

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

**Meeting Agenda**

**Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

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

**Banning City Council Chambers**

**99 E. Ramsey St. Banning, CA 92220**



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**Leticia De Lara, Chairperson**

**Dr. Ben Jáuregui, Vice-Chair**

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

**Leticia De Lara, BoG Chair**

**1.1** Roll Call

**Zuly Martinez, CoC Coordinator**

**2.0 Consent Items**

**Leticia De Lara, BoG Chair**

**2.1** Minutes Approval for March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Board of Governance Meeting

**Recommended Motion:** Approve the March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Board of Governance Meeting minutes.

**3.0 Public Comment**

**Leticia De Lara, BoG Chair**

Members of the public are encouraged to address the Board on any item not listed on the agenda.

**4.0 Old Business**

**4.1 Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Desert Supportive Services Only (SSO) Project**

**Emma Perez-Singh, OHS Manager**

***No Action Needed***

**Background:** On March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, item 4.2, the Continuum of Care (CoC) Board of Governance approved the reallocation of \$433,453 in Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) funds for a Supportive Services Only (SSO) “Access Center” project in the desert region and delegated authority to Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) staff to identify, select, and contract with a qualified provider.

The Access Center will serve as a centralized entry point for youth, offering system navigation and connections to critical services that support housing stability and self-sufficiency. An RFP was released on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, and closed on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Three applications were received, with project readiness weighed heavily due to the YHDP period of performance beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Of the three, Riverside University Health System – Behavioral Health (RUHS-BH) met the project readiness standards.

OHS staff has selected Riverside University Health System – Behavioral Health (RUHS-BH) to operate the Access Center at its La Quinta campus, located at 78-140 Calle Tampico, La Quinta, CA 92553. RUHS-BH will also operate at their locations in Riverside and Perris further increasing the number of youths served at no additional cost.

## 5.0 New Business

### 5.1 Reallocation of Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Permanent Supportive Housing Funds Tanya Torno, OHS Deputy Director

#### ***Action Needed***

**Background:** On June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the CoC Board of Governance approved the recommendation to award Sigma Beta Xi, Inc. \$1,000,080.00 in Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) funds to administer a permanent supportive housing project for transitional age youth, ages 18-24. Based in Moreno Valley, this project consists of one supportive service building and three 4-bedroom homes. YHDP funds are being utilized to cover costs towards site operations and rental assistance through the period of performance of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 through March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2027. At this time, SBX has opted to transfer title of the properties to the County and a new service provider is needed to operate the project. OHS Staff is requesting approval to identify a new provider for the program to work directly with Riverside County to continue delivering housing and supportive services to youth in need.

**Recommended Motion:** Approve the reallocation of Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program – Permanent Supportive Housing Funds from Sigma Beta Xi, Inc. to a qualified vendor, and delegate authority to staff to identify, select, and enter a contract with a qualified vendor for an amount not to exceed the award of \$1,000,080.00.

### 5.2 Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) 5 and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Funding Recommendations Tanya Torno, OHS Deputy Director

#### ***Action Needed***

**Background:** On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, the Riverside County Office of Homeless Services released a Request for Proposals to obtain proposals for two major state programs: \$379,736 for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program and \$4,172,729.28 the Homeless Housing Assistance Prevention (HHAP) Program. ESG eligible project types included homelessness prevention, emergency shelter operations, and rapid rehousing activities. HHAP eligible activities include street outreach, emergency shelter operations, and rapid rehousing, with an emphasis on strategic coordination aligned with local needs and the County’s Homelessness Action Plan.

The RFP remained open for 30 days, closing on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025. A total of sixteen agencies submitted thirty-nine proposals: 8 for ESG and 31 for HHAP. At this time, OHS Staff is requesting approval to move forward with funding recommendations to the agencies shown on the table below:

Emergency Solutions Grant & Housing, Homeless Assistance Program Funds							
Region of Coverage	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5		
2025 PIT Totals:	1328 (33%)	414 (10%)	403 (10%)	1062 (27%)	783 (20%)		
<b>Homelessness Prevention</b>							
Agencies Recommended for Funding	Office of Homeless Services	Office of Homeless Services	Office of Homeless Services	Office of Homeless Services	Office of Homeless Services		
ESG Allocation \$38,357	\$12,658	\$3,836	\$3,836	\$10,356	\$7,671		
<b>Street Outreach</b>							
Agencies Recommended for Funding	Path of Life	Riverside University Health System -	Riverside University Health System -	Coachella Valley Rescue Mission	Faith in Action		
HHAP Allocation \$1,000,000	\$330,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$270,000	\$200,000		
<b>Emergency Shelter</b>							
Agencies Recommended for Funding	RUHS-BH	Riverside University Health System - Behavioral	Riverside University Health System - Behavioral	Martha's Village & Kitchen	Valley Restart		
HHAP Allocation \$512,033.87	\$168,971.18	\$51,203.39	\$51,203.39	\$138,249.14	\$102,406.77		
Agencies Recommended for Funding	Operation Safehouse			Martha's Village & Kitchen			
ESG Allocation \$187,950	\$27,000			\$160,950			
<b>Rapid Rehousing</b>							
Agencies Recommended for Funding	Path of Life	Starting Over	RFP to be released again for solicitation through the competitive bidding process.	Coachella Valley Rescue Mission	Galilee Center	Faith in Action	Path of Life
HHAP Allocation \$2,125,044.03	\$701,264.53	\$212,504.40	\$212,504.40	\$286,880.94	\$286,880.94	\$212,504.40	\$212,504.40
Agencies Recommended for Funding	Mission Hope	Mission Hope	Mission Hope	Mission Hope	Mission Hope		
ESG Allocation \$153,429	\$50,632	\$15,343	\$15,343	\$41,426	\$30,686		

**Recommended Motion:** Approve the funding recommendations for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Homeless Housing Assistance Prevention (HHAP) Programs.

### 5.3 Federal and State Budget Overview

**Greg Rodriguez, Deputy Director**

#### *No Action Needed*

**Background:** In June, the State Legislature approved the budget, which has since been signed by the Governor. The final budget does not include any new investments in homelessness, or affordable housing, leaving existing funding levels largely unchanged.

At the federal level, both the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate have been actively engaged in their respective appropriations processes. The Senate's budget proposals reflect stronger support for housing and homelessness programs compared to those put forward by the House. However, significant differences remain between the two chambers. If lawmakers are unable to reach a final agreement on appropriations before the September 30 deadline, Congress will need to pass a continuing resolution to temporarily extend current funding levels and avoid a government shutdown.

### 6.0 Directors Report

**Tanya Torno, OHS Deputy Director**

### 7.0 Announcements

**Leticia De Lara, BoG Chair**

**8.0 Call for Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

**Leticia De Lara, BoG Chair**

**9.0 Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 11am at the City of Banning Council Chambers.

**10.0 Adjournment**

**Leticia De Lara, BoG Chair**