County of Riverside Continuum of Care Board of Governance

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, April 20, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The City of Banning Council Chambers

99 E. Ramsey Street, Banning, CA

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Dr. Matthew Chang, Chairperson   **Leticia De Lara,** Vice-chair

1.0 Call to Order: Welcome & Introductions   **Dr. Matthew Chang, Chair**

1.1 Roll Call   **David Escobar, HWS Planning Team**

2.0 Consent Items   **Dr. Matthew Chang, Chair**

2.1 Minutes Approval for February 28th, 2023, Board of Governance Special Meeting

   Recommended Motion – Approve the February 28th, 2023, Board of Governance Special Meeting minutes.

3.0 Public Comment on Any Item Not Listed on Agenda: Members of the public are encouraged to address the Board on any item not listed on the agenda. Each public comment request email will be read aloud.

4.0 Old Business

4.1 **Special Request to Add a Permanent City of Riverside BoG Seat**   **Tanya Torno, Deputy Director**
   Informational Only

Background: On June 16th, 2022, the Board of Governance (BoG) requested that the Continuum of Care membership body review a request received by the City of Riverside to add a permanent voting position for the city on its Board. The request from the BoG was presented to the CoC during its regular scheduled meeting on June 22nd, 2022, and an Ad Hoc was created consisting of five CoC members with diverse representation from the following entities: City of Riverside, City of Murrieta, Coachella Valley Rescue Mission, Cities of Corona and Norco, and Shelter from the Storm. The Ad Hoc met a total of three times on: August 31st, 2022, September 26th, 2022, and April 3, 2023, and agreed to maintain the Board composition as is.

4.2 **FY 2022 CoC Program Competition**   **Tanya Torno, Deputy Director**
   Informational Only

Background: On March 28th, 2023, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced approximately $2.8 billion in awards for the FY2022 Continuum of Care Competition, including $54 million for Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus projects. On October 13th, 2022 the Board of Governance reviewed and approved the Riverside County Continuum of Care's project funding recommendations. HUD's announcement on March 28th, 2023, included 100% of funding for all of the CoC's renewal projects totaling $13,757,332 and an additional CoC Bonus award of $467,460. A copy of the award announcement can be found here: FY2022 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Awards .

5.0 New Business

5.1 **Emergency Shelter: Data Trends and Gaps Analysis Report**   **Joe Colleti, Urban Initiatives**
   Informational Only

Background: The Housing Inventory Count (HIC) is a point-in-time inventory of provider programs within a Continuum of Care that provide beds and units dedicated to serve people experiencing homelessness (and, for permanent housing projects, were homeless at entry, per the HUD homeless definition), categorized by five Program Types: Emergency Shelter; Transitional Housing; Rapid Re-housing; Safe Haven; and Permanent Supportive Housing. HUD defines emergency shelter as "any facility, the primary purpose of which is to provide temporary or transitional shelter for the homeless in general or for specific populations of the homeless." The Emergency Shelter: Data Trends and Gaps Analysis Report was prepared by our HUD Consultant, Hub for Urban Initiatives. It is important to note that this report will be updated to reflect data captured from the 2023 HIC Report which CoC Staff are currently working to finalize and is due to HUD in May.

Primary Findings:
- ✓ The number of emergency shelter beds nearly doubled from 722 beds in 2018 to 1,396 beds in 2022, which represents an increase of 674 beds or 93%.

- ✓ The number of persons counted in emergency shelter during point-in-time homeless counts increased from 532 persons in 2018 to 1,111 in 2022 representing an increase of 579 persons or 109%.

- ✓ The percent of persons counted during point-in-time homeless counts in emergency shelter was approximately one of every four persons counted in 2018 and 2019; whereas the percent of persons counted in emergency shelter was one-third or one of every three persons counted in 2020 and 2022.

5.2 **Point-in-Time Count Debrief**   **Laura Gonzalez, PIT Count Coordinator**
Informational Only

Background: The Department of Housing and Workforce Solutions (HWS), in partnership with the Riverside County Continuum of Care (CoC) and cities, coordinated the Homeless Point-In-Time Count on January 25th – 27th 2023, which included a multi-day youth count effort. Over 1,000 volunteers were deployed countywide. It is important to note that the count is not intended to locate every single person experiencing homelessness and instead, captures a snapshot of what homelessness looks like on a given night. CoC Staff are still undergoing our second data analytics phase to find the relationships, trends, and patterns that will help us measure the capacity of our homeless crisis response system. The final results will be published in a report that will mirror the 2022 Homeless Point-in-Time Count Infographic and will be presented to the County Board of Supervisors in early May. A presentation to the Continuum of Care will follow during its regular scheduled meeting on May 24th and to the BoG during its next meeting on June 15th.

Public Comments

5.3 **Summary of Programs**   **Tanya Torno, HWS Deputy Director**
Informational Only

Background: The Riverside County Continuum of Care (CoC) works alongside county and city governments, and community and faith-based organizations to coordinate homeless services across the entire county. During FY 22/23, over $30,864,351.43 in federal and state funding designated to the Continuum of Care and County has been deployed to community-based organizations (CBOs), cities and county departments to strengthen the response in the community. A dashboard has been launched to better support the CoC's ability to coordinate, plan, and align current and future investments.

Public Comments

5.4 **CSAC's AT HOME**   **Greg Rodriguez, BoG Secretary**
Informational Only

Background: The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) released its AT HOME plan, a first-of-its-kind comprehensive approach to effectively and equitable address homelessness in California. The plan consists of six-pillars which include broad goals and specific policy proposals to ensure clear lines of responsibility and accountability for every level of government to improve the way the state collectively responds to those who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Supervisor County Supervisor, Chuck Washington and CSAC President has been instrumental in moving the initiative forward which is tailored to the unique needs of urban, suburban, and rural communities. The six pillars of the AT HOME plan are: Accountability, Transparency, Housing, Outreach, Mitigation, and Economic Opportunity. Moreover, the plan compliments the Riverside County Continuum of Care approved Homeless Action Plan. A copy of the AT HOME plan can be found here: AT HOME, A Comprehensive Plan to Address Homelessness .

Public Comments

6.0 Announcements

7.0 Call for Agenda Items for Next Meeting

8.0 Next Meeting: The next regularly scheduled Board of Governance meeting will be held on June 15th, 2023, from 9 – 11 AM.

9.0 Adjournment