

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

**Meeting Agenda**

**Thursday, April 18th, 2024**

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

**The City of Banning Council Chambers  
99 East Ramsey Street, Banning, CA 92220**



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**Leticia De Lara, Chairperson**

**Dr. Ben Jauregui, Vice-chair**

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

**Dr. Matthew Chang, Former BoG Chair**

**1.1** Roll Call

**Mariel Sarmiento, CoC Coordinator**

**1.2** Review of Current BoG Seats

**Leticia DeLara, Newly Elected BoG Chair**

**2.0 Consent Items**

**Leticia DeLara, Newly Elected BoG Chair**

**2.1** Minutes Approval for March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Board of Governance Meeting

***Recommended Motion:*** Approve the March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Board of Governance Meeting minutes.

**3.0 Public Comment**

**Leticia DeLara, Newly Elected BoG 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 YHDP Coordinated Community Plan

Amy Primrose-Puente, CoC Senior Program Specialist

###### *Action Needed*

**Background:** In September of 2023, Riverside County was awarded \$7,487,462 in Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) funding to address youth homelessness in the County. Since being awarded, Continuum of Care (CoC) staff have been diligently working through the development of the Coordinated Community Plan (CCP). The CCP is collaboratively written by an array of community members alongside CoC staff guidance and Technical Assistance from the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). As the collaborative applicant, the CoC has until May 20th to finalize the CCP, which is now in its final stages, and submit to HUD. A required component of the CCP and YHDP in its entirety is active contribution from the Youth Action Board (YAB), a youth group of Riverside County residents ages 18-24 who have lived experience. As a collective, they wrote the Mission and Vision Statement, contributed to the drafting and review of the Statement of Need and Governance Structure, and contributed their input on the project types to be funded through the YHDP program. The YAB will continue to participate in the development of YHDP funds as reviewers on the Independent Review Panel during the Request For Proposal (RFP) process. The next step is to include the YAB in decision-making as members of the board for YHDP-related items going to the Board of Governance (BoG) for approval. On these occasions, HWS staff would coordinate with the YAB to identify members who would sit during these discussions. This suggestion is recommended by HUD to ensure that youth voices are included at every level of the process. If approved, CoC staff will coordinate training for YAB and BoG members to learn how to authentically collaborate with one another.

**Recommended Motion:** Approve two (2) Youth Action Board (YAB) designated seats on the Board of Governance (BoG) for youth to attend and vote on YHDP and youth related items.

##### 4.2 Tribal and CoC Engagement

Greg Rodriguez, HWS Deputy Director

###### *No Action Needed*

**Background:** Riverside County is taking proactive steps to collaborate with Tribal Nations to enhance the coordination of homeless services for individuals experiencing homelessness both off and on reservations within the County. During these meetings, Riverside County has introduced the homeless services available through the County and the Riverside County Continuum of Care (CoC). This includes outlining the various programs and resources offered, in addition to providing an overview of the CoC's governance structure and how funding recommendations and decisions are made. The intent behind these collaborative efforts is to foster a more coordinated and holistic approach to addressing homelessness among Tribal populations. By working together with Tribal Nations, Riverside County aims to better understand the specific needs and cultural considerations of individuals experiencing homelessness and to tailor services accordingly. Staff will be working with Tribes to encourage CoC membership and coordinate regular updates from Tribes on housing and homeless issues during regular CoC meetings.

##### 4.3 Riverside County Adult Services

Erin Wolbeck, Deputy Director & Grace Belluscio, Regional Manager

###### *No Action Needed*

**Background:** During the March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Board of Governance Meeting, board members requested a formal presentation to learn more about the services provided by the Adult Services Division (ASD). Serving as a division under the Riverside County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), ASD offers Adult Protective Services (APS), In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS), and Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI).

#### 4.4 Riverside County Shelter Capacity for Harsh Weather Seasons

Tanya Torno, HWS-CoC Deputy Director

##### ***No Action Needed***

**Background:** Intermittent shelters play a crucial role in providing immediate relief and support to unsheltered individuals during harsh weather conditions, emergencies, and natural disasters. These shelters are activated during periods of extreme weather, such as severe storms, heatwaves, or cold snaps, as well as during emergencies like floods or earthquakes.

In Riverside County, the Department of Housing and Workforce Solutions works closely with partners within the Riverside County Continuum of Care (CoC), the County’s Emergency Management Department (EMD) and Cities to activate overnight sheltering options during these circumstances which serve as lifelines for unsheltered individuals. Additionally, the Community Action Partnership (CAP) Riverside, coordinates Cool and Warm Shelters as part of their efforts to support vulnerable individuals during extreme weather conditions for those who may not have access to adequate heating or cooling in their homes, such as individuals experiencing homelessness or those living in poverty.

#### 4.5 Unsheltered Homeless Death Review

Emma Perez-Singh, CoC Manger & Selam Walker, CoC Data Lead

##### ***No Action Needed***

**Background:** The Riverside County Medical Examiner Coroner's (MEC) Office provides yearly data on homeless persons who have died unsheltered in Riverside County. With the passing of AB 271, efforts have been made across Southern California jurisdictions to expand death data review to identify the root causes of death and to determine strategies to improve coordination of services. To understand causality in our community, the HWS Data & Research Team conducted a five (5) year analysis of Riverside County’s MEC death data for unsheltered homeless persons. This review will be continued on an annual basis following the end of a calendar year.

#### 4.6 CoC Investment Summary & Future Funding Opportunities

Tanya Torno, HWS-CoC Deputy Director

##### ***No Action Needed***

**Background:** The Riverside County Continuum of Care (CoC) has made significant investments in addressing homelessness, aiming to provide comprehensive support and resources to individuals and families experiencing homelessness in the region in alignment with its [Homeless Action Plan](#). These investments encompass a range of initiatives, including funding for street outreach, emergency shelters, transitional housing programs, permanent supportive housing, and rapid rehousing services, in addition to system enhancement investments that support our Coordinated Entry System (CES) – HomeConnect and Homeless Management Information System. By allocating resources to various intervention strategies, the CoC strives to address the diverse needs of the homeless population and offer pathways to stability and self-sufficiency. A proposed Funding Opportunities Timeline will be shared to prepare stakeholders for upcoming bid applications.

#### 5.0 Announcements

Dr. Ben Jauregui, BoG Vice Chair

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

Dr. Ben Jauregui, BoG Vice Chair

**7.0 Next Meeting:** The next regularly scheduled Board of Governance meeting will be on Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 9am – 11am at the City of Banning Council Chambers.

#### 8.0 Adjournment

Dr. Ben Jauregui, BoG Vice Chair