

**ORANGE COUNTY
CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
Wednesday, July 22, 2020
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

Webinar:
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MINUTES

Board Member Names

Jeanne Awrey, OC Dept. of Education [Secretary]
Matt Bates, City Net
Judson Brown, City of Santa Ana
Natalie Bui, Veteran Affairs CRRC
Donald Dermit, The Rock Church
Curtis Gamble, Hope Lifted
Vacant
Vacant

Becks Heyhoe, OC United Way
Patti Long, Mercy House
Dawn Price, Friendship Shelter
Albert Ramirez, City of Anaheim
Maricela Rios-Faust, Human Options
George Searcy, Jamboree Housing [Chair]
Tim Shaw, Individual [Vice-Chair]

Call to Order – George Searcy, Chair

Chair George Searcy called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

Board Member Roll Call – Jocelyn Gaspar, CoC Specialist

Present: Jeanne Awrey, Matt Bates, Judson Brown, Natalie Bui, Donald Dermit, Curtis Gamble, Becks Heyhoe, Patti Long, Albert Ramirez, Maricela Rios-Faust, George Searcy and Tim Shaw.

Absent Excused: Dawn Price

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.

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

- Callie Rutter commended on Project Roomkey and recommended that Project Homekey funding be used for motel conversions.
- Milo Peinemann from American Family Housing commented on creating more permanent supportive housing projects rather than rapid rehousing projects with the upcoming funding.

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 June 24, 2020.

Matt Bates motioned to approve the CoC Board Minutes from June 24, 2020. Becks Heyhoe seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

1. COVID-19 Response Funding – Overview of Request for Proposals – Paul Duncan, CoC Manager

Orange County has received an unprecedented amount of one-time funding to address and prevent homelessness. Paul Duncan, CoC Manager, provided an overview of the COVID-19 Response Funding Request for Proposal (RFP) and incorporation of Emergency Solutions Grant funding.

Vice Chair Tim Shaw motioned to appoint a non-conflicted ad hoc to work with Office of Care Coordination Staff and review the COVID-19 Response Funding RFP. Donald Dermit seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Judson Brown, Maricela Rios-Faust, Donald Dermit, Natalie Bui, Vice Chair Tim Shaw and Albert Ramirez were appointed to the ad hoc.

2. Update from the Office of Care Coordination regarding COVID-19 response – Jason Austin, Director

- Five motel sites are available throughout Orange County as a part of the County's Homelessness COVID-19 Response System. Two of the motel sites are for individuals that are sick or symptomatic with COVID-19, the other sites are for the vulnerable individuals experiencing homelessness who are considered high-risk for severe COVID-19 illness based on the Centers for Disease Control guidance. The Office of Care Coordination continues to operate the Project Roomkey hotline to support with service referrals to Project Roomkey and answer any Project Roomkey related questions. The phone number is 714-834-3000.
- Project Toolbelt explores interim and permanent housing options for Project Roomkey program participants. The service providers for Project Toolbelt include, City Net, Pathways of Hope, Mercy House and Friendship Shelter.
- Project Homekey is the next phase in the State of California's response to protect people experiencing homelessness who are at high-risk for serious illness and are impacted by COVID-19. Under Project Homekey, \$550 million will be made available to local entities to acquire and rehabilitate a variety of housing types, including, but not limited to hotels, motels, vacant apartment buildings, and residential care facilities. The state is divided into eight regions for funding allocations; Orange County is in the Southern California Region (without LA) along with Imperial, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura Counties. The Southern California region was allocated approximately \$55 million. The County of Orange intends to submit as soon as the application is available.

3. Continuum of Care Manager's Report – Paul Duncan, CoC Manager

- The State of California announced the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 2 funding with an estimated amount of \$300 million. The Orange County CoC anticipates receiving approximately half of the HHAP Round 1 allocation.
- The Office of Care Coordination has been meeting with the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act entitlement cities, including Anaheim, Garden Grove, Irvine and Santa Ana, to discuss the second round of CARES Act funding and how to best align funding with current needs.
- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development proposed a new rule, which has the potential to lead to discrimination against transgender, gender non-conforming, and gender non-binary individuals experiencing homelessness. The Los Angeles CoC is drafting an opposition letter and will be seeking other CoC's support to create the joint letter.
- The Office of Care Coordination and the Homeless Provider Forum Chairs will hold a Homeless Provider Forum meeting on August 6, 2020 to begin the CoC Board Seat Nomination Process.
- Paul Duncan has resigned from the Office of Care Coordination. His last day is August 7, 2020.

4. HMIS Bed Reservation System Pilot Overview – Erin DeRycke, HMIS Lead

Presentation: Overview of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Bed Reservation pilot. The purpose of the pilot was to test the existing Bed Reservation functionality in HMIS, and determine usability for all Emergency Shelters in the Orange County CoC. The pilot only included family emergency shelter projects participating in the Family Solutions Collaborative. As of July 1, 2020, the total emergency shelter units participating in this process is 66. The biggest success of the Bed Reservation System is the increased collaboration and coordination to ensure the families with the highest need are being placed in Emergency Shelter as quickly as possible.

David Gillanders, Pathways of Hope and Soledad Rivera, Family Solutions Collaborative commented on the success of the pilot and how beneficial it has been for family emergency shelters in Orange County.

Public Comment:

- Callie Rutter commented on the operations of HMIS.

5. Individual Coordinated Entry System Request for Proposals – Paul Duncan, CoC Manager

Presentation: Overview of the Coordinated Entry System for Individuals Request for Proposal (RFP) to identify a Lead Agency within each Service Planning Area to provide infrastructure and facilitate the streamlining access to services and improving care coordination. This funding opportunity is open to Nonprofit Organizations that meet all requirements needed in order to be able to execute a contract with the County of Orange and receive HUD funding. The RFP will make \$431,210 in funding available.

6. Board Member Comments

- Judson Brown thanked Paul Duncan for his time as the CoC Manager for the Orange County CoC.
- Becks Heyhoe requested the Office of Care Coordination review a CoC survey released by the National Alliance on Ending Homelessness.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Next Meeting: August 26, 2020