



County of Riverside Continuum of Care

RE: County of Riverside Continuum of Care (CoC) Membership Application

Dear community member,

Thank you for your interest in participating in the County of Riverside Continuum of Care (CoC). The CoC is the planning body that coordinates the county's policies, strategies and activities toward ending homelessness. It is made up of representatives from public and private agencies serving the homeless population, city and county representatives, law enforcement, churches, food pantries, homeless and formerly homeless individuals and other community residents.

The CoC also reviews and make recommendations regarding proposed homeless services and housing projects to be funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)'s annual application process and is responsible for the coordination of the census of homeless persons in the County as required by HUD or as defined by the CoC to meet the needs of the county.

Any interested stakeholder within the County of Riverside may request to become a member of the CoC. All membership shall be voted on by the CoC. There are two forms of membership: 1) membership of an organization or agency; or 2) membership as an individual. To become a member of the County of Riverside Continuum of Care, the following is required:

- Complete a membership application (included in this packet); and
- Attend three consecutive CoC meetings. At the fourth meeting, the membership request will be placed on the meeting agenda as a consent item for a vote.

CoC members obtain and retain voting privileges through attendance and in accord with established policies. In order to maintain membership in good standing, CoC members are required to attend fifty percent plus one (50% +1) meetings per year. Paid employees/volunteers of a voting agency, who are the designated representative for that agency, are not allowed to also join the CoC as an individual member.

Each agency/organization or individual CoC member must select one delegate who will vote for the organization. An individual identified as the delegate for an agency cannot hold a dual membership as a public member.

Each agency or organization shall also select an alternate delegate who will vote in the absence of the assigned voting delegate. The designation of the delegate and alternate for an agency/organization should be submitted in writing to the CoC Chair on agency letterhead. A sample designation letter is included in the membership packet.

On behalf of the County's Continuum of Care membership, I welcome you in joining our effort to end homelessness in Riverside County!

Sincerely,

David Leahy, Chair
County of Riverside Continuum of Care



County of Riverside Continuum of Care Standing Committees

Committee	Description	Chairperson
Planning Committee	Develops and recommends plans, goals and strategies that will achieve the mission and goals of the CoC. Implements, assigns strategies, plans and goals.	Karyn Young-Lowe
Housing Committee	Addresses the various housing needs and barriers of individuals and families who are currently living in homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless within the County of Riverside.	Darrell Moore
Membership Committee	Recommends and carries out a strategy to recruit new members and expand CoC capacity. Recommends outreach strategies and develops membership recruitment tools. Develops an orientation packet that includes material relevant to the Continuum of Care and the responsibilities for all members to review.	Steve Falk
Funding/Finance Committee	Develops a funding strategy that would expand on existing resources currently used for assisting individuals and families who are currently living in homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless. Identifies various funding sources that include, but are not limited to private, federal and state grants that would support the provision of homeless services in the County of Riverside.	TBD
Standards/Evaluation Committee	Recommends baseline/performance standards for the CoC in compliance with or in addition to funding guidelines/thresholds. Develops a process to evaluate performance of CoC and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) projects. Establishes, trains and supports an annual funding application work group that consists of non-conflicted individuals.	Linda Barrack
Employment/ Self Sufficiency Committee	Addresses the employment and self-sufficiency aspects related to the individuals and families who are currently living in homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless within the County of Riverside.	Steve Falk



County of Riverside Continuum of Care (CoC) Membership Application for *Individuals*

Today's Date: _____

If you are interested in becoming a member of the County of Riverside CoC, complete this form and submit to DPSS Homeless Programs Unit via email: JKowalsk@riversidedpss.org

This form may be completed online at: <http://dpss.co.riverside.ca.us/homeless-programs>

Individual Name:			
Business Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	Phone:
E-mail:			Fax:
Website:			
Please select at least one (1) and up to three (3) Standing Committees you are interested in serving:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Housing Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Employment/Self Sufficiency Committee		
<input type="checkbox"/> Planning Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Standards/Evaluation Committee		
<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Funding/Finance Committee		
Why do you want to be a member of the CoC?			
Do you receive federal funding? Please specify.			
Please provide a brief description that outlines your background and affiliation.			