marching Home to End Veteran Homelessness and the Veteran Initiative Request for Applications (RFA). The Marching Home to End Veteran Homelessness in Orange County is an effort by local and federal partners to prevent and end homelessness among veterans in OC by December 2020. The goal of the Veteran Initiative is to ensure 187 veteran experiencing homelessness have secured and will maintain stable housing by 2021. Applications are due by January 24, 2020.

7. Board Member Comments

No Board member comments

Meeting adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 26, 2020

For Further Information Regarding the Orange County Continuum of Care:
http://www.ochealthinfo.com/homeless/coc