



**Meeting Agenda  
Continuum of Care (CoC) Board  
Wednesday, January 11, 2017  
01:00pm-2:30pm**

Ventura County Community Foundation  
4001 Mission Oaks Blvd.  
Community Room  
Camarillo, CA 93012

1. Call to Order.
2. Approval of, Minutes of the meeting of Governance Board held Wednesday December 14, 2016.
3. Public Comment/Board Comments

Continuum of Care Governance Board Business

4. Receive and file a report on FY16 Continuum of Care NOFA funding awards.
5. Discussion with Human Services Agency on preparing a 90 day report on Pathways to Home to be presented on February 8, 2017.
6. Receive and file an update on countywide winter shelter programs and ongoing planning for year round sheltering options.
7. Receive a report and receive recommendations on preparations for 2017 Homeless Count and Subpopulation Survey to be conducted on the night of Monday January 23<sup>rd</sup> (sheltered) and morning of Tuesday January 24<sup>th</sup> (unsheltered/street count).
8. Receive and file CoC Committee and Staff updates



**Meeting Notes  
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1. Attendees: Staff: Tara Carruth, Jennifer Harkey, Christy Madden.  
Board Members: Mike Taigman, Kevin Clerici, Nancy Wharfield, Susan Englund, Carolyn Briggs, Sommer Barwick, Pam Marshall, Amy Luoma, Michael Nigh, Drew Powers.  
Absent: Carmen Ramirez, Mike Powers, Martin Hernandez
2. Approval of, Minutes of the meeting of Governance Board held Wednesday October 12, 2016. Minutes approved following a motion by Kevin and second my Amy. Unanimous approval with Drew Powers abstaining.
3. Public Comment/Board Comments: No Comments

Continuum of Care Governance Board Business

4. Approval of Continuum of Care/Emergency Solutions Grant Monitoring tool for annual monitoring of CoC and ESG funded projects. Staff presented CoC/ESG monitoring tool for annual review of compliance of CoC and ESG funded projects. Monitoring tool was developed with input from CoC Data Committee and funded providers. Board members expressed appreciation for regulatory references within the document. By motion of Sommer Barwick, and seconded by Pam Marshall the recommendation to approve the monitoring tool was unanimously approved. Staff will begin monitoring and using this tool beginning January 2017.
5. Approval of 2017 Point in Time Homeless Count and Subpopulation Survey Implementation Plan including plans for 2017 baseline Youth Count. Staff presented the 2017 Implementation Plan for Homeless Count and Survey including youth count. The annual count and survey will take place in all cities and unincorporated areas of the

county on night of January 23-January 24. A youth survey will take place on Friday January 27. By motion of Drew Powers and seconded by Kevin Clerici, the recommendation to approve the 2017 Homeless Count Implementation Plan and Survey was unanimously approved.

6. Receive and file an update on development of CoC Youth Collaborative, youth board member recruitment and submittal of Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program grant application. Staff presented an update on CoC Youth Collaborative and YHDP grant submittal. CoC Youth Collaborative will begin meeting regularly in January 2017 and youth member of CoC Board will begin attending. Chair Taigman suggested that all 3 members of the Youth Advisory Council should attend the CoC Board meeting if they intend to rotate attending the Board meeting as voting members.
7. Receive and file 2016 Annual Homeless Assessment Report submitted to HUD on December 8, 2016. Staff reported that significant progress has been made in the accuracy of information submitted; last year 12 reports were accepted by HUD and this year 12 reports are anticipated to be accepted. The accuracy is important as they factor into scoring of the CoC application.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2017.

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**SUBJECT:** Receive and file a report on FY16 Continuum of Care NOFA funding awards.

**BACKGROUND:** On December 20, 2016, the Department of Housing and Urban Development announced the funding awards for the FY16 Continuum of Care NOFA.

**DISCUSSION:** Ventura County Continuum of Care was successful in obtaining renewal funding for all projects submitted for renewal. The VC CoC was also awarded funds for a new permanent supportive housing project with the Human Services Agency with the funds that were previously awarded to the RAIN Transitional Housing project. Additionally, VC CoC was awarded \$169,895 in Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus funding for Lutheran Social Services to provide Rapid Re-Housing assistance. This is the first year that the VC CoC has been successful in obtaining bonus funding since HUD began implementing a competitive funding process focused on awarding communities who are implementing best practices and focused on data and system performance.

FY16 CoC Application Objectives include:

1. Ongoing education and outreach to reduce criminalization of homelessness.
2. Implement strategies to reduce returns to homelessness.
3. Increase income and employment among persons served.
4. Partner with Healthcare Agency on Whole Person Care
5. Increase use of HMIS among non-CoC funded providers
6. Address human trafficking among youth through community awareness.
7. Implementing Pathways to Home
8. Implementing diversion policy for diverting families from emergency shelter

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**SUBJECT:** Discussion with Human Services Agency on preparing a 90 day report on Pathways to Home to be presented on February 8, 2017.

**BACKGROUND:** The Ventura County Continuum of Care's Coordinated Entry System, Pathways to Home was launched in October 2016. January 10, 2017 marks the first 90 days of Pathways to Home implementation. The HMIS Lead agency is preparing a report to this Board for February 8, 2017 and is coming to this meeting to have a discussion about data points and information to include in the report in February.



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**SUBJECT:** Receive and file an update on countywide winter shelter programs and ongoing planning for year round sheltering options.

**BACKGROUND:** Seasonal winter shelters have been open since November (Simi Valley) and December (West County, Ojai and Conejo Valley). Staff will share data on utilization from each shelter program.

Staff is working on a full report for this Board on development of year round shelter options in Ventura County including:

- Costs associated with operating a shelter
- Best Practices for low-barrier shelter
- Populations to serve
- Community needs
- Zoning and ordinances within Ventura County cities



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**BACKGROUND:** The annual Point-In-Time Count will take place on the night of Monday January 23<sup>rd</sup> and the morning of Tuesday January 24<sup>th</sup>. The Count will also include surveying individuals at various service and meal sites throughout the County.

**DISCUSSION:** The PIT Count report includes only one snapshot of data. In 2016, CoC staff included data from other sources including 2-1-1 calls for shelter/housing assistance, reports from the school districts and reports from the Healthcare Agency—Healthcare for the Homeless program. Staff is recommending that this year's report include an annualized number of individuals seeking services through HMIS data. Including this data will give a broader context of homeless persons touching the homeless services system and could be broken down by city to provide additional information to city partners.

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**SUBJECT:** Receive and file CoC Committee and Staff updates

**HMIS Steering:** Ongoing onboarding of Tier 1 providers including Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program (Salvation Army-Haven); The City Center; Pacific Clinics - TAY Tunnel; Healthcare Agency-One Stop; Ventura County Behavioral Health (clinic staff)

**Public Information and Outreach:** Staff have recruited public relations and outreach staff from various agencies and will reconvene this committee on February 1, 2017.

**Data, Performance & Evaluation:** Staff have prepared system performance targets for committee review and will meet in January to review and prepare recommendations for CoC Board.

**Housing & Services:** Committee is completing evaluation and assessment of Ventura County Homeless Services System and are preparing recommendations for next steps for increasing housing inventory, sheltering resources and coordinated services.

**Veterans:** The committee has experienced ongoing challenges with data sharing with VA partners. The Ventura Housing Authority has 24 VASH vouchers remaining and has convened a smaller working group to make a push to lease up the remaining vouchers and certify ending Veteran homelessness in the City of Ventura.

**Youth:** The first CoC Youth Collaborative meeting will be held on February 7, 2017 with all partners.

#### **Staff updates and special initiatives**

- *No Place Like Home:* CoC staff are participating in a CSAC/HCD committee on the No Place Home Initiative which will provide counties with MHSA funds for creation of housing for chronic homeless population with serious mental health diagnosis. Housing units will have to be filled through Pathways to Home.
- *Whole Person Care:* Ventura County Healthcare Agency was awarded funds through the State for the Whole Person Care pilot program targeting wrap-around services for high-utilizers of multiple systems including healthcare services. A portion of the target population is also homeless.

- *Southern California Right of Way Incident Prevention Team*: CoC staff attended a meeting hosted by Metrolink on efforts to prevent death and injury on Southern California railroad right-of-ways. In 2016, there were 44 pedestrian deaths involving Metrolink trains. A portion of the fatalities involved homeless persons and others were determined to be suicides. Railroad providers are seeking assistance in preventing fatalities by providing education and outreach to persons living in encampments near railroad tracks.