

**County of Riverside Continuum of Care  
Board of Governance**

**Special Meeting Agenda**

**Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

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

**The City of Banning Council Chambers**

**99 East Ramsey Street, Riverside, CA 92220**



**Board members must attend in person. The public may participate in person or by way of TEAMS/Teleconference:**

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**Dr. Matthew Chang**, Chairperson

**Leticia De Lara**, Vice-chair

**1.0 Call to Order:** Welcome & Introductions

**Leticia DeLara, BoG Vice Chair**

**1.1 Roll Call**

**Mariel Sarmiento, CoC Coordinator**

**2.0 Consent Items**

**Leticia DeLara, BoG Vice Chair**

**2.1 Minutes Approval for October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Board of Governance Meeting**

**Recommended Motion:** Approve the October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Board of Governance Meeting minutes.

**2.2 Proposed 2024 Meeting Calendar**

**Recommended Motion:** Approve the Proposed 2024 Meeting Calendar.

**2.3 Fiscal Report**

**3.0 Public Comment**

**Leticia DeLara, BoG Vice Chair**

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 New Business

### 4.1 Update on funding of Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus Rapid Rehousing Project

Tanya Torno, Deputy Director

#### **No Action Needed**

**Background:** On March 14, 2022, the Riverside County Continuum of Care received an award of \$2,084,563 to support the County of Riverside DV Bonus Project from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) FY2021 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program. The performance period for the project is from August 1, 2022, through January 31, 2024. On November 22, 2023, staff requested delegated authority to reallocate funds previously awarded to QueerWorks. Upon further review and discussion, both alternate agencies previously identified are unable to absorb additional funding. Currently, there is a projected remaining balance of \$416,913 unallocated.

Agency	Award Amount
Lighthouse Social Services	\$1,250,737.00
Transgender Health and Wellness (THW)	\$416,913.00
Unallocated Funds	\$416,913.00
	<b>\$2,084,563.00</b>

### 4.2 Allocation of Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program Round 3 CoC

Tanya Torno, Deputy Director

#### **Action Needed**

**Background:** On January 31, 2023, the Riverside County Continuum of Care (CoC) received \$3,365,759.90 in Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program Round 3 funding. Of this total amount, the Board of Governance (BoG) approved \$416,219.00 for operating subsidies to support interim sheltering. The City of Desert Hot Springs has requested funding to support the launch of a new navigation center which encompasses an access center and 20 shelter beds. The City acquired the property earlier this year and is using general funds to pay for the first 3 months of operations. They are requesting funding to support the navigation center for an additional 3-month period while they work on a longer-term and sustainable solution for operations. Staff recommends the allocation of \$416,219 to develop additional shelter beds which currently do not exist and are much needed in this region of the county. The City understands this is a one-time investment and part of a capacity building strategy to increase housing for persons who are experiencing homelessness.

**Recommended Motion:** Approve the allocation of \$416,219.00 in Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program Round 3 CoC funds to support the City of Desert Hot Springs' Navigation Center.

### 4.3 CalAIM

Greg Rodriguez, Deputy Director

#### **No Action Needed**

**Background:** The Department of Housing and Workforce Solutions (HWS) is designing a more efficient IT system and business process whereby the County infrastructure is leveraged to facilitate participation in CalAIM for the benefit of service availability for eligible clients. The initial effort is focused specifically on the County supporting the administrative and billing work for housing Community Based Organizations (CBOs) with the goal of having new processes and systems flexible enough to support a variety of County and CBO providers in the future. Additionally, this would further our Integrated Service Delivery efforts with departments such as the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), including Adult Services Division, and Riverside University Health System's Behavioral Health division. The system would mirror similar efforts undertaken by Alameda and Napa

Counties and engages a consulting firm used by Alameda County, CHW, a collaborative of C and C Advisors, Health Roads, and Wellbrook Partners (CHW Collaborative).

### **Project Objectives**

This project will primarily focus on leveraging County structures and resources to facilitate housing CBOs' engagement in CS, including the requirements for data exchange for authorizations, encounters, claims, resubmissions, and member information as required by the MCPs. The intent is to leverage the County's data systems already in play with CalAIM, as well as the data systems used by housing CBOs – namely Clarity Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

### **Project Deliverables**

1. **Interviews with Key Stakeholders** assessing state, potential workflow, and technology options to inform the process design.
2. **Use Case Scenarios Matrix** to develop use case scenarios and collaborate with the County to prioritize implementation priorities, gaps between the technology and processes to support County's goals.
3. **Provide Workflow and Technology Options** describing proposed components and functionality options for CalAIM billing and data exchange implementation.
4. **Implementation Workplan** will include task descriptions with dependencies and required roles for steps required.
5. **(If desired) Implementation Support** to coach, guide, and give recommendations drawn from our collective subject matter expertise throughout the implementation process.

## **4.4 Riverside County Continuum of Care 2023 Recap**

**Tanya Torno, Deputy Director**

***No Action Needed***

## **5.0 Announcements**

- 5.1** Special Recognition of Board Members
- 5.2** 2024 Homeless Sheltered Count
- 5.3** The Longest Night – Homeless Persons' Memorial Day
- 5.4** CSAC Challenge Awards: Youth Homelessness
- 5.5** Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Recruitment

## **6.0 Call for Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

- 7.0 Next Meeting:** The next regularly scheduled Board of Governance meeting will be based on the approved 2024 meeting calendar. Tentatively: February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 9am – 11am.

## **8.0 Adjournment**