

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

**Special Meeting**

**Wednesday, December 16, 2020**

**10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

**Teams Meeting**



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**Tammy Marine, Chairperson**

**Leticia De Lara, Vice-chair**

- 1.0 Call to Order:** Welcome & Introductions – Roll Call
- Roll Call

Tammy Marine, Chair

**2.0 Consent Items**

- 2.1 Minutes Approval - None

- 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 2021 Homeless Point-in-Time Count (PIT)

Greg Rodriguez, CoC Chair

**Background:** The U.S. Housing of Urban Development (HUD) requires that Continuums of Care conduct an Annual Homeless PIT Count of people experiencing unsheltered and sheltered homelessness. HUD released guidance for *Conducting a 2021 Unsheltered PIT Count* on

November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020. This guidance allows CoCs to request an exception to some or all of the unsheltered count requirements which include:

1. Collect some data but not all of the data elements HUD has required in the past count;
2. Only conduct a head count of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness (i.e. no data collection on demographics, subpopulation, or household characteristics); or
3. Not conduct an unsheltered count.

The Riverside County Continuum of Care (CoC) launched its first Community Planning Meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and since then has hosted two subsequent weekly meetings with CoC members, County and City representatives, homeless service providers and other stakeholders. Under normal circumstances, planning for the PIT Unsheltered Count would have started in August and would have involved recruiting up to 800 volunteers. Planning for the unsheltered count remains challenging and our local Public Health Department has expressed concerns about the ability to carry out this activity safely. Riverside County is experiencing a surge in COVID-19 cases and reduced capacity in hospitals and ICUs.

There is a shared concern across all CoCs regarding volunteer and staff capacity to conduct the unsheltered count, in addition to concerns regarding public health and safety. The majority of SoCal CoCs have already submitted or are submitting an exception not to conduct an unsheltered count (includes Los Angeles, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Orange County).

**Recommended Motion:**

Approve that an exception request be submitted to HUD, on behalf of the CoC, to not conduct the 2021 Homeless Point-in-Time Unsheltered Count.

**5.0 New Business**

None

**6.0 Announcements**

**7.0 Call for Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

**8.0 Next Meeting:** The next regularly scheduled BoG meeting is **February 18, 2021** from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Until further notice, all meetings will take place by web and/or teleconference.

**9.0 Adjournment**