

Imperial Valley Continuum of Care Council Membership Application

Interested organizations and individuals can join the Imperial Valley Continuum of Care Council (IVCCC) by attending a regularly scheduled meeting, completing an application and committing to participate in the work of the IVCCC to achieve stated purposes and goals.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name of Organization or Individual	
Street Address	
City, State, Zip Code	
Contact E-mail address	
Contact Telephone number	
Type of Membership Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Organization
Name of Executive Director	

For Organizational Membership, up to three (3) persons may represent the organization each year. The following persons have been selected to represent the Organization member listed above:

Name of Representative #1 _____ Email: _____

This person is a(n): Board Member Contractor Employee Volunteer Other _____

Name of Representative #2 _____ Email: _____

This person is a(n): Board Member Contractor Employee Volunteer Other _____

Name of Representative #3 _____ Email: _____

This person is a(n): Board Member Contractor Employee Volunteer Other _____

Organization Profile

Type of Organization Public Private for Profit Not for Profit Foundation or Philanthropy
 Other _____

Size of Organization: 0-25 Employees 26-50 51-250 Over 250 Over 500

Primary service or business of organization: _____

For Individual Membership, is the Individual listed above affiliated with one or more organizational member agencies of CoC?

Yes No Unknown If Yes, identify Organization(s) and Relationship(s) below:

Name of Organization #1 _____

This person is a(n): Board Member Contractor Employee Volunteer Other _____

Name of Organization #2 _____

This person is a(n): Board Member Contractor Employee Volunteer Other _____

CoC Membership Requirements:

- √ Commitment to the CoC Mission
- √ Agree to participate in the work of the CoC as evidenced by regular participation in annual, quarterly, or monthly meetings as scheduled
- √ Abide by the Conflict of Interest and Code of Conduct policies
- √ Review and approve Governance Charter and amendments at least annually
- √ Ratify full Governance Board Members annually
- √ Elect Full Membership Liaison Representatives from the Board
- √ Approve & receive annual meeting calendar
- √ Voluntarily participate on Advisory Committees

Please select the CoC committee; as an organization or individual member, in which you wish to participate (Description attached):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluation and Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Diversity and Inclusion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Education, Training and Employment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Mainstream Resources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Point In Time | <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach and Recruitment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Victim Services | |

Applicant Acknowledgement: (initials) _____ By submitting this application, I am committing to basic membership requirements identified above.
Applicant Signature of Individual or Authorized Organizational Representative: _____ Date of application: _____

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE – CoC STAFF PROCESSING ONLY	
Member added to: Date:	<input type="checkbox"/> CoC Membership Roster <input type="checkbox"/> E-mail Distribution Group
Member Provided IVCCC Website: www.cociv.org for Access to IVCCC electronic information. Date:	<input type="checkbox"/> IVCCC Governance Charter: <input type="checkbox"/> IVCCC Meeting schedule <input type="checkbox"/> IVCCC Announcements

IVCCC COMMITTEES

1. **CoC Evaluation and Resources Committee:** Responsible for monitoring, evaluating and recommending improvements to enhance the performance of the IVCCC in its mission. It provides project and community evaluation information and support, monitors best practice approaches throughout the United States and recommends changes in our region.

In addition, the committee is responsible for identifying sources of funds needed to meet the mission of the IVCCC. It provides sustainability recommendations and support.

2. **Veterans Committee:** Responsible to 1) develop strategies to identify and serve veterans; 2) Explore funding opportunities, including advocating for rightful VA services in the Valley.

In addition, the committee identifies, assesses, and refers Veterans experiencing homelessness, who are eligible for U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) housing and services, to appropriate resources such as HUD-VASH, Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF) program and Grant and Per Diem (GPD). Meets throughout the year to disseminate information and ensure coordination of service providers in meeting the holistic need of all veterans countywide, with an emphasis on veterans who are homeless, unemployed or under-employed, and in need of a variety of support services.

3. **Youth Services Committee:** Responsible to 1) Develop awareness of issues related to homeless youth, Transitional Age Youth (TAY); 2) Identify gaps in services for the population, develop a service ‘wish list’ and goals; 3) Prepare for funding opportunities to serve this population; 4) Advocate for Point In Time (PIT) special/dedicated count of youth.

Additional tasks include: Increase availability of housing and services for all youth experiencing unsheltered homelessness by providing new resources or more effectively using existing resources, including securing additional funding.

Reports on youth opportunities, new projects and funding opportunities, assessment of regional needs and priorities and updates on youth-targeting programs. Works with other CoC leaders and the IVCCC Executive Board to secure new funding – federal, state, local and private. Advises the public and private sector on how to better use existing resources and better tailor services and housing for homeless youth.

4. **Point In Time Count Committee:** Plans for and operationalizes annual PIT, including but not limited to: 1) Creating training activities /events for PIT volunteers; 2) Setting up PIT teams for the actual count; identifying team captains and train them appropriately; 3) Preparing survey and observation documents and maps; 4) Creating system for gathering all the completed survey and observation forms from teams; 5) Preparing final reports of PIT results, as needed and in concert with HMIS provider.
5. **Victim Services Committee:** Informs CoC so that it can maximize client choice for housing while ensuring safety and confidentiality. Coordinates with victim services providers to provide annual training to CoC member organizations and CES staff that addresses best practices in serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, detecting and reporting suspected violence, recognizing warning signs, ensuring client confidentiality and safety and trauma-informed practices.

Committees Under Coordinated Entry System (CES)

- A. **Diversity and Inclusion Committee -** Provides oversight to ensure the safety and welcoming inclusion of all people regardless of orientation and ensures equal access for individuals and households to all shelter and Fair Housing programs and services, including communicating effectively with persons with disabilities and limited English proficiency, regardless of funding source. It also researches and monitors best practices and evidence-

backed models in other regions to advise CoC members. Provides support and training to CoC in understanding and responding to the specific needs of individuals and households.

- B. Education, Training and Employment Committee: Increases access to employment and non-employment cash resources which includes identification of training, education and employment opportunities, advocacy on behalf of homeless persons with education systems, training programs, employment agencies and other services.

Forms linkages with government offices to ensure a streamlined process for obtaining entitlement incomes and non-cash resources for homelessness to increase their incomes and achieve stability in housing. Coordinates the provision of information and referral resources for all CoC members.

- C. Mainstream Resources, Benefits and Services: Assists CoC to ensure all member agencies are informed of and connected to mainstream programs and resources available to individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Member agencies are updated in referral protocols, eligibility criteria and other aspects of mainstream benefits available in order to provide assistance to apply and receive benefits and expanded resources.

Examples of Mainstream Resources, Benefits and Services includes CalFresh (Food Stamps), SSI, TANF, Medicaid, substance abuse programs, education and training, employment preparation and referral, family support, transportation assistance, legal consultation and financial literacy training.

- D. Outreach and Recruitment Committee: Outreach - calls for member organizations to conduct assessments of need and vulnerability and outreach of homeless individuals and families to ensure that all individuals and families are served and included in community information exchange system and have access to fair housing.

Recruitment - Reaching out to community and faith-based organizations and agencies that may contribute to the CoC and share what services their agency provides.