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Agenda: Special Meeting of the Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH)

Meeting date, time, and place **THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e).**
 Date: **July 27, 2022**
 Time: **9:00 am – 10:00 am**
 Place: **WebEx Meeting:**
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		Time
Call to Order	Chair or Designee will call the meeting to order	9:00 – 9:05 am
Introductions	Chair or Designee will lead the Introductions of the ICH Members by roll call.	9:05 – 9:10 am

Agenda Items: The following items are presented for informational, consent, and discussion purposes.

Public Comment	Open to the public for comments. Members of the public wishing to address the council will need to submit a request to speak prior to the time the Chair calls for public comment by typing in the chat box that you have a public comment. The Chair will call on you in the order the requests are received. Once your name has been called, please unmute yourself and you will then have up to 3 minutes to speak.	
	Consent	
1	Adopt Resolution to Allow Participation in Public Meetings via Teleconference pursuant to Assembly Bill 361	9:10 – 9:15 am
	Information Sharing	
2	Presentation on the CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity – Dr. Joe Colletti, Hub of Urban Initiatives	9:15 – 9:45 am
	Discussion	
3	Establish and approve the appointment of Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) and/or CoC members to serve on the 2022 Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Grant, Grant	9:45 – 10:15 am

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	Review Ad Hoc Committee – Tom Hernandez, Office of Homeless Services	
Closing		10:15 – 10:30 am

Council Roundtable

Open to comments by the Council

Next ICH Meeting

The Interagency Council on Homelessness has scheduled a special meeting for:

August 10, 2022
9:00 am – 11:00 am
WebEx

The next regularly scheduled ICH meeting will be on:

August 24, 2022
9:00 am – 11:00 am
WebEx

Mission Statement
 The mission of the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership is to provide a system of care that is inclusive, well planned, coordinated and evaluated and is accessible to all who are homeless and those at-risk of becoming homeless.

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INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS
FINDING THAT MEETING IN PERSON CONTINUES TO PRESENT AN IMMINENT RISK
TO THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF ATTENDEES
AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order N-29-20, under the provisions of Government Code section 8571, finding that strict compliance with various statutes and regulations specified in that order would prevent, hinder, or delay appropriate actions to prevent and mitigate the effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order N-29-20, in part, suspended certain provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Brown Act) related to participation in meetings via teleconference in order to provide legislative bodies with more flexibility to hold public meetings while maintaining social distancing due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2021, the Governor issued Executive Order N-08-21 which, in part, provides that the teleconferencing provisions set forth in Executive Order N-29-20 expire on September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, the Governor signed Assembly Bill 361 into law, amending the Brown Act in order to continue some of the teleconferencing flexibility during a State of Emergency following the expiration of Executive Order N-29-20 on September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, in order to utilize the teleconferencing provisions of Assembly Bill 361, there must be a proclaimed State of Emergency and either: (1) social distancing measures recommended by State or local officials, or (2) the legislative body determines by majority vote that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, there is currently a State of Emergency in California pursuant to the Governor's March 4, 2020, proclamation; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has established "COVID-19 Community Levels" metric with 3 tiers determined by the higher of the new admissions and inpatient beds metrics, based on the current level of new cases per 100,000 population in the past 7 days; and

WHEREAS, San Bernardino County currently has a "high" COVID-19 Community Level; and

WHEREAS, due to the ongoing State of Emergency and the public health threat posed by COVID-19, the Interagency Council on Homelessness seeks to make findings, as required by Assembly Bill 361, that as a result of the COVID-19 State of Emergency, the highly contagious Omicron and BA.5 variants of COVID-19, the anticipated number of attendees, the likely inability to socially distance, and due to the unique characteristics of the size and capacity of its meeting location, meeting in person continues to present an imminent risk to the health or safety of meeting

attendees; and

WHEREAS, the circumstances of the State of Emergency continue to directly impact the ability of the members of the legislative body and members of the public to meet safely in person at the meeting facilities of the Interagency Council on Homelessness; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of public health and safety, as affected by the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, the Interagency Council on Homelessness thus intend to invoke the provisions of Assembly Bill 361 related to teleconferencing as provided in subdivision (e) of Government Code section 54953; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Interagency Council on Homelessness as follows:

Section 1. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. The Governor's State of Emergency Declaration, issued on March 4, 2020, remains active.

Section 3. As a result of the March 4, 2020, State of Emergency, and the highly contagious Omicron and BA.5 variants of COVID-19, meeting in person at the meeting facilities of the Interagency Council on Homelessness continues to present an imminent risk to the health or safety of attendees due to the unique characteristics of the size and capacity of its meeting facilities, the anticipated number of attendees, and the likely inability to socially distance.

Section 4. This Resolution and the findings contained herein shall apply to all the committees of the Interagency Council on Homelessness that are subject to the Brown Act.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of (i) thirty (30) days after the adoption of this Resolution, or (ii) such time the Interagency Council on Homelessness adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the Interagency Council on Homelessness and its committees subject to the Brown Act may continue to teleconference in compliance with subdivision (e) of Section 54953 of the Government Code.

The foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted this 27th day of July 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Secretary/Clerk

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FROM: Tom Hernandez, Chief of Homeless Services

SUBJECT: 2022 Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Grant Establishment of the Grant Review Committee

DATE: June 22, 2022

RECOMMENDATION

Establish and approve the appointment of Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) and/or CoC members to serve on the 2022 Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Grant, Grant Review Ad Hoc Committee.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Grant Review Committee (GRC) is a chosen group of individuals selected by the CoC to provide recommendations to the governing board, ICH, to recommend new applications, renewal funding, and the rating and ranking of renewals and new programs for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Collaborative Application Process and Submission.

On July 9, 2018, the ICH approved transitioning the GRC from an Ad Hoc Committee to a Standing Committee of the ICH and as such, subject to the Brown Act Requirements. The item moved to select GRC members from voting members of the ICH. The Office of Homeless Services (OHS) was to make the necessary changes to the Standing Committee Policy and Procedures and return to the ICH for approval at a later date. The ICH selected eight (8) ICH members to serve on the Grant Review Standing Committee (the ICH Chair appointed the 9th member to serve as the Chair of the ICH GRC), and three (3) alternates.

The ICH members elected eight ICH members as standing GRC members and three ICH members as alternates.

GRC Members:

- Brenda Dowdy, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools
- Eric Gavin, City of Upland
- Jessica Alexander, Operation Grace
- Miguel McQueen, Workforce Development Department
- Mike Jones, Sheriff's Homeless Outreach Proactive Enforcement
- Dr. Nicole Henley, California State University, San Bernardino
- Shaniqua Freeman, Community Development and Housing Department
- Sharon Green, Victor Valley Family Resource Center

GRC Alternates:

- Barbara Murphy, Kaiser Permanente
- Edwin Broadnax, Veterans Affairs Loma Linda Medical Center

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- Rachel Molina, City of Hesperia

The ICH chair appointed Kent Paxton as Chair of the Grant Review Committee, making him the 9th member.

A motion was made to approve the elected members to the Grant Review Committee and authorize the committee members to recommend new applications and the rating and ranking renewals and new programs for the HUD NOFA submission. All were in favor. None opposed or abstained.

On June 26, 2019, the ICH, reselected members to the GRC Standing Committee, as several previous members were no longer members of the ICH. The following ICH members were selected for the GRC:

- Benda Dowdy, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools
- Steven Sahagun, Veterans Affairs Loma Linda Medical Center
- Rachel Molina, City of Hesperia
- Mike Jones, Sheriff's Homeless Outreach Proactive Enforcement
- Julie Reay, HomeAid Inland Empire
- Dr. Nicole Henley, California State University, San Bernardino
- Barbara Murphy, Kaiser Permanente

GRC alternates:

- Eric Gavin, City of Fontana
- Molly Wiltshire, Workforce Development Department

The OHS was instructed by ICH to provide a special training to the full ICH, so as each member would score the 2019 CoC applications directly and provide rating and ranking at the August 23, 2019, meeting, foregoing the GRC.

On August 28, 2019, the Chair of the ICH introduced an item (No. 3), to approve revisions to the San Bernardino County CoC Operations and Governance Manual and Bylaws, reorganizing the membership and structure of the ICH. The item reduced membership from 40 to 19. Twenty members approved the motion, 10 members opposed the item. The motion passed.

This restructuring of the ICH reduced the membership slightly over half. In terms of the GRC, HUD recommends the following entities participate as part of the collaborative application selection process:

- A Local Education Agency
- Veterans Administration Entity
- City Representative

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- Law and Justice Representative
- Nonprofit Organization
- Emergency Solutions Grant Administrator
- College or University Representative
- Hospital or Healthcare Representative
- Employment or Workforce Development Agency
- Person with Lived Experience
- Domestic Violence Organization

As a result of the change, ICH had fewer members to choose from, who represented some of the HUD recommended agencies.

On October 13, 2019, an item was brought to the ICH to adopt new ICH Committee Regional Rules and Procedures. The new ICH Committee Regional Rules and Procedures, which superseded previous Committee policies, listed a number of standing committees but did not list the GRC as a standing committee. A motion was made to refer the item back to the Strategic Implementation Committee for further refinement. A substitute motion was made to adopt the item as written. The substitute motion was passed 11 to 7 with no abstentions.

In 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, HUD renewed projects without the submission of the Collaborative Application.

In 2021, the Chair and Vice-Chair selected representatives to serve as the GRC for the 2021 CoC Competition. The GRC included members of the CoC from a healthcare agency, Veterans agency, person with lived experience, law enforcement agency, city representative, and nonprofit agency. Not all members of the GRC were ICH members, but all were members of the CoC.

This action will establish the GRC as an ad hoc committee and approve the GRC members for the 2022 CoC competition. The OHS is recommending five (5) to seven (7) members, however, the decision is up to the discretion of the ICH.

On July 14, 2022, the Chair advised the OHS to send out a notice recruiting volunteers for the GRC. Interested volunteers were asked to respond if they were interested in participating a member of the GRC by July 18, 2022. The applicants are listed in the Attachment to this item.

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The Vice-Chair asked to include her recommendations to the ICH for the GRC. Ms. Alexander is recommending the following individuals to be selected as GRC members for 2022:

- Erika Lewis-Huntley- City Rep & West Valley
- Damon Alexander- City Rep & Central Valley
- Daniel Belew- Veteran & Lived Experience
- Ben Jauregui- Healthcare Representative from Inland Empire Health Plan
- Shonie Perry- San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools
- Astrid Johnson- Nonprofit (Morongo Basin Haven) & Morongo Region Homeless Provider Network (HPN) Representative
- Lois Perkins- Nonprofit (Life Community Development) from the High Desert Region
- Mike Jones- Law & Justice Group

Ms. Alexander is recommending these individuals as members of the GRC in order to represent each region and each recommended agency. Her recommendation includes every individual who volunteered. She chose two non-profit organizations because they represent very different regions and interests within the CoC. She recommends 4 government and 4 non-government representatives, so it follows the regional pattern for balancing the GRC.

Recusal Policy

The Grant Review Committee membership shall adhere to the Governance Charter **Conflict of Interest and Recusal Policy**. Although it is not established as a legal entity, the ICH membership will conduct decision-making in accordance with 24 CFR parts 84 or 85 for non-profit organizations and state, local, and government agencies that receive federal funds. The Conflict of Interest Policy for the CoC Board must also meet the conditions set forth in the Interim Rule, section 578.95(b).

ICH Members and persons acting on behalf of the Partnership must remove themselves from the decision-making or evaluation process when a personal or organizational conflict exists. ICH Members must recuse themselves during the decision-making or evaluation process and may not participate in absentia through electronic or other means.

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ATTACHMENT

GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE APPLICANTS

	Applicant	HPN/CoC/ICH member
A city representative	Erika Lewis Huntly – City of Rancho	ICH Board member
	William Llama – City of Victorville	Not an ICH/HPN or CoC member
	Council Damon L. Alexander – City of San Bernardino	Individual is not ICH/HPN or CoC member – but the city has an ICH Board member seat
	Natalie Komuro - City of Ontario Community Life & Culture	Member of HPN
A veteran’s representative	Daniel Belew – Veteran w/lived experience starting a non-profit	Not an ICH/HPN or CoC member
A person with lived experience	Daniel Belew – Veteran w/lived experience starting a non-profit	Not an ICH/HPN or CoC member
A healthcare representative	Ben Jauregui – IEHP	Member of HPN
A school’s representative	Shonie Perry - San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools	ICH Board member
	Manuel Zavala – Student Hires	Not an ICH/HPN or CoC member
A non-profit organization representative and	Karen Scott – First Five	Not an ICH/HPN or CoC member
	Meghan Steed Garvey – First Step Staffing	Not an ICH/HPN or CoC member
	Jere J. Thasher – KEYS Nonprofit	Member of HPN
	June Chambliss – Women Who Matter Too	Member of HPN
	Stephanie Congdon – Autism Society of the IE	Not an ICH/HPN or CoC member
	Daniel Belew – Veteran w/lived experience starting a non-profit	Not an ICH/HPN or CoC member
	Zazette Scott – Foothill AIDS Project	Member of HPN

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	Russell Degnan – Operation New Hope	Not an ICH/HPN or CoC member
	Ricardo Forbes - Lutheran Social Services of Southern California	Member of HPN
	Lois Perkins - Life Community Development	Member of HPN
	Magdalena Victoria-Bianchi – Fostering Kids For Life	Not an ICH/HPN or CoC member
	Astrid Johnson – Morongo Basin ARCH	Member of HPN and ICH Board member
A Law & Justice representative	Mike Jones – Deputy Sheriff	Member of HPN

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