



**Special Meeting Agenda
Continuum of Care (CoC) Board
Tuesday, November 25, 2025, 10:00 – 11:00am
Ventura County Community Foundation
Board Room
4001 Mission Oaks Blvd, Camarillo**

- 1. Call to Order:** Dawn Dyer, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00am
Board Members: Dawn Dyer, Paul Drevenstedt, Jeff Lambert, Stefany Gonzlez, Mara Malch, Carrie Sabatini, Jack Edelstein, Juliana Gallardo, Michael Skinner, Manuel Minjares, Dr. Sevet Johnson, Ingrid Hardy
Absent: Pauline Preciado
CoC Staff: Jennifer Harkey, Alicia Morales-McKinney, Morgan Saveliff
- 2. Board Comments:** none.
- 3. CoC Staff Comments:** Jenn Harkey thanked the Board for their dedication and flexibility for meeting on short notice to accommodate the HUD CoC NOFO timeline.
- 4. Public Comments:** none.

Continuum of Care Governance Board Business

- 5. Approval to Release a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for New Project Applications, Renewals, Transition Grants, and Reallocations in the FY25 HUD Continuum of Care Competition; and Approval of the 2025 VC CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Calendar (Presenter: Jenn Harkey)**
Staff reported that HUD released the FY25 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program NOFO on November 13, 2025, with the consolidated application due January 14, 2025. Significant program changes this year include a 30% cap on funding for Permanent Housing (PSH/RRH), placing approximately \$2.6 million in current local PH funding at risk, and new eligibility for Transitional Housing and Supportive Services Only projects. Significant priority shifts include the shift away from Housing First and harm reduction and new priorities for treatment and recovery, advancing public safety, and promoting self-sufficiency and long-term economic independence.

Ventura County’s Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) is \$3.75M. Tier 1 funding is limited to 30% of ARD (\$1.12M) and must incorporate the HMIS/CES project (\$429k), leaving approximately \$696k available for Tier 1 programs. All other projects must compete nationally in Tier 2. HUD is also implementing new federal priorities, revised scoring criteria, and expanded risk-review factors, including public reports and alignment with NOFO purposes. Additional bonus points are available for Opportunity Zone projects and voluntary SAVE immigration-status verification.

The mandated local timeline requires project applications in e-snaps by December 15, 2025; rank-and-review notification by December 30, 2025; and submission of the CoC Consolidated Application by January 14, 2025. Due to the compressed timeframe, it may be necessary for the County to submit an umbrella application and subsequently identify subrecipients to prevent loss of regional funds.

Staff requested approval to release the local FY25 NOFA and to adopt the proposed 2025 CoC NOFO Calendar. The full NOFA, calendar, and presentation can be found on the VC CoC Website. CoC staff explained that part of the HUD CoC scoring includes suggested changes in the CoC Governance Board Structure to include three elected official board seats and a minimum of two seats for law

enforcement representation. The Board discussed and agreed to add three elected official seats, one for a Board of Supervisor, one West County position, and one East County position. The Board also agreed to add three law enforcement seats, one for Ventura County Sheriff, one for West County jurisdiction, and one for East County jurisdiction. The board seats would rotate through the jurisdictions, and each member would serve two-year terms with one proxy representative for each. This will increase the total number of Board members from thirteen to nineteen, which would require a quorum of ten members or proxy representatives in person at each meeting. The Board Governance Charter will be brought back to the Board next meeting for review and approval.

Board members also discussed the SAVE immigration-status verification requirements from HUD. The FY25 HUD CoC NOFO includes up to four policy preference points for CoCs where all non-profit charitable organizations voluntarily facilitate immigration status verification before distributing benefits. VC CoC staff discussed this option for preference points with the CoC Board and after an in-depth conversation on the potential impacts on funding and the community, decided not to require SAVE immigration-status verification from non-profit organizations.

Michael Skinner moved to approve CoC staff to release the NOFA without the scoring criteria requirement for participants to use SAVE to verify immigration status. Carrie Sabatini was second; Paul Drevenstedt; Mara Malch, Jeff Lambert, Dr. Sevet Johnson, and Stefany Gonzalez moved for approval; Ingrid Hardy, Manuel Minjares, and Jack Edelstein abstained; the motion was approved.

Ingrid Hardy moved to approve the VC CoC NOFO Calendar, Dawn Dyer was second; all in favor.

6. Approval of the 2025 Ventura County Continuum of Care (VC CoC) Rank and Review Policy for the FY2025 Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care Funding Competition (Presenter: Alicia Morales)

Staff presented the updated draft of the Ventura County Continuum of Care (VC CoC) Rank and Review Policy for the FY25 HUD CoC funding competition. The FY25 NOFO, released November 13, 2025, includes significant changes, including a shift in funding priorities from Permanent Housing (PSH/RRH) to Transitional Housing and Supportive Services Only projects, as well as a 30% cap on Tier 1 and 30% cap on overall permanent housing funding.

The revised policy establishes local procedures and scoring templates to ensure project applications align with federal priorities, including renewals, new proposals, transition grants, and reallocations. The VC CoC Data, Performance & Evaluation Committee will use the policy to review and rank projects, and will submit the recommended rankings and proposed reallocations to the VC CoC Board for review and approval on December 19th, 2025. The full policy can be viewed on the VC CoC website.

Ingrid Hardy moved to approve the VC CoC Rank and Review Policy with the adjusted scoring criteria for SAVE requirements; Paul Drevenstedt was second; all in favor.

7. Approval to Reschedule the December 2025 CoC Board Meeting (Presenter: Jenn Harkey)

The CoC Board discussed rescheduling the December 2025 Board Meeting from December 10th to December 19th to adjust for the 2025 HUD CoC NOFO timeline.

Paul Drevenstedt moved to approve; Michael Skinner was second; all in favor.

Additional items not on the agenda: none
Next meeting set for December 19th, 2025
Meeting adjourned at 11:25am