



**Meeting Agenda**  
**Continuum of Care (CoC) Board**  
**Wednesday, November 12, 2025, 2:00 – 3:30pm**  
**Ventura County Office of Education**  
**Administrative Services Center – Simi Room**  
**5189 Verdugo Way, Camarillo**

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1. Call to Order
2. Board Comments
3. CoC Staff Comments
4. Public Comments: An opportunity for the public to participate in public meetings by addressing the Ventura County Continuum of Care Board in connection with one or more agenda or non-agenda items. Public comment is limited to 3 minutes per person during the opening part of the meeting and per item. The time allotment can be increased or decreased by the Chair depending on the number of speakers. This meeting is subject to the Brown Act and public comments may be submitted by using one of the following options:

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**During the meeting:** Participants attending online may use the chat function in zoom to indicate they would like to make a comment. Participants attending in-person can complete a public comment card indicating which item they would like to comment on and submit to the Board Chair. Staff will call on participants during the public comment section of the meeting or during specific items following staff presentation of the item.

Continuum of Care Governance Board Business

5. Approval of Board Minutes from October 8, 2025.
6. Approval to submit the 2024-25 Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) Report as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Continuum of Care program.
7. Receive an update on 2024-25 State System Performance Measures and Data Quality.
8. Receive and file a report on VC CoC Committees, Workgroups and Staff Updates
9. Receive and File a Report on Progress to End Homelessness Among Veterans in Ventura County.



**Meeting Minutes**  
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**Call to Order:** Dawn Dyer, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:02pm.

**Board Members:** Dawn Dyer, Paul Drevenstedt, Pauline Preciado, Jeff Lambert, Dr. Sevet Johnson, Jack Edelstein, Carrie Sabatini, Juliana Gallardo, Michael Skinner, Mara Malch, Jack Edelstein, Melissa Hurtado (proxy representative for Ingrid Hardy), Angel Garcia (proxy representative for Manuel Minjares)

**Absent:** Ingrid Hardy, Manuel Minjares, Stefany Gonzalez

**CoC Staff:** Jennifer Harkey, Alicia Morales, Felipe Flores, Morgan Saveliff

**Board Comments:** Angel Garcia shared that the City of Fillmore will be hosting an Immigration Resources Forum on October 16<sup>th</sup>, and the program will be completely in Spanish.

**CoC Staff Comments:** Jennifer Harkey reported that CoC staff have received the agreements for the FY 2025–2026 HUD CoC renewal grants. She noted that HUD has indicated a new NOFO will be released soon, with anticipated changes including a reduction in Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) funding, a shift away from the Housing First model, and new recovery housing requirements. Jenn explained that PSH funding could be reduced by as much as 30%, potentially creating an annual funding gap of approximately \$650,000—equivalent to support for 43 CoC PSH households.

To address this potential shortfall, CoC staff are exploring several funding options, including behavioral health resources and HHAP Round 6 allocations. Jenn concluded by announcing a save the date for the upcoming Homeless Point-in-Time Count, scheduled for January 28, 2026.

**Public Comments:** none.

Continuum of Care Governance Board Business

**5. Approval of Board Minutes from September 10, 2025.**

Carrie Sabatini requested two amendments: a correction to the spelling of her name in the Board attendance section, and an update under Item 6 to change “2025 Point in Time Count” to “2026.”

Jeff Lambert moved to approve with the recommended amendments; Dr. Sevet Johnson was second; Melissa Hurtado abstained; the balance of the Board was in favor.

**6. Approval of the California Housing & Community Development (HCD) Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Funding Reallocation for FY 2024-28. (Presenter: Felipe Flores)**

Felipe Flores informed the Board that \$50,336 in FY 2024–2028 ESG funds had previously been approved for allocation to the City of Ventura for Street Outreach activities. CoC staff later learned that the City did not intend to provide these services directly, but rather to subcontract them to Downtown Ventura Partners (DVP). DVP had also applied for ESG funding in this round but was not selected for an award.

The CoC team recommended that the total ESG allocation be reallocated from the City of Ventura to DVP directly to streamline efficient grant administration. Felipe noted that DVP has been providing street

outreach services in the City of Ventura for more than six years and, if awarded the funds, plans to expand services to seven days a week. He also confirmed that DVP has the capacity, through other grant sources, to meet the 100% ESG match requirement.

Jeff Lambert inquired how many days a week DVP currently provides street outreach services. Felipe Flores explained that services are offered Monday through Saturday, with plans to add another case manager to expand coverage to Sundays as well. Jeff expressed his support for the reallocation, noting that DVP has been an outstanding partner and provides comprehensive case management and supportive services.

Jeff Lambert moved to approve; Pauline Preciado was second; all in favor.

**7. Receive and File the Ventura County Homeless Management Information System and Pathways to Home Coordinated Entry System (VC HMIS/PTH CES) Report. (Presenter: Chris Russell)**

Chris Russel, Division Manager overseeing the HMIS system, shared that HMIS/CES programs continue to work on process improvements, including expanded training opportunities, review of VAT functionality and documentation processes, onboarding of new partners, and data quality analysis. Chris further shared that effective October 1, 2025, HMIS agencies will no longer incur a user license fee.

Chris shared some key CES data:

- Referrals: 4,488 in FY 24/25 (980 YTD)
- Housing Matches: 345 in FY 24/25 (101 YTD)
- Permanent Supportive Housing Placements: 163 in FY 24/25 (33 YTD)
- Average Referral-to-Housed Time: 166 days in FY 24/25 (84.5 YTD)

Chris shared that the current priorities for the HMIS/CES team include preparing for 2026 HUD Data Standards updates, improving system performance metrics, maintaining accurate housing inventory data, ensuring timely PSH placements, and the CES evaluation being conducted by Partners for Community Impact.

Board members thank Chris and the HMIS/CES team for their work managing the system and getting people matched and placed in permanent housing. Jennifer Harkey shared that Chris Russel is officially retiring, and this will be his final CoC Board meeting. Jenn congratulated Chris on his retirement and expressed appreciation for his years of dedication and service to the community.

**8. Approval of the 2026 Ventura County Homeless Count Implementation Plan (Presenter: Alicia Morales-McKinney)**

Alicia Morales presented the 2026 Homeless Count Implementation Plan to the Board, outlining the processes and HUD-compliant methodology for conducting the PIT Count. VC CoC staff will contract with SimTech Solutions to utilize the *Counting Us* app for survey data collection and will coordinate with city and jurisdictional leads on volunteer recruitment, training, and overall Count logistics. Sheltered data will be collected through HMIS or, for non-HMIS providers, through the SimTech app.

Alicia noted that recent HUD updates have made the collection of gender and race/ethnicity data optional and no longer required for federal reporting. However, the CoC will continue to collect this information to support local data analysis and program planning. She also shared that, based on feedback from last year's volunteers, staff will be implementing improved processes for registration, training, and safety procedures for the 2026 Count to ensure a more efficient and positive volunteer experience.

Angel Garcia inquired if there is coordination with Watershed protection for the Count. Alicia shared that CoC staff partner with the Sherriff's Homeless Liaison Unit, City Law Enforcement, and Watershed Protection for encampment outreach for the Count. Pauline Preciado thanked CoC staff for going beyond

HUD regulatory data requirements by continuing to collect gender and race/ethnicity information, noting that this data is essential for designing targeted and effective program interventions. Michael Skinner expressed appreciation to staff for incorporating clearly identifiable volunteer name tags for the 2026 Count, particularly in Oxnard, where this measure will help foster comfort and trust among community members.

The Partnership for Safe Families shared their enthusiasm for collaborating on the 2026 Count, noting that many youth participants are eager to volunteer again this year.

Carrie Sabatini moved to approve; Angel Garcia was second; all in favor

**9. Approval of the State Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program Round 6 Timeline with Authorization to release a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for HHAP Round 6 (Presenter: Alicia Morales-McKinney)**

Alicia reviewed the proposed timeline for HHAP Round 6, noting the potential award of \$5,564,394.36 will be distributed in two phases: an initial 50% allocation, with the remainder released upon meeting State performance measures. At least 10% of funds will be allocated for youth-focused services. CoC staff will meet with the Data Committee on December 17 for the Rank and Review Process and present HHAP 6 recommendations to the Board on January 14, 2026. Alicia noted that staff expect more clarity on HUD CoC funding during this period and will provide recommendations on addressing any resulting funding gaps.

Alicia further shared that the VC CoC intends to release a combined NOFA in coordination with the County of Ventura's Community Development Division on November 5, 2025. The County of Ventura's goal, through this Notice of Funding Availability, is to support community development, create affordable housing and prevent further homelessness throughout the county. This NOFA makes funding available from a variety of funding sources in addition to HHAP including HOME (HOME Investment Partnerships Program), HOME-ARP (HOME Investment Partnerships Program – American Rescue Plan), PLHA (Permanent Local Housing Allocation Program), CDBG (Community Development Block Grant), BHSA (Behavioral Health Services Act) and County General Funds.

The Board asked how to proceed with the RFP process given potential funding impacts. Jenn recommended that partners continue moving forward with the RFP process, noting that by December or January, staff should have more clarity on funding implications. At that point, the Board could determine whether to allocate HHAP resources to address potential funding gaps for permanent housing. Alicia added that HHAP 6 does not require funds to be obligated until 2027, allowing the Board the flexibility to reserve funding until more information about funding gaps becomes available.

Jeff Lambert moved to approve; Pauline Preciado was second; all in favor.

**10. Receive an update from the Partnership for Safe Families (Presenter: Dr. Kathleen Van Antwerp)**

Dr. Kathleen Van Antwerp and Senta Green updated the Board on the Partnership for Safe Families' work to amplify the voices of individuals with lived experience of homelessness. Supported by HUD CoC Planning Grant funds, the program thoughtfully hosts regular workgroups, Youth Voices (ages 16–24) and Adults with Lived Experience in Homelessness, providing a safe and welcoming space for participants to share their perspectives and experiences. The Partnership is nearing completion of impactful video trainings for providers which will be shared with the Board at the next update.

The Board expressed appreciation for the Partnership's impactful work and shared their excitement to view the completed video trainings.

**Additional items not on the agenda:** none

Next meeting set for December 10, 2025

Meeting adjourned at 3:35pm

November 12, 2025

VC CoC Governance Board

**SUBJECT:** Approval to submit the 2024-25 Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) Report as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Continuum of Care program.

**BACKGROUND:** HUD requires each Continuum of Care (CoC) across the country to submit data and information that is combined to create the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) they submit annually to Congress. The AHAR is a national-level report that provides information about people experiencing homelessness, the utilization of homeless services and various characteristics of the unhoused population. The report is used for strategic planning purposes for federal, state and local initiatives designed to prevent and end homelessness.

The VC CoC provides data from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to complete the Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) to HUD for the AHAR. The scope of this annual report tracks progress against the federal strategic plan to prevent and end homelessness. The LSA data includes:

- Demographic characteristics like age, sex, and veteran status;
- Length of time homeless and patterns of system use;
- Information specific to populations whose needs and/or eligibility for services may differ from the broader homeless population, such as households experiencing chronic homelessness and those with disabling conditions; and
- Housing Outcomes for those who exit the homeless services system.

A copy of prior AHAR data is available on the HUD Exchange at [www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/ahar](http://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/ahar).

**DISCUSSION:** The first draft of the LSA data will be submitted to HUD by November 30, 2025 once the HUD Homelessness Data Exchange (HDX) LSA module is opened. The VC HMIS lead agency will work with the HMIS vendor and VC CoC team to make adjustments, correct missing data and resolve warnings within the system. The HUD reporting deadline for the FY2025 LSA report is expected to be in January 2026 and has not yet been published. There are several weeks of analysis and data quality updates that will be made over the next several weeks prior to the final submission.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve VC CoC staff to submit the first draft of the LSA report to HUD by November 30, 2025 and submit the final LSA report to HUD by the anticipated deadline of January 2026.

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VC CoC Governance Board

**SUBJECT:** Receive an Update on 2024-25 State System Performance Measures and Data Quality

**BACKGROUND:** Quarterly system performance data is uploaded from the Ventura County Homeless Management Information System (VC HMIS) to the State of California Homeless Data Integration System (HDIS). This data is being reviewed by the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to ensure compliance on system performance measures for the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) program. The VC HMIS team sends out quarterly data quality reports to HMIS participating providers and has conducted training to ensure updates are made. The VC CoC staff review monthly data reports for all grants administered by the County Executive Office (Administrative Entity).

**DISCUSSION:** Some areas of system performance are improving and we anticipate continued progress in our next quarterly reporting with increased housing retention and permanent housing placements. The areas for improvement include the average length of time homeless and total income (earned/unearned) reported. There have been continued data quality issues with housing move in dates and capturing each client's current living situation. VC HMIS and VC CoC staff have conducted training to support providers with improvements to data quality and educated street outreach staff on how to improve outcomes through housing focused case management in the field.

In February 2025, the CoC Board approved the addition of HMIS Data Quality Assessments as a scoring factor for CoC grant funding application reviews. A maximum of five (5) points will be included in the review and scoring process for each grant analysis, including the upcoming HHAP-6 and HUD CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

In order to receive HHAP-6 funding, our CoC must show improvement in at least 50% of the performance measures or corrective action would be required and funding withheld. Our most recent report for 2024-25 shows compliance in 4 out of 6 metrics:

- Measure 1a: Reducing the number of persons experiencing homelessness -1%
- Measure 1b: Reducing the number of persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness -12%
- Measure 2: Reducing the number of persons who become homeless for the first time -6%
- Measure 3: Increasing the number of people exiting homelessness into permanent housing -3%
- Measure 4: Reducing the length of time persons remain homeless -1%
- Measure 5: Reducing the number of persons who return to homelessness -1%
- Measure 6: Increasing successful placements from street outreach -52%

The VC CoC Data Committee met on 11/5/2025 to review this data and made suggestions to include more training on diversion strategies for shelters, expand workforce development partnerships, add SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) training, and review street outreach program data quarterly. Our VC CoC team will research training options to assist service providers and report back to the CoC Board in January 2026.

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VC CoC Governance Board

**SUBJECT:** Receive and file a report on VC CoC Committees, Workgroups and Staff Updates

**Housing and Services Committee:** The Housing & Services Committee reconvened on September 16, 2025, with a diverse membership representing healthcare, shelter and transitional housing providers, supportive services, outreach teams, behavioral health professionals, individuals with lived experience, and city partners. The committee reviewed the Point in Time Count implementation plan. Additionally, the committee provided input on Youth Case Conferencing Special Populations subcommittee workflow. The next Housing and Services Committee Meeting is scheduled on April 16, 2026 and will focus on post-homeless count efforts.

**HMIS Steering Committee:** Additional service providers of CalAIM Enhanced Care Management and Community Supports services have onboarded. Also, the Ventura County Rescue Mission (46 men's shelter beds) and the Lighthouse (21 women's & children's shelter beds) have submitted documents to onboard HMIS and assist with the increased HMIS utilization for all emergency shelter beds across our CoC. HMIS staff completed training on recent HUD required system changes and have been sending out data quality reporting for provider updates. The HMIS Steering Committee agreed with changes to the administrative policy to remove licensing fees and hold users accountable for data quality.

**Data, Performance & Evaluation Committee:** The Data Committee continues to review and analyze the latest quarterly System Performance Measures Report from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to determine areas for improvement prior to the next annual HUD reporting deadline. On 11/5/25, the committee reviewed HUD and CA System Performance Measures with areas for improvement and recommendations for provider training. The committee is scheduled to meet on 12/17/25 to review HHAP-6 proposals and make recommendations for funding.

**Public Information and Outreach (PIO) Committee:** Continued its expanded outreach through VC CoC social media to educate the public on homelessness. The committee provided support with content for the quarterly VC CoC Chronicle newsletter and published its latest edition on 10/30/25, which highlighted the outstanding work partner agencies have performed and acknowledged Tracy McAulay as this year's recipient of the Carmen Ramirez Housing Advocacy Award, as presented by the housing advocate group, Housing Opportunities Made Easier (HOME). Committee members also learned of heartwarming success stories thanks to Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) dollars and they participated in an interactive myth-busting activity that helped raise awareness of homelessness issues as well as the incredible capabilities of partner agencies work.

**Veterans One Team Subcommittee:** Focused on preventing and ending Veteran homelessness in Ventura County by ensuring referrals are being made to the Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH)

program, Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) and other local housing providers. This workgroup regularly reviews the Homeless Veterans By Name List (BNL) with Veteran service providers to coordinate connections to housing and services. Referrals to the VASH program are being prioritized through this workgroup to ensure the most vulnerable homeless Veterans are connected to housing resources. The Veterans Workgroup continues to meet in person on a bi-monthly basis or as needed utilizing a One Team approach to safeguard continuity of care and coordination.

**Youth Subcommittee:** Focused on preventing and ending youth homelessness in Ventura County by ensuring referrals are being made to drop-in centers, street outreach programs, interim housing and Supportive housing for youth. The first meeting occurred on November 6, 2025, which provided the fundamental element of building a youth CES subcommittee. VC CoC reviewed the scope of work for this new subcommittee and will work closely with all youth providers to improve collaboration. The next youth subcommittee will focus on Data Quality efforts prior to beginning case conference meetings. Next meeting will be scheduled in early 2026.

**Staff:** VC CoC staff expanded training for all grant subrecipients to ensure proper documentation is completed and submitted in alignment with State and Federal grant regulations. Staff provided Housing Focused Street Outreach trainings on 9/25/25, 9/29/25, and 10/23/25 to ensure outreach staff have the tools needed to connect unsheltered clients to housing resources, provide case management in the field, and update HMIS fields for data quality purposes. Staff will be bringing items to the CoC committees to discuss best practices and provide recommendations to the VC CoC Board at a later date.



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# Chronicle

OCTOBER 2025



## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE: 800-799-7233  
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If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, we urge you to call or text the domestic violence hotline to speak with an advocate. Victims can access emergency shelter where they receive support, safety planning, case management, counseling, and assistance with restraining orders. Ventura County has several resources available to support survivors of all ages and their families.

[Coalition for Family Harmony](#) | [Interface](#) | [Ventura County Family Justice Center](#)

### GRAND OPENINGS

Several Permanent Housing Projects have opened their doors and welcomed residents across the County! Thousand Oaks opens the city's first navigation center with 30 shelter beds!

### VETERAN STAND DOWN 2025

The return of the Stand Down in Ventura County was a huge success, connecting over 200 Veterans to healthcare, housing, employment, and social support.

### HONORING LEADERSHIP

Tracy McAulay, County of Ventura Housing Solutions Director, received the Carmen Ramirez Housing Advocacy Award for her dedication to expanding housing opportunities for all.

### A STORY OF HOPE: FINDING HOME AGAIN

After a year without a home, "N" found safety, belonging, and a fresh start through Turning Point Foundation. Her story is a powerful testament of resilience and the life-changing impact of finding home again.



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## **The Coalition for Family Harmony**

### **Prevention • Intervention • Support • Education**

For more than 50 years, the Coalition has been a lifeline for victims and families affected by domestic violence. Their 24-hour bilingual crisis hotline provides immediate support and guidance to anyone in need. The organization offers a full range of services including emergency shelter, individual and family counseling, legal advocacy, and housing assistance. All services are free of charge and available in both English and Spanish. Beyond direct support, the Coalition is committed to education, training, and violence prevention, working to break the cycle of violence. True to their vision to “empower victims of domestic violence, child abuse, and sexual assault to move from crisis to confidence,” the Coalition offers hope, safety, and support to every person they serve.

## **Interface Children & Family Services (ICFS)**

### **Creating a Safer, Healthier Community for All**

Interface has been a critical safety net for children and families affected by domestic violence in Ventura County for over 4 decades. Their comprehensive, trauma-informed services are free of charge and include a 24/7 bilingual hotline, emergency shelter, legal advocacy, and community support groups. ICFS provides specialized support for youth in crisis through street outreach services and a six-bed runaway and homeless youth shelter. In partnership with the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, ICFS co-leads the Human Trafficking Task Force, providing coordinated prevention and intervention services for victims while also delivering community training and raising awareness about human trafficking.



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## **Ventura County Family Justice Center (VCFJC)**

### **Empowerment, Support & Hope**

Operating as a collaborative hub, the VCFJC unites over 40 public agencies and community organizations to provide comprehensive, holistic services in one accessible location. From legal advocacy and crisis intervention to counseling, housing assistance, and financial and career guidance, the VCFJC offers a full spectrum of support. By creating a safe and welcoming environment, the center empowers survivors and their families to navigate complex challenges, access the resources they need, and take meaningful steps toward healing, recovery, and breaking the cycle of abuse.



# HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED: VETERAN STAND DOWN 2025

On August 1, 2025, the Ventura County Continuum of Care Veterans One Team proudly hosted the Veteran Stand Down event, a vital community initiative dedicated to supporting Veterans across Ventura County.

This year's Stand Down brought together dedicated service providers, community organizations, and government agencies to deliver comprehensive resources including healthcare, housing assistance, employment support, and legal aid.

The event welcomed over 237 Veterans, who accessed critical services to meet both their immediate and long-term needs. Housing assistance was provided to 100 Veterans, while 109 accessed vital social services and 121 received medical care. In addition to these core services, 200 Veterans received clothing donations, and 71 were provided with hygiene supplies to support their immediate needs.



A key focus of the event was connecting Veterans to essential benefits and programs. Fifty-six Veterans enrolled in VA programs, and thirty-eight benefited from the HUD-VASH initiative, which integrates housing, social services, and VA benefits to foster lasting stability. Employment assistance was also extended to fifteen Veterans through the Employment Development Department (EDD) and U.S.VETS programs, while ten Veterans received legal aid in partnership with the Public Defender's Office.

The Veteran Stand Down was more than just a day of service, it was a powerful demonstration of our community's shared commitment to ending Veteran homelessness and improving quality of life for those who have served our nation.



We extend our deepest gratitude to all Veterans and organizations whose participation made this event a remarkable success. The Veterans One Team remains steadfast in its commitment to support and serve Ventura County's Veterans, today and always.

## SAVE THE DATE:

Join us for the  
**2026 Veteran Stand Down**  
on **August 1, 2026**

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# NEW HOUSING PROJECTS OPEN ACROSS THE COUNTY!

## DOLORES HUERTA GARDENS



Cabrillo Economic Development Corporation is now providing 58 homes for farmworkers, Veterans, and families. 15 units are dedicated for Veterans experiencing homelessness. The Veteran units were matched through the VC CoC Veterans One Team with ongoing support provided by Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) and Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF).

## GRAND OPENINGS

## VENTURA SPRINGS



Our Veterans One Team celebrated the opening of 122 new housing units at Ventura Springs Apartments! 54 homeless Veterans were prioritized and matched to supportive housing units. The VA and US Vets are providing onsite supportive services.

## VALENTINE ROAD



The Ventura Housing Authority celebrated the completion of the first phase of the Valentine Road Apartments, on June 29 at the former La Quinta hotel in Ventura. This Homekey conversion will provide 134 new Permanent Supportive Housing units for those experiencing or at risk of homelessness. So far, 40 residents have moved into their new homes with supportive services being provided by Ventura County Behavioral Health, Whole Person Care, and other social service providers.

## THRIVE GROVE

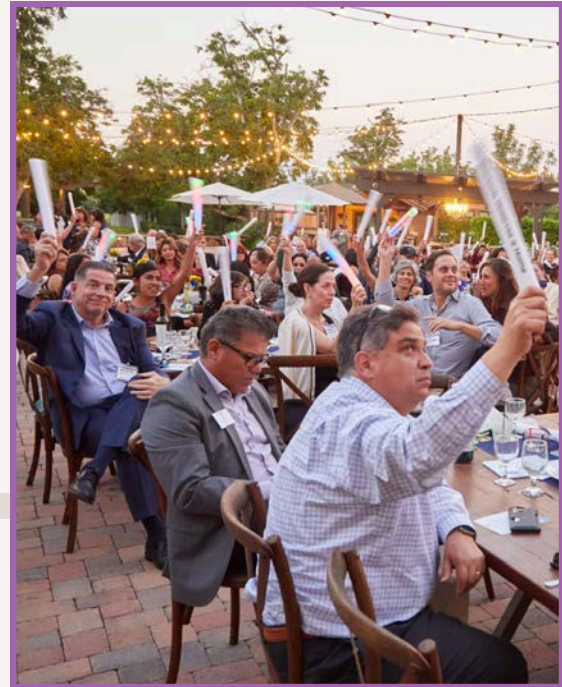


This is a collaborative project with supports from the City of Thousand Oaks, Many Mansions, Hope the Mission, Dignity Moves, and the County of Ventura. Thrive Grove Navigation Center now offers 30 shelter beds to those experiencing unsheltered homelessness.



# RAISE THE ROOF 2025 COMPASSION CAMPAIGN & SERVICE AWARD!

## HOUSING TRUST FUND ANNUAL COMPASSION CAMPAIGN



Housing Trust Fund Ventura County's 6th Annual Compassion Campaign, held September 4th in Moorpark, united over 200 community members in support of affordable housing.

The inspiring evening featured powerful storytelling including a heartfelt testimony from Denia, a local mother whose life was transformed through affordable housing following years of instability and uncertainty. Guest Speakers Dr. John Nunes of Cal Lutheran and filmmaker Giorgio Angelini offered insightful perspectives on the broader housing crisis, emphasizing the real, life-changing impact affordable housing has on families.

Thanks to incredible community support, the event was a huge success, breaking its fundraising record for the fourth year in a row!

## TRACY MCAULAY HONORED WITH CARMEN RAMIREZ HOUSING ADVOCACY AWARD

Congratulations to Tracy McAulay! Tracy's passion for building affordable housing and serving the community shines brightly through everything she does.

Tracy has led several State Homekey award efforts, resulting in 226 permanent supportive housing units dedicated to people experiencing homelessness. Her deep commitment and genuine dedication to her work have been crucial in building strong partnerships and securing vital grant funding to expand affordable housing in our community.

Thank you, Tracy, for your advocacy and tireless dedication to creating a safe and accessible community for all!



TRACY MCAULAY  
VENTURA COUNTY  
HOUSING SOLUTIONS DIRECTOR

# N'S JOURNEY HOME WITH TURNING POINT FOUNDATION

## A CLIENT SUCCESS STORY

When “N” came to Turning Point Foundation, she was 76 years old and had been surviving for a year sleeping in a business location kind enough to allow her to stay. Each day was a struggle, and she often wondered if she would ever feel safe or at home again. At her age, many people might think it is too late to start over, but N has proven that new beginnings are always possible.

Her journey with Turning Point Foundation began when she walked into its shelter, Our Place Safe Haven, after being referred by members of the community. She met with Safe Haven and Outreach staff and built trust that made change possible. N was welcomed into Our Place Safe Haven, which offers both safety and a sense of community to those experiencing homelessness. For the first time in years, N had a place where she could rest, recover, and feel supported.

With this stability, N was able to take the next step through Turning Point Foundation’s Rapid Rehousing Program. This program provided the resources and support she needed to secure an apartment of her own and keep it. Moving into her new home was an emotional milestone. As she held her keys, she shared that it was the first time in years that she truly felt at home.



Although N no longer works, she has found a meaningful way to give back to the community, helping prepare meals at the shelter, offering encouragement, compassion, and care to others who are still working toward stability. Her presence has become a source of comfort and inspiration to both staff and residents.

N’s story is a reminder of what is possible when people are given the chance to rebuild. With compassion, housing, and community support, lives are transformed. At 77 years old, N shows us all that it is never too late to find home again.



For over 35 years, Turning Point Foundation has provided community-based mental health programs, critical support services, and housing to thousands of adults affected by mental health challenges. Its programs address a range of personal needs, including a homeless shelter to meet necessary physical and safety requirements; supportive housing to provide decent, affordable housing; rehabilitation and socialization centers to provide meaningful, productive activities, companionship, and a sense of purpose; and several other programs.

## SAVE THE DATE! UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

COC DATA COMMITTEE MEETING | 11/5/2025

COC BOARD MEETING | 11/12/2025

COC ALLIANCE ZOOM MEETING | 11/13/2025

COC BOARD MEETING | 12/10/2025

SHARED HOUSING WORKGROUP | 12/11/2025

COC ALLIANCE ZOOM MEETING | 1/15/2026

COC HOUSING & SERVICES MEETING | 1/21/2026

HOMELESS POINT IN TIME COUNT | 1/28/2026

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*Thank you to all our partners for your unwavering compassion and commitment to serving those most vulnerable. Your daily efforts strengthen Ventura County's network of care and bring us closer to a future where homelessness is rare, brief, and nonrecurring.*



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IN VENTURA COUNTY

November 12, 2025

VC CoC Governance Board

SUBJECT: Receive and File a Report on Progress to End Homelessness Among Veterans in Ventura County.

VC CoC staff continue to hold regular case conferencing meetings focused on homeless Veterans, working collaboratively to strategize solutions for achieving an end to Veteran homelessness in Ventura County. In addition to ongoing coordination with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), the “Ventura One Team” has continued to expand and strengthen partnerships with the goal of achieving Functional Zero for Veteran homelessness.

The Ventura One Team meets bi-monthly in person and remains committed to identifying every Veteran experiencing homelessness, connecting them swiftly to housing resources, and leveraging case conferencing, street outreach, and supportive services to facilitate rapid placement into permanent housing with an emphasis on homeless prevention efforts. Salvation Army SSVF is a leading force, preventing Veterans and families from becoming unsheltered in our community. As of October 27, 2025, the total number of active unhoused Veterans on the By-Name List is 46, with 36 matched to housing units or pending approval on VASH vouchers.

Current One Team partners include:

- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (HUD-VASH & CES)
- VA Veteran Justice Program
- Salvation Army Supportive Services for Veteran Families
- Salvation Army Grant Per Diem Program
- Turning Point Foundation Veterans Transitional House
- Gold Coast Veterans Foundation
- Mercy House Shelter
- Many Mansions
- U.S.VETS
- Milburn Harbor (VASH Contractor)
- Ventura County CoC
- Cabrillo Economic Development Corporation

The team also actively participates in Backpack Medicine weekly outreach and continues in-reach efforts with the Ventura County Veterans D.E.L.T.A Unit at VC Jail, offering case management and housing navigation for Veterans who self-report as experiencing homelessness.

On October 2, 2025, Veteran Affairs released updates and strategies related to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' efforts to end homelessness among veterans, including goals for fiscal years 2025 and 2026. The VA is implementing a structured approach to improve systems for ending Veteran homelessness with the intent to ensure consistency across Continuums of Care and Veteran Affairs Nationally.



- The FY 2026 Operational Framework will focus on consistent Operational Outcomes and Standards to assist communities.
- The framework aims to drive down the number of Veterans experiencing homelessness and build sustainable systems.
  - Five key Operational Outcomes include identification of all Veterans, immediate shelter provision, rapid access to permanent housing, connections to maintain stability, and sustainability.
- Standards will measure success, including a decline in homelessness rates and quick access to permanent housing.

The metrics used to measure success in FY 2026 are outlined in the Operational Standards, which serve as indicators of whether the system is working effectively. They will be calculated using data from the community's active By - Name List (BNL), which will include data from HMIS and HOMES.

- **Standard A, The Number of Veterans Experiencing Homelessness has Declined:** Overall rates of homelessness among Veterans have declined over the last 12 - month period, with unsheltered homelessness being minimal or fully ended.
- **Standard B, Veterans have Quick Access to Permanent Housing:** Homeless Veterans are permanently housed, on average, within 120 days of entry into VA homeless programs.
- **Standard C, The Community has Sufficient Permanent Housing Capacity:** The number of Veterans exiting to permanent housing has been greater than or equal to the number entering homelessness for at least three consecutive months, with plans to continue that trend in the coming months.
- **Standard D, Returns to Homelessness are Minimal:** Returns to homelessness are minimal with the number of Veterans returning to homelessness within 12 months at or below 10% of those who exited homelessness to permanent housing.

Upcoming initiatives and resources will support the operational improvements. The updated By Name list Template and Reconciliation Report will be available by Late Fall/ early Winter. Ventura One Team will work together to ensure alignment amongst VA Data elements and HMIS.

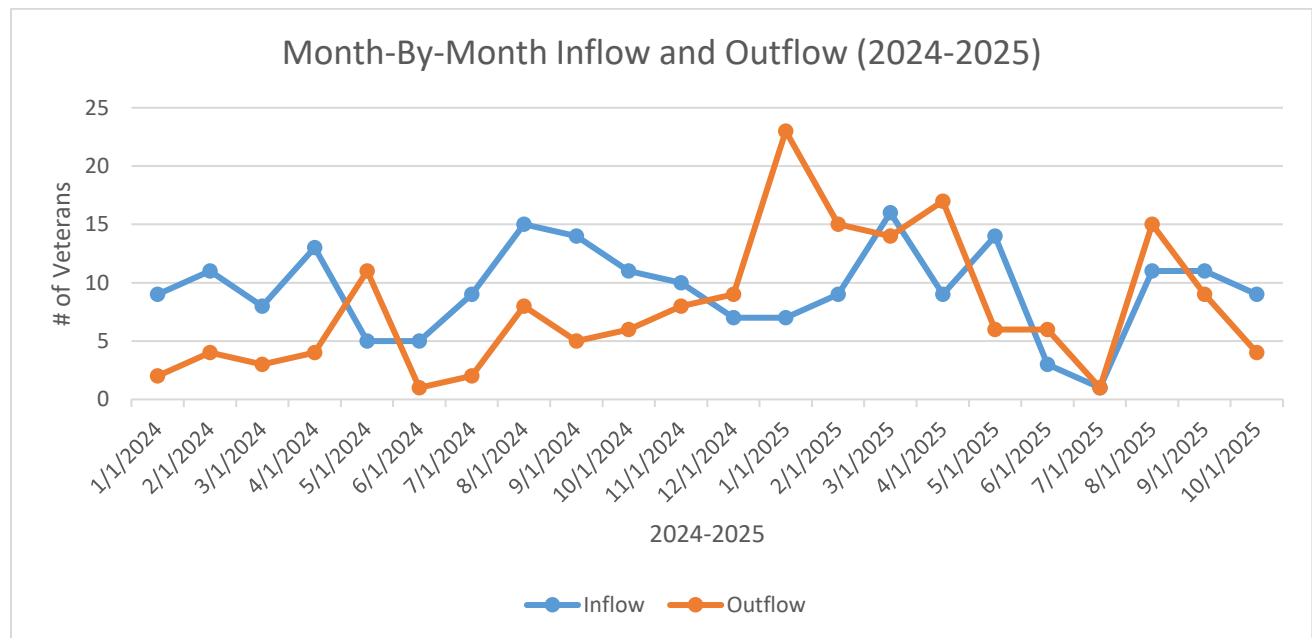
Together, our One Team continues to move forward, united, persistent, and focused on delivering lasting housing solutions for Veterans in our community. Housing is the foundation for stability, dignity, and recovery. As we continue to move veterans from temporary placements to permanent homes, safe, affordable housing is not just a need, it is the key to unlocking long-term well-being and self-sufficiency.

Month	Inflow	Outflow	Net Flow
1/1/2024	9	2	-7
2/1/2024	11	4	-7
3/1/2024	8	3	-5
4/1/2024	13	4	-9
5/1/2024	5	11	6
6/1/2024	5	1	-4
7/1/2024	9	2	-7
8/1/2024	15	8	-7
9/1/2024	14	5	-9
10/1/2024	11	6	-5
11/1/2024	10	8	-2
12/1/2024	7	9	2
1/1/2025	7	23	10

2/1/2025	9	15	7
3/1/2025	16	14	-2
4/1/2025	9	17	2
5/1/2025	14	6	-8
6/1/2025	3	6	0
7/1/2025	1	1	0
8/1/2025	11	15	4
9/1/2025	11	9	-2
10/1/2025	9	4	-5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>173</b>	

**Note:** Ventura Springs began moving in the middle of December 2024 and continued through May 2025

This report provides a visual summary of the monthly inflow and outflow data for the system from January 2024 through October 2025. The chart below illustrates the monthly activity and helps in identifying trends or irregularities.



**Note:** 32 verified veterans are in shelter or transitional housing with individualized housing plans in place, 36 veterans have been matched to housing units and/or VASH vouchers and are pending approval. The matches are as follows:

- Ormond Beach: 1
- Dolores Huerta Gardens: 9
- Tenant Based Voucher (TBV) Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH): 20
- Out of County Veteran Affairs (VA) transfer: 1
- Ventura Springs (General Affordable): 5

There are 5 Tenant Based Vouchers (TBVs) available between both Oxnard and Ventura Housing Authority. VA staff will continue to advocate for additional vouchers to meet the needs of our community.