



**County of Riverside Continuum of Care
and Board of Governance
CoC Membership Meeting**

**February 24, 2016
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
James A. Venable Community Center
50390 Carmen Ave., Cabazon, 92230**

Chair: David Leahy **Co-chair:** Linda Barrack **Secretary:** Susan Larkin

1. **Call to Order:** Welcome & Introductions
2. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a. CoC Membership Meeting, December 16, 2015
3. **New Business:**
 - a. 2016 CoC Meeting Calendar – **Jill Kowalski**
 - b. NAEH conference in Oakland – **Susan Larkin**
 - c. Election of Review Panel for 2016 HUD Consolidated Application – **Jill Kowalski**
 - d. Vacancies on Board of Governance member seats – **Steve Falk, Nomination Committee Chair**
 - i. Election of John Burnard, City of Riverside Councilman
 - ii. Election of Steve Steinberg, Riverside University Health System – Behavioral Health

Motion to elect Riverside City Councilman John Burnard to the Board of Governance public sector seat that Mayor Rusty Bailey is not able to fill; and elect Steve Steinberg, Interim Director of the Riverside University Health System – Behavioral Health, to the public sector seat to replace Jerry Wengerd, who retired in December.

- e. State Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Administrative Entity – **Jill Kowalski**

The State Housing and Community Development (HCD) is redesigning its ESG program and will distribute its ESG funding from HUD *through the CoC service areas*. Under this program design, the Department has established a dedicated Continuum of Care Allocation and simplified process available to California communities that are able to administer ESG locally. This Solicitation of Interest is intended to identify local government entities that can act as Administrative Entities (AE) of State ESG funds in furtherance of these goals. Beginning in 2016, HCD will distribute funding for Continuum of Care Service Areas. The agency that is willing/interested in being the "Administrative Entity" (AE) needs to submit an interest form to HCD by Feb. 29. The form is asking for information from the agency proposing to be the AE as well as from the CoC. The CoC must recommend/approve the proposing AE that would be administering the allocation of State ESG funds (see additional background in this agenda).

Motion to approve DPSS as the Administrative Entity to administer the allocation of State ESG funds through the Housing and Community Development Department.

- f. County ESG funding – **Sterlon Sims**
 - g. Riverside ESG funding – **Monica Sapien**
 - h. Call for agenda items for March 17th BoG meeting – **Jill Kowalski**

4. **Standing Items:**

- a. CoC Membership Application – **Steve Falk, Nomination Committee Chair**
- b. 2016 Homeless PIT Count Update – **Donyielle Holley**

5. **Consent Items:**

a. Committee Reports:

<u>Housing:</u>	<u>Standards/Evaluation:</u>	<u>HMIS Council:</u>
None	None	Verbal Report on CES
<u>Planning:</u>	<u>Employment/Self-Sufficiency:</u>	
None	None	
<u>Membership:</u>	<u>Funding/Finance:</u>	
None	None	

- b. CoC Letters of Support: 1) Community Catalysts - SSVF; 2) LightHouse - SSVF;
3) Fair Housing Council – Pay for Success Supportive Housing Demonstration

c. APRs:

- 1) ABC Recovery Permanent Housing; 2) RCDMH HHOPE Permanent Housing;
- 3) U.S. Vets Transitional Housing; RCDMH Rapid Rehousing

6. **Riverside County CoC Member Comments:**

7. **Call for Agenda Items for the Next Meeting:**

8. **Announcements:**

- a. Special recognition

9. **Next Meeting:** April 27th, 2016, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., James A. Venable Community Center

10. **Adjournment**

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Item 3e: State of California ESG Program Continuum of Care Allocation Solicitation of Interest for Administrative Entity.

Subject: CoC must recommend/approve the proposing AE that would be administering the allocation of State ESG funds.

Contact: Jill Kowalski, Manager, DPSS Homeless Programs Unit (JKowalsk@riversidedpss.org).

Background: The State Housing and Community Development (HCD) is redesigning its ESG program and will distribute its ESG funding from HUD *through the CoC service areas*. Under this program design, the Department has established a dedicated Continuum of Care Allocation and simplified process available to California communities that are able to administer ESG locally. This Solicitation of Interest is intended to identify local government entities that can act as Administrative Entities (AE) of State ESG funds in furtherance of these goals. Beginning in 2016, HCD will distribute funding for Continuum of Care Service Areas (“or Service Areas”) through two allocations:

- Continuum of Care Allocation for Service Areas that contain a city or county that receives ESG directly from HUD; and the
- Balance of State Allocation for Service Areas that do not contain a city or county that receives ESG directly from HUD.

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DPSS has received written confirmation from the Riverside County Economic Development Agency (EDA), the agency that administers County ESG funding, that they will **not** be seeking the State ESG AE entity and funding through this solicitation. EDA has also stated in writing they “fully support DPSS’s proposal to serve as the ESG program administrative agency on behalf of the County of Riverside.” EDA has also committed to providing technical assistance and guidance if needed.

Our CoC’s estimated allocation is as follows:

			2015	2016	Total
8	CA-608	Riverside City & County CoC	\$ 304,982	\$ 304,982	\$ 609,964

This includes the 2015 and 2016 allocation of \$304,982 annually. The allocation was not given in 2015.

The CoC is being asked to approve DPSS being the Administrative Entity for these funds. If the CoC does not approve DPSS as the AE, HCD will ask for a recommendation from the CoC for a non-competitive Rapid Re-housing provider for a portion of the allocation for the county. That means a portion of the

amount we are being allocated would still come to the CoC, but would go to one provider to do Rapid Rehousing. Our county would not receive the full allocation. The solicitation states:

If there is no participating or approved AE for any Service Area in the CoC funding allocation, the Department shall solicit a recommendation from that CoC for a non-competitive Rapid Re-housing provider for a portion of the formula allocation attributed to their Service Area, (percentage to be determined in the Action Plan). The contract will be administered by the Department. The remaining funds will be reallocated statewide using the formula distribution. As a courtesy please notify MeLisa Adams, NOFA Representative, at ESG@hcd.ca.gov if there will be no AE participating for your Service Area.