



**Meeting Agenda
Continuum of Care (CoC) Board
Wednesday, January 11, 2023
3:30pm-5pm**

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1. Call to Order
2. Board Comments
3. CoC Staff Comments
4. Public Comments: Public Comment is an opportunity for the public to participate in public meetings by addressing the Ventura County Continuum of Care Board in connection with one or more agenda or non-agenda items. This meeting is subject to the Brown Act and public comments may be submitted by using one of the following options:

Email in advance of the meeting: If you wish to make public comment on an agenda item via email, please submit your comment via email by 4:30pm on the day prior to the Board meeting. Send emails to: venturacoc@ventura.org Please indicate the agenda item you would like to speak on if relevant and whether you would like your message read by staff or you will be participating and would like to provide your comments during the live meeting.

During the meeting: Participants may use the chat function in zoom to indicate they would like to make a comment. Staff will call on participants during the public comment section of the meeting or during specific item following staff presentation of the item.

Continuum of Care Governance Board Business

5. Approval of Board Minutes from December 14, 2022.
6. Receive a presentation from the City of Oxnard on the HOME American Rescue Plan (ARP) and provide input on strategies to address homelessness.
7. Receive an Update from the Workgroup Engaging People with Lived Expertise.
8. Discuss and Approve the Priority Encampment(s) and Relocation Locations for the State's Encampment Resolution Funding Program Application.



Meeting Minutes
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1. Call to Order: Dawn Dyer, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at **3:31pm**.

Board Members: Kevin Clerici, Dawn Dyer, Ingrid Hardy, Sevet Johnson, Mara Malch, Michael Nigh, Emilio Ramirez, Pam Marshall, Susan Englund, Carolyn Briggs, Manuel Minjares

Absent: Nancy Wharfield

Staff: Stefanie Robbins, Felipe Flores, Alicia Morales McKinney, Jennifer Harkey, Christy Madden

2. Board Comments: Dawn Dyer appreciated the participation of Carolyn Briggs, Pam Marshall and Susan Englund for their service to the CoC Board as they have reached the end of their term of service. Other CoC Board members also appreciated and thanked the outgoing members for their service. The three outgoing Board members returned the gratitude in serving as well.

3. CoC Staff Comments: Jenn congratulated the City of Thousand Oaks for the upcoming development of their new Navigation Center and looks forward to seeing it through. Jenn also reminded the group that the yearly Point In Time Count is coming up soon and invited everyone to volunteer for the Count. Alicia Morales McKinney provided an update on the HHAP Program's Standard Agreement process.

4. Public Comments: Elizabeth R. Stone asked about CoC meeting comments and The Brown Act. Dawn explained that Public Comment is moderated in Chat function and Jenn confirmed that it remains open for the duration of the meeting. Public comments may also be received via email to VenturaCoC@ventura.org. Elizabeth shared that the new Partnering with People with Lived Experience program has begun and she is enthusiastic about the initial results. She provided a general update and a few project highlights. Elizabeth also expressed appreciation for the funding provided and the opportunity to run the program.

Continuum of Care Governance Board Business

5. Approval of Board Minutes from November 9, 2022.

Michael Nigh moved approval; Emilio Ramirez seconded. All in favor.

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6. Approval to submit the Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) Report as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Continuum of Care program.

Jenn provided a general overview of the LSA Report and a few highlights. Manuel Minjares moved approval; Carolyn Briggs seconded. All in favor.

7. Receive and file an update on the State Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program Round 4.

Alicia provided an update on the State HHAP 4 Program. Dawn asked if there would be an outreach effort to youth providers if funding were available and Alicia confirmed that there would. Jenn added that the funding was specifically for minors and Transition Age Youth (TAY). She also mentioned that the Youth Collaborative asked questions about use of funds to help encourage applications. Elizabeth R. Stone mentioned that Mixteco Indigena Community Organizing Project (MICOP) and Promotoras should be advised of the available funding.

8. Receive a presentation from the Workforce Development Board of Ventura County (WDB-VC) and provide input on the workforce development system's strategic plan.

A general introduction to the WDB-VC's Regional and Local Plans was made by Norman Albances and Jessica Daugherty. Elizabeth R. Stone, Dawn and Manuel had general comments regarding the WDB-VC and their overall Plan. WDB-VC asked how referrals to job training are currently provided by the CoC and Jenn replied that referrals are regularly made to the County Job and Career Centers. Elizabeth R. Stone commented that she feels that there is a lack of upward mobility at times and expressed that hope and opportunities be provided. The WDB-VC then launched a poll asking what are some programs or ways that additional support can be provided. A few of the resulting comments were shared and discussed, and a robust discussion followed. This included questions and comments in the chat box. The WDB-VC also asked for suggestions on how to improve marketing to those who are unsheltered and Jenn suggested asking James Boyd of the Ventura County Health Care Agency for suggestions. James shared that it was important to help those interested in overcoming barriers to access the job-seeking service. He indicated that barriers such as a lack of an ID, SSN and/or cell phone can make the job application process more difficult. James also expressed that the service should also help clients maintain enrollment (until employment is found). Dawn and Carolyn further expressed the importance of having clear criminal records and the opportunity to expunge if needed.

9. Authorize CoC Staff to Work with the County Health Care for the Homeless Team on an Application for Encampment Resolution Funding, and for the CoC Board Chair to Send a Letter to the County's Cities Soliciting Input on Encampment(s) to Prioritize, and Approve the release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for new projects.

Jenn explained the general scope and intent of this new grant funding opportunity that was released on December 1st. Jenn shared that she invited health care agency partners (HCA), Deanna Handel and James Boyd, for their work with encampments and street outreach.

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Jenn indicated that there are encampments throughout the County such as Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley, areas of the Santa Clara River, Ventura, Unincorporated Areas, Oxnard and Santa Paula, to where outreach services have been called out to. She further shared that a collaborative approach is needed and to go after this funding. There has to be a significant impact to 1 or 2 specific encampments, where there is a serious intent for people to be moved into permanent housing. A draft of an outreach letter, to be signed by Dawn, the CoC Board Chair, was presented by Jenn for edits and comments. She also shared that Caltrans confirmed participation in this special resolution and offered to write a Letter of Support for this resolution. Letters of Support (LOI) to the Cities for this opportunity will be due back on January 5, 2023, to review submittals and present to the CoC Board at the next meeting on January 11, 2023. Manuel was hopeful that the application is successful, given the great need in the Fillmore/Santa Paula area. Pam Marshall shared that Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) is also a critical need that should be considered. James Boyd expressed the importance of having a central location rather than scattered ones. Manuel asked if some sites for development have already been identified and felt the Santa Paula area would greatly benefit. Pam further stressed adding language on committing (to projects) would be helpful. Dawn further expressed that the January 5, 2023, deadline to apply was tight and Jenn acknowledged however, extending would complicate the overall application process. Ingrid Hardy also suggested presenting at the City Managers Meeting. Pam Marshall moved approval; Carolyn Briggs seconded. All in favor.

Additional Items not on Agenda: No further discussion

Meeting adjourned at 4:58pm

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VC CoC Governance Board

SUBJECT: Receive a presentation from the City of Oxnard on the HOME American Rescue Plan (ARP) and provide input on strategies to address homelessness.

BACKGROUND: On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan into law, which provides over \$1.9 trillion in relief to address the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy, public health, State and local governments, individuals, and businesses. To address the need for homelessness assistance and supportive services, Congress appropriated \$5 billion in American Rescue Plan funds to be administered through the federal HOME program to undertake activities to primarily benefit vulnerable populations.

The City of Oxnard received an allocation of approximately \$2.7 million in HOME American Rescue Plan (ARP) to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability. Plans for this funding are being drawn from comprehensive data, local surveys, community meetings and stakeholder engagement. The City of Oxnard would like input from the CoC on priorities for this funding as allowed by the HOME ARP eligible uses. The public notification of the draft plan will be posted from February 17, 2023 through March 21, 2023. The city's final application must be submitted to HUD by March 29, 2023.

DISCUSSION: Provide feedback on the unmet needs for qualifying populations including subpopulations of people experiencing homelessness.



CITY OF OXNARD
HOME - AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP)
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PRESENTATION
JANUARY 2023

WHAT IS HOME – ARP?

- \$1.9 trillion in relief to address the continued impact of the COVID-19 under President Biden
- 5 billion set aside to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability
- The City of Oxnard received approximately \$2,700,000

HOME – ARP ELIGIBLE USE

- Production or Preservation of Affordable Housing
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
- Supportive Services, including services defined at 24 CFR 578.53(e), homeless prevention services, and housing counseling.
- Purchase and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter.

HOME – ARP ALLOCATION PLANS

To access funding, the City of Oxnard is required to submit a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

- Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis
- Consultation and Public Participation Requirement

HOW THE PLAN IS INFORMED

- Comprehensive Review of Data
 - ARP Survey
 - Community Meeting
 - Meetings with Continuum of Care, Service Providers, City Staff and Developers
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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

We are interested in learning more! Please provide your input on the homeless and affordable housing concerns and needs within the City of Oxnard.



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Should you wish to provide additional comments, please route them to:

grantsmanagement@oxnard.org

Or fill out the HOME ARP survey located at the following website:

<https://www.oxnard.org/city-department/housing/grants-management/>



Allocation Plan Submission and Approval Timeline

- Public notification period of at least 15 calendar days (amount and activities) – Oxnard allowing 30 days
February 17, 2023 to March 21, 2023
- Public hearing for approval of the plan and prior to submission.
March 21, 2023
- Submission of City's application to HUD
On or before March 29, 2023

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CoC Governance Board

SUBJECT: Receive an Update from the Workgroup Engaging People with Lived Expertise

BACKGROUND: The Ventura County Continuum of Care (VC CoC) authorized HUD CoC Planning Grant Funds to contract with the National Health Foundation to engage people with lived experience. The intent of this program is to “hold space” for those who are willing to share their lived expertise, by providing unconditional support and actively seeking input from different perspectives to make a positive impact on our homelessness system.

DISCUSSION: The National Health Foundation has partnered with peer support services, A Friend In Deed, which is managed and led by Elizabeth R. Stone. This program is called “Making Space for People with Live Expertise”. Elizabeth has been actively engaging with those who are unsheltered, by providing peer support and meeting regularly with the newly formed workgroup. An update will be shared with the VC CoC Board on the progress that has been made since November 2022.

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VC CoC Governance Board

SUBJECT: Discuss and Approve the Priority Encampment(s) and Relocation Locations for the State's Encampment Resolution Funding Program Application

DISCUSSION: The State of California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) (https://www.bcsd.ca.gov/calich/documents/erf_2r_nofa.pdf) on December 1, 2022 to solicit proposals that resolve unsheltered homelessness for people residing in encampments. The Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF) Program was authorized in 2021 through Assembly Bill 140 with an allocation of \$50 million and Assembly Bill 178 allocated an additional \$300 million for round 2. The goal of this funding is to transition individuals from prioritized encampments into permanent housing. Applications will be received by the State through 6/30/2023 with the first application window open from 12/1/2022 to 2/28/2023.

The VC CoC Chair and staff sent a letter to local jurisdictions to solicit input on encampments to be prioritized and locations for relocation. The following responses were received by Friday, 1/6/2023:

- 1) City of Thousand Oaks – approximately 45 individuals in 3 area encampments;
- 2) City of Santa Paula – approximately 30 individuals in 2 area encampments;
- 3) City of Oxnard – approximately 80 individuals in 4 area encampments.

Each jurisdiction has the full support of local law enforcement. The city of Thousand Oaks plans to offer relocation to the new navigation center and prioritize chronically homeless individuals to the Homekey motel conversion project when completed. The city of Santa Paula plans to develop new supportive housing units at an undisclosed location, in collaboration with a broad-based team (Dignity Moves, Hope Mission, Housing Trust Fund Ventura County, Many Mansions, Santa Paula Housing Authority, and Ventura County Community Foundation). The city of Oxnard plans to offer relocation through non-congregate sheltering and the prioritization of highly vulnerable individuals for housing vouchers through the Oxnard Housing Authority.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the prioritized encampment(s) and relocation locations to be included in the State's Encampment Resolution Funding Program application to be submitted by February 28, 2023.