

ORANGE COUNTY  
CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING  
Tuesday, February 15, 2022  
10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

**Webinar:**  
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## MINUTES

### Board Members

Matt Bates, City Net [Secretary]  
Judson Brown, City of Santa Ana  
Nikki Buckstead, Family Solutions Collaborative  
Donald Dermit, The Rock Church  
Becks Heyhoe, OC United Way [Vice-Chair]  
Tim Houchen, Hope4Restoration  
Patti Long, Mercy House  
Dawn Price, Friendship Shelter  
Albert Ramirez, City of Anaheim

Eric Richardson, Volunteers of America  
Maricela Rios-Faust, Human Options [Chair]  
Soledad Rivera, Families Together of OC  
Elida Sanchez, Santa Ana Unified School District  
Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Orangewood Foundation  
George Searcy, Jamboree Housing  
Tim Shaw, Individual  
Christina Weckerly Ramirez, Health Care Agency

### Call to Order – Maricela Rios-Faust, Chair

Chair Maricela Rios-Faust called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

### Board Member Roll Call – Matt Bates, Secretary

Present: Matt Bates, Nikki Buckstead, Donald Dermit, Becks Heyhoe, Tim Houchen, Patti Long, Dawn Price, Albert Ramirez, Eric Richardson, Maricela Rios-Faust, Soledad Rivera, Elida Sanchez, Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Tim Shaw, and Christina Weckerly Ramirez.

Absent: Judson Brown and George Searcy.

**Public Comments:** Members of the public may address the Continuum of Care (CoC) 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 CoC Board. Members of the public may address the CoC Board with public comments on agenda items in the business calendar after the CoC 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.

To address the CoC Board, members of the public are to enter their name and agenda item number in the WebEx chat box to be placed in a queue. CoC Board staff will call your name in the order listed in the chat box.

No public comments.

### **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 January 19, 2022.**

Dawn Price motioned to approve the items on the Consent Calendar. Tim Houchen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **BUSINESS CALENDAR**

#### **1. Brown Act Update and Determination in accordance with Assembly Bill 361 – Zulima Lundy, CoC Manager**

Zulima Lundy provided a background on the Brown Act legislation as it relates to holding virtual meetings. The Orange County CoC has been conducting the Board and Committee meetings in accordance with the waivers as authorized in Executive Order N-908-21. With the waivers coming to an end and in accordance with subsection (e) to Government Code Section 54953, the Orange County CoC will be considering the circumstances of the recommended action to continue teleconferenced meetings for the next 30 days.

Continued teleconference meetings for the next 30 days will support the Orange County CoC in continuing to meet to further the goals of the CoC and ensure continuity of CoC activities. Additionally, it will provide the CoC Board and the CoC general membership ample time to plan for the transition to in-person meetings and implementation of COVID-19 safety protocols.

#### Recommended Action:

Determination in accordance with AB 361 Section 3(e)(3) that, while the state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as originally proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020, remains active and/or state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, the Orange County CoC Board has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and has determined that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person and/or state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

Becks Heyhoe motioned to approve the recommended action. Dr. Shauntina Sorrells seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **2. Orange County Homelessness Updates – Doug Becht, Director, Office of Care Coordination and Zulima Lundy, CoC Manager**

##### **a. Doug Becht provided the following System of Care Updates:**

- **Orange County Cold Weather Armory Emergency Shelter Program** – The Orange County Cold Weather Emergency Shelter Program provides shelter beds for individuals experiencing homelessness at the National Guard Armory in Santa Ana. The Armory is located at 612 East Warner Ave. in Santa Ana.
- **Commission to End Homelessness** – The Commission to End Homelessness is holding a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. The Commission to End

Homelessness will begin recruitment, evaluation, and recommendations for appointments and/or reappointments for six expired membership seats

- **Project Roomkey** – The County of Orange (County) continues to operate temporary isolation shelters with a total capacity of 150 beds for individuals and families experiencing homelessness who are COVID-19 sick or symptomatic. Referrals into the program are made by the Public Health Services, hospitals, shelters, street outreach teams, and law enforcement.
- **COVID-19 Vaccination Efforts** – The Office of Care Coordination is working with Public Health Services and two Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) on vaccination efforts for those experiencing homelessness. The FQHCs are Families Together of Orange County in Tustin and Share Our Selves in Costa Mesa.
- **State of California’s Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Program** – The State of California’s ERA Program is referred to as CA COVID-19 Rent Relief or Housing is Key. Orange County tenants with rental arrears and/or past due utility bills are encouraged to apply for assistance.

**b. Zulima Lundy provided the following CoC Updates:**

- **2022 Point in Time Count Update** – Zulima Lundy provided an update on the 2022 Point in Time Count, including the new dates, deployment center locations, and the specific efforts to engage families and transitional aged youth.
- **Funding Opportunities** – Zulima Lundy reviewed the details of the City of Santa Ana and Santa Ana Housing Authority Affordable Housing Development Request for Proposals and Orange County Housing Finance Trust 2022 Notice of Funding Availability.
- **HUD Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR)** – The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released its Annual Homeless Assessment Report. Zulima Lundy reviewed the key findings of the report, which can be found by [clicking here](#).

Board Member Comments:

- Dawn Price inquired about opportunities to partner with the Office of Population and Health Equity on racial equity work. Zulima Lundy stated that the Office of Care Coordination is working closely with the Office of Population and Health Equity to ensure efforts are complimentary.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, March 23, 2022, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.