



AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Control: 26001604

MEETING DATE: 08/11/2026
LEGAL ENTITY TAKING ACTION: Board of Supervisors
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT(S): All Districts
SUBMITTING AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: County Executive Office
DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSON(S): Douglas Becht, 714-834-5000
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SUBJECT: Approve the Adaptation of a County-created Tool by Rutgers

CEO CONCUR

Concur

COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW

Approve agreement to form

CLERK OF THE BOARD

CONSENT CALENDAR

3 Votes Board Majority

Budgeted: N/A

Current Year Cost: N/A

Annual Cost: N/A

Staffing Impact: No

Sole Source: N/A

Current Fiscal Year

Funding Source: N/A

County Audit in Last 3

Revenue: N/A

years: No

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Completed? N/A

Prior Board Action: N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Authorize the County Executive Officer or designee to execute Approval of Adaptation of the Coordinated Entry System Moving On Assessment Tool with Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey.

SUMMARY:

Approval of the adaptation of a County of Orange-created Coordinated Entry System Moving On Assessment Tool for use by Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, will support the development and improvements of homeless service system delivery.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Orange County CoC's Coordinated Entry System (CES) Moving On Assessment Tool was developed by the County of Orange's (County) Office of Care Coordination in their capacity as the CES for the Orange County CoC. The CES Moving On Assessment Tool was approved and adopted for use by the Orange County CoC Board on December 20, 2023. This has been incorporated into the CES Policies and Procedures and supports Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program participants in moving between PSH opportunities and/or to graduate to a less intensive permanent housing intervention, such a Housing Choice Voucher, pending availability. The CES Moving On Assessment Tool evaluates several functional domains

using a scored rating scale related to participant's likelihood to remain permanently housed such as utility and rental payment history, income growth, housing stability and more

On May 11, 2026, an Associate Professor from the School of Social Work at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey (Rutgers), reached out to the Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC) noting that they conducted research on homeless services with a focus on transition from PSH. Through this research, the Associate Professor came across the CES Moving On Assessment Tool. The Associate Professor conducted focus groups consisting of people who were living or had lived in PSH for the purpose of getting their feedback and preferences for a Moving on Assessment, which included the CES Moving On Assessment Tool, as part of their work with the National Alliance to End Homelessness.

The research focus groups liked many aspects of the Orange County CoC tool and provided feedback on various additions and edits to create a new tool for the purpose of facilitating a Moving On Assessment. These edits included more intentional language around substance use service engagement, adding comments to sections to explain scores, the option to add domains, and an intentional planning component for participants. Using the focus groups' findings and their quantitative study findings on predictors of successful exits from PSH, the Associate Professor created the "Life After Supportive Housing" Readiness Self-Assessment Tool & Action Plan (LASH) that is adapted from the Orange County CoC's CES Moving on Assessment Tool. The Associate Professor published a report detailing this process, which also includes the LASH (Attachment A).

The Associate Professor has received requests from other CoC's and professional consultants who are interested in implementing and utilizing LASH as part of their homeless service delivery framework. As such, the Associate Professor reached out to the Office of Care Coordination to receive approval for the adaptation of the Orange County CoC's CES Moving On Assessment Tool, given that it is attributed as such in the report.

The Office of Care Coordination worked with County Counsel and Rutgers to develop the Approval of Adaptation of the CES Moving On Assessment Tool, Attachment B, and is now seeking Board of Supervisors (Board) approval for its execution. County Counsel approved Attachment B to form.

The Office of Care Coordination is requesting this approval from the Board with the hope that LASH will be used by other communities working to address homelessness and the improvement of homeless service system delivery. The Office of Care Coordination notified the Orange County CoC Board of this request at the July 22, 2026, meeting and will continue to provide relevant updates related to the use of LASH.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

STAFFING IMPACT:

N/A

REVIEWING AGENCIES/DEPARTMENTS:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A - Developing the Life After Supportive Housing (LASH) Readiness Self-Assessment Tool Report

