

SOUTH BAY COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 10, 2014, 10:00 am -12:00 pm

LAPD Harbor Community Police Station

2175 John S. Gibson Blvd., San Pedro

Attendees: Libby Boyce (LACo CEO), Mark Silverbush (SPCH), Melissa Banvelos (Harbor/UCLA), Mary Bartel (Project NEEDS), Ameerah Brown (US Vets), Chery Carew (Family Promise), Karen Ceaser (CSPNC, SP-DMH), Johan Dodge (SP United Methodist), Elizabeth Eastlund (Rainbow), Mary Agnes Erlandson (St. Margaret's Center), Tahia Hayslet (HIS), Joyce Ismail (DPSS), Julie Jacks (Family Promise), Milessia Lans (Women Shelter Long Beach), Ryan Macy-Hurley (1736 FCC), Jamie Martinez (Harbor/UCLA), Zhena McCullam (DMH), Louis Mena (School on Wheels), Yolanda Polony (DPSS), Ana Reoyo (DPSS), Bill Roberson (SP United Methodist), Elaine Ruggiero (Community Member), Jasmine Sadberry (Harbor/UCLA), Eddie Sanders (SPA 2 Coalition, Northeast Valley Health Corp), Tim Smith (Beach Cities Christian Fellowship), Paul Stansbury (NAMI South Bay), Veronica Turner (DPH), Shari Weaver (HIS), Nancy Wilcox (St Peter's By The Sea Presby).

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** Mark Silverbush opened the meeting at 10:08 am with a recap of our Mission focus, followed by a round of attendee introductions.
2. **Minutes Review & Approval.** The August General Meeting minutes were approved without changes.
3. **Member Agency Announcements**
 - a. Julie Jacks reported that Family Promise of South Bay is holding two fundraisers: "Cardboard City" on September 20th-21st, and "Empty Bowls" on October 11th; at the latter event, each person gets to keep a handcrafted ceramic bowl. Nancy Wilcox said Family Promise fills an important service gap by providing emergency shelter to families that are newly homeless.
 - b. Paul Stansbury talked about the National Alliance on Mental Illness "NAMIWalk" being held this year in downtown Los Angeles' Grand Park on October 11th.
 - c. Nancy asked all the agencies to send her flyers on special events they are having between Thanksgiving and New Year's so we can promote them with our Coalition partners.
4. **SBCH Committee Reports.** Mark gave a brief summary of how these committees were formed. At our July Retreat, we identified the top five areas the attendees felt needed immediate attention. These committees are a great opportunity to get more actively involved with the Coalition. Even if you do not have expertise in an area but nevertheless are interested in one, we encourage your participation.
 - a. **Governance.** Nancy gave the report for Emma Ogley-Oliver, who was out of town on a research project. At its initial meeting on September 8th, members discussed what "governance" meant to them and shared ideas for an organizational tree. The committee is

defining the governance framework for the Coalition, with suggested named leadership positions, election procedures, terms of office, etc. It will also recommend each committee maintain minutes of their respective meetings. The creation of by-laws was discussed. Although we are not a 501(c)3, the committee felt it was important to have such rules defined. Their next meeting is on Monday, October 16th, 5:50-6:30 pm at Marymount's Waterfront campus. Contact Emma for more details at eogleyoliver@icloud.com.

- b. **Membership.** Mary Bartel reported this committee is working on several items:
- (1) Developing a Q&A handout giving a general overview of our mission; (2) Barbie Johnson is reviewing the existing "1-pagers" for clarity from a new person's perspective; (3) Reviewing the definition of "membership," if we should charge dues, etc. This will be coordinated with the Advocacy committee since it is also inviting elected officials to our Coalition; (4) Developing a "30-second elevator speech." The next meeting is in October. Contact Mary at projectneedsrb@gmail.com.
- c. **Marketing.** Bill Roberson is waiting until the other committees are further along in their development. At that time, he will look at what "shiny" brochures can be developed to communicate our organization's mission and expertise to the broader community. He is seeking people with expertise in marketing to join his committee. Contact Bill at roamerbill@yahoo.com.
- d. **Advocacy.** Paul Stansbury talked about the committee's next meeting scheduled for September 11th. They are developing a contact list of elected officials, local media outlets, etc. They are planning on developing guides with talking points and providing training for those interested in meeting with community members and policymakers. They are also exploring opening a SPA 8 winter shelter in the LA continuum. Their next meeting is on October 1 at 2:00 pm; contact Paul at PStans5@aol.com.
- e. **Website.** Nancy conveyed that she and Sue Castillo met and discussed the audience targeted for the revamped site. Both agreed it would not necessarily be for those experiencing homelessness but rather would focus on providing general information to the community and a vehicle for members to share information. Sue defined the top level "home page" content areas and Nancy is going to develop the detailed site map. The platform will be decided once all the functionality is flushed out. Nancy asked those in attendance to send her websites they felt were laid out well and easy to navigate. Eddie Sanders suggested looking at Ventura's Homeless Coalition's site, vchhc.org/index.html. Others recommended there be information for the homeless to direct them to resources, and that we maintain an event calendar. Their next meeting is scheduled for Sept 22nd at 4:00; contact Nancy at nancywilcox777@gmail.com.
5. **Homeless Count 2015 Update.** Mark gave an overview of the Homeless Count, which will be conducted in service planning area (SPA) 8 on Wednesday, January 28th.
- It is comprised of a separate shelter, street, youth count; the fourth component, the "demographic survey," is a comprehensive questionnaire that is used to statistically determine the population demographics. He emphasized working with the youth ages 18-24

is especially challenging and if any organization has experience with this age group to contact us so we can involve them with this activity.

- He then explained the “opt-in” program where, if all the census tracts are completed within that jurisdiction, we can get key data at a local city/community level rather than at the collective SPA level.
- We will be having continued conversations about the Coalition’s role in HC15. We will need to consider what areas are a priority to complete, providing a comprehensive view of the high level areas of homelessness.
- Nancy reported that the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) has completed its selection of SPA regional coordinators and will announce them shortly. This person will be working closely with our Coalition. We will be setting aside more time at our monthly meetings to coordinate these activities.
- The street count volunteers will probably be trained via an online course prior to this activity. Karen Ceaser requested that the deployment site leader training be held locally. Some of the requirements for deployment centers are that they be open in the evening the night of the count, have sufficient parking, and possibly security.
- Other suggestions brought up at the meeting: (1) have business size cards made with the HC15 signup info – these are better than full page flyers; (2) have some place online where community members can identify where they have seen those who are homeless so these specific hotspots can be checked the night of the Count.

6. Coordinating Council (CC) Report Back. On behalf of Katie Hill and Jessy Neeham, Nancy gave a review of the HUD Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) plans.

- The CC made the recommendation that a “Reallocation Pool” be created that takes funds from these areas to create monies for new projects: (1) “supportive service only” programs that are for transportation, child care, employment, and healthcare assistance – these projects will not be renewed; (2) projects that have historically unspent their funding in excess of 5% for the past three years – the lowest amount of the underspent funds will go into this new funding pool. Nancy explained that this unused portion is returned to HUD each year.
- The housing authorities (HA) have a large sum that is underspent. The reason for this is very complicated, but primarily is because HUD funds housing vouchers at 100% of the rentals rates when the HA typically has the client pay 30%. The HA will also be contributing to the Reallocation Pool.
- LAHSA will release an RFP shortly for funding from this Reallocation Pool: RRH for families and PSH projects for individuals. If interested in accessing these funds, contact Nancy or Mark. There will be a very short turnaround timeline when the RFP is released.

7. Co-Chairs’ Report. Mark reported on the following:

- He and Nancy are part of the “Coalition of Coalitions” headed by Leslie Clarke (United Homeless Healthcare Partners, UHHP), Todd Palmquest (SPA 3 Consortium), and Carrie Bach

(DPH). It is an organization that advocates for concerns of common interest among all the homeless coalitions, and is also looking into understanding and promoting the use of “best practices.” Eddie read portions of its living mission statement [Note: it is attached to these minutes].

- With the successful launch of the “coordinated entry” systems for individuals (CES) and families (HFSS) this summer, we are planning a “Housing Summit” for providers in our region similar to what SPA 2 holds.
- Our October General Meeting will start 30 minutes earlier since it is being held in conjunction with LAHSA’s Quarterly Meeting: October 8th, 9:30 am – noon.
- [Note: In the interest of time, Nancy did not file a report but her activities are described in an addendum to these minutes.]

8. **Featured Speaker:** Libby Boyce from the Los Angeles County CEO’s Office was our guest speaker. She is the Homeless Coordinator and advises the Board of Supervisors on all homeless related policy, planning, and programmatic issues that impact the County. [Note: her briefing is included; the notes below reflect comments she made on each slide.]

- She has been working for the County since 1991 and started working with homelessness issues in 2004 at DPH. She moved to the CEO’s office in 2010.
- In 2006, the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors (“Board”) approved the \$100M Homeless Prevention Initiative (HPI). \$80M was for one time funding, of which \$32M went to the communities during 2006-07. The Board allocates \$15M each year. Of that, half goes to each Board office (\$1.4M) for homeless efforts within their district; the other half goes to a combination of Homeless Court, HFSS, Housing Resource Database (socialservice.com), and other projects.
- Department of Mental Health (DMH)
 - The Homeless Outreach Teams are for *crisis* situations where “5150” individuals are identified [Note: “5150” refers to the involuntary confinement of a person suspected of having a mental disorder and who is an immediate danger to himself or others].
 - The Homeless Family Solutions System has \$1.5M allocation to have a Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) representative onsite at each HFSS site. The Department of Mental Health (DMH) has a contract with DPSS to provide linkages to its program.
 - Housing Trust Fund: there are 1,000 PSH units throughout L.A. County.
 - Project 50/60: targets the most vulnerable. Very active in the San Fernando Valley because of Sup. Yaroslavsky’s interest.
 - Innovation Integrated Mobile Health Teams: there are five funded teams.
 - Per Paul, the SPA 8 full service mental health providers are Mental Health America (MHA), Exodus Recovery in Redondo Beach, and Harbor/UCLA Medical Center (run by DMH).

- Department of Public Social Services (DPSS)
 - She acknowledged the challenges of working with this department and this is one of the reasons a DPSS representative is now onsite at the HFSS centers to assist families.
- Department of Health Services (DHS)
 - Under the leadership of Dr. Mitch Katz, he plans to bring 15,000 units online in the next few years.
 - The Interim Housing for “Recuperative Care” currently includes 25 beds at Bell Shelter, some at PATH, and additional beds opening soon in Compton. DHS is interested in finding other sites in the county.
 - These housing resources are for the frequent users of the county ERs. Per Veronica Turner, this is defined as someone who uses the ER or who was an in-patient admit 2-times a year.
 - Eddie added Illuminations Foundations provides recuperative beds for patients regardless of what hospital they were treated.
 - Permanent Supportive Housing: For qualifying individuals, there is subsidized housing under the management of Brilliant Corners [formerly West Bay Housing Corp]. They are primarily depending on market rate rentals, either new developments or rehabbed facilities, to fill this program’s expansion needs.
 - Specialized Clinical Services: provides mobile intense case management for those living in the aforementioned PSH. There is a 24/7-crisis line for managers to call.
 - This housing is available for undocumented individuals and also those with no income since it is a county-funded program [as opposed to a federal program]. It is expanding to families and seniors. Discharge planners at Harbor/UCLA are putting in applications for their patients to this program.
- Other County Funded Homeless Programs
 - Housing Database: socialserve.com is maintained by the County. It features information on each rental unit such as whether it accepts Section 8 vouchers, is ADA compliant, etc.
 - Single Adult Model: \$4M is currently in this program but it does not include supportive services. The program is being enhanced to provide these. If an individual is assessed with mental health, he or she will be linked to services through DMH; those with more physical needs will be connected with DHS. There are 410 rental subsidy slots in this program, which is being modeled after the DHS program. It will have 1 director (on board by the end of the year), 2 triage navigators, 1 SSI specialist; it will also use Brilliant Corners to manage its properties.

A question was asked if this would be connected with CES; if clients fit the criteria, they can be referred to it but this coordination has not been formally implemented yet so the referrals will currently come from DPSS (for long time General Relief (GR) users).

Libby continued by saying there will be seven multi-disciplinary integrated teams funded through DMH, one in each SPA (3 & 7 will share one), each comprised of a mental health profession, physician, RN, substance abuse counselor, and a peer. Eighty slots countywide will be allocated to this under the Single Adult Model. These teams will provide long term, street level engagement.

- A question was raised about the cut in DPSS' Family "120 Day Program." Libby explained it is now folded into the more comprehensive HFSS program. HFSS serves "literally homeless" families and not those who are "couch surfing," which is considered a diversion since we do not want families staying at shelters or living in cars. The concern is these families have exhausted their eligibility on other programs. Libby will follow up with additional conversations with DPSS about these specific types of families. She clarified that the HFSS program serves both CalWorks and non-CalWorks families.
- TAY Housing (Transitional Age Youth): the County is in the early stages of developing a comprehensive housing plan for TAY. The ILP and THP programs are connected through the Department of Children and Family Services.
- Other Notes: Homeless families: over 800 families have been served so far since July 1st, with a 25% increase in "211" calls [Note: families access HFSS services by first calling 211]. There are funding challenges because many are not DPSS/CalWorks/Welfare to Work families.
- Additional Comments
 - DMH and DHS staff will be using the VI-SPDADT assessment tool.
 - Libby acknowledged the efforts of the UHHP's Coalition of Coalitions as a great way to stay connected to and coordinate resources. She also encouraged us to be involved with LAHSA decisions.
 - It is vital to get all our systems aligned and we need to think strategically on how to accomplish this. For the past decade the City [of Los Angeles] and County have been successfully coordinating their respective efforts. All the SPA's are also working well together on homeless issues.
 - She was asked about the success of the "housing first" model. It is a proven approach that is used in all the funded programs.
 - Another question raised was about the services available for undocumented persons. There is some funding through HFSS (rental assistance, but limited) and housing assistance through the DHS Flexible Subsidy program.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Wilcox and Mary Agnes Erlandson.

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Addendum**

Co-Chairs' Report. In August, Nancy attended the following special meetings:

- “Health Homes Charrette”: The Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) held a 3 day “charrette” (i.e., a stakeholder meeting to map solutions) to develop recommendations for the implementation of California Assembly Bill 361 (AB361).

Background: The Affordable Care Act (“Obama Care”) now covers health home services through Medi-Cal for chronically homeless beneficiaries and those frequent users of hospitals. It does not fund housing but the “supportive services” needed once permanent housing has been secured. It is up to each state to enact legislation to implement these services. In California, AB361 was signed into law in October 2013. The CA Department of Health Care Service (DHCS) is charged with defining the program. The Los Angeles CSH charrette was then developed to provide recommendations to DHCS from local community leaders and stakeholders. It is anticipated AB361 will be fully implemented in late 2015 or 2016.

Recommendations were created based on the charrette discussions focused in these areas: (1) Targeting and Outreach; (2) Care Mgmt Model; (3) Coordinated Across Health Home Partners; (4) Alignment with Housing Systems; (5) Outcome Standards; (6) Payment Methodology. Please contact Nancy at nancywilcox777@gmail.com for more information.

- Human Trafficking: with Shari Weaver, attended a seminar hosted by the City of Long Beach featuring experts from Homeland Security. Human trafficking has grown nationally into a \$150 billion industry and includes sex or labor trafficking. Locally in SPA 8, it is predominant in Long Beach especially among gangs exploiting women and young girls; it is now more lucrative than selling drugs. When undocumented victims flee to domestic violence shelters, their stays are typically much longer than other DV victims since it can take years for them to get special “U” or “T” visas. There is a Long Beach Human Trafficking Task Force that meets monthly; contact it at LBHTTF@gmail.com.
- Coordinated Entry System (CES)/Veterans Affairs (VA): As part of a larger system-organizational integration that is taking place, an all day planning meeting was held. VA – Greater Los Angeles is forming teams composed of a psychologist, nurse, housing navigator, peer, and other specialties; there will be one such team deployed at each SPA starting this October. The same assessment tool used by CES, the VI-SPDAT, will now be given to every homeless Veteran the VA processes. Please contact Shari for more information at sweaver@harborinterfaith.org.

Los Angeles County Funded Homeless Programs



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Homeless Coordinator Duties

- **Oversee the Homeless Prevention Initiative (HPI) funding**
- **Assist the Board offices in problem-solving and decision-making related to homelessness**
- **Develop strategies for addressing homeless subpopulations**
- **Coordinate the efforts of all County departments on homeless related activities**
- **Coordinate with the City and LAHSA on homeless related issues**
- **Represent the County on any homeless related workgroups and community-based activities**



Department of Mental Health

Homeless Programs

- **Homeless Outreach Teams** - Outreach and engagement services to the homeless population with the goal of linking them to on-going mental health, physical health and other community services.
- **Homeless Family Solution System** - Assists homeless families dealing with mental health issues who are on CalWORKS to transition into permanent housing.
- **Full Service Partnership Programs** - Serves clients of all ages with intensive mental health needs, including those who are homeless, and provides services that support recovery.
- **Housing Trust Fund** - Provides supportive services to DMH clients living in Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH).
- **Project 50/60, Street-to-Home and Other Similar Projects** - Targets the most vulnerable individuals who are homeless and mentally ill, and uses a housing first approach to assist them with obtaining and maintaining affordable permanent housing.
- **Innovation Integrated Mobile Health Teams** - Field-based teams that provide integrated health, mental health and substance abuse services to the most vulnerable homeless individuals, using a housing first approach to assist with obtaining and maintaining affordable permanent housing.



Department of Mental Health

Homeless Programs

- **Permanent Supportive Housing**
 - Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Housing Program - Provides capital and operating funds for the development of PSH dedicated to DMH clients.
 - Facilitating Partnerships Between PSH Developers and Mental Health Service Providers - Assists PSH developers to make services available to homeless and mentally ill tenants which increases the number of PSH units available to this population.
- **Federal Housing Subsidy** - Secures grants from the City and County Housing Authorities to provide Shelter Plus Care certificates and Homeless Section 8 vouchers for PSH for DMH clients that meet the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) definition of homelessness.
- **Rental Assistance** - Provides funding for security deposits, household goods and eviction prevention for DMH clients who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and have limited or no income.
- **Temporary Shelter** - Provides short-term basic living support services to consumers and their families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.



Department of Public Social Homeless Programs

- **Temporary Homeless Assistance** – A homeless CalWORKs family can receive from \$65 up to \$125 per night (depending on the Assistance Unit's size) for temporary shelter in a hotel/motel or commercial establishment for up to 16 consecutive days.
- **Permanent Homeless Assistance** – A homeless CalWORKs family can receive help with move-in costs, such as last month's rent, deposits, utility deposits, and cleaning fees, provided the family's rent costs do not exceed 80% of the total monthly household income.
- **Permanent Arrearage Payment** – CalWORKs families who have received an eviction notice or notice to pay or quit due to non-payment of rent because of a financial hardship, may qualify to pay for up to two months in rent arrearages to prevent eviction. The family's monthly rent costs cannot exceed 80% of the total monthly household income.
- **Moving Assistance for CalWORKs Families** – CalWORKs families participating in Welfare to Work who are experiencing a financial crisis, including homelessness or at-risk of homelessness (already received eviction notice or 3-day notice to pay or quit) may receive funds to secure permanent housing. MA provides funds for the last month's rent, security deposits, utility turn-on fees, and moving expenses (e.g., truck rental). The program also provides up to \$405 for a stove and/or refrigerator.
- **Emergency Assistance to Prevent Eviction** - Helps CalWORKs families participating in Welfare to Work who are at risk of losing their housing because of non-payment of rent due to a financial hardship to prevent eviction and remain in permanent housing. EAPE provides up to \$2,000 to help pay rent and/or utilities for up to two months in arrears to assist the family in maintaining permanent housing.



Department of Public Social Services Programs

- **Housing Relocation Program** - Provides a one-time-only relocation subsidy of up to \$1,500 to eligible CalWORKs participants working 20 hours or more per week or with a documented offer of employment for 20 hours or more per week. In addition, the family may receive up to \$405 to purchase a stove/refrigerator if needed for the new place.
- **4-Month Rental Assistance Program for CalWORKs Families**– Assists homeless CalWORKs Welfare-to-Work families to remain in non-subsidized permanent housing by providing a short-term rental subsidy for up to four consecutive months (between \$400 and \$500).
- **Homeless Family Solution System** - This joint effort between DPSS, the Department of Mental Health (DMH), the Department of Public Health, the City and County of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) connects homeless families to a Center within their own community to get them permanently re-housed as quickly as possible. The system provides crisis intervention, access to supportive services, crisis housing, housing location and case management services.
- **Homeless Case Management** – DPSS Homeless Case Managers work with CalWORKs homeless families to facilitate their access to services, initiate referrals, and move the family into permanent housing. The services include crisis intervention, short-term stabilization, needs assessment, employment services, advocacy, and an individualized housing plan.
- **Skid Row Access Team (SRAT)** – A team comprised of staff from Departments of Public Social Services (DPSS), Mental Health (DMH), Public Health (DPH) and Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) identifies homeless families in the Skid Row area and connects them with available benefits and services.



Department of Health Services

- **Interim Housing** - Includes recuperative care and stabilization housing.
 - Recuperative care provides interim housing with health monitoring to DHS patients who are homeless and recovering from an acute illness or injury. It is the goal of DHS to transition patients from recuperative care to permanent supportive housing.
 - Stabilization housing provides interim housing to homeless DHS patients who are moving into permanent supportive housing soon. Clients receive temporary housing, meals, intensive case management services, and transportation.
- **Permanent Supportive Housing** - Permanent housing linked to a flexible array of support services that provides homeless people with housing stability, improved health status, and greater levels of independence and economic security.
- **Specialized Clinical Services** - In addition to providing a clinic for homeless in the Skid Row area, DHS has established a clinical team (Physician, NP or PAC) to provide clinical support and guidance across the range of DHS housing settings and through participation in multi-agency street outreach teams.



Other County Funded Homeless Programs

- Homeless Court – Assistance to expunge tickets given to homeless in which the offense is minor and likely secondary to living situation.
- Prototype Court – Alternative sentencing for homeless to go to treatment as opposed to jail.
- GR Rental Subsidy – Rental assistance for individuals on GR who are on the SSI track.
- Housing Database - LAC Resource Center – Provides thousands of apartment listings and specifications on each unit.
- GR Outreach in Jails and Medical Centers.



Other County Funded Homeless Programs

- *Single Adult Model* – Pairs rental subsidies with existing supportive services for individuals on GR for a long time or with multiple complex issues and for individuals who are referred from multidisciplinary street-based engagement teams funded by DMH.
- *TAY Housing* – Independent Living Program (ILP) and Transitional Housing Programs (THP)
- *Gateway Connections* – Funds the Gateway city COG to identify street-based homeless and work towards permanent housing and supportive services.
- *Homeless Encampment Team* – Provides outreach to homeless congregated within unincorporated LA County or in which the Sheriff is the law enforcement entity.
- *City of Industry Capital Development* – Funding for the development of new permanent supportive housing for individuals with special needs, including homeless.
- *Other Supervisorial District funded programs.*



Los Angeles Coalition of Homeless Coalitions

Vision, Mission and Values

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Mission:

To advocate for and help coordinate the spread of information, resources, best practices across Los Angeles County, supporting all of the regional homeless coalitions through effective leadership and strengthening the Continua of Care to end homelessness.

Vision:

All Continua of Care (CoC) and Service Planning Areas (SPAs) in Los Angeles are equipped with the infrastructure (i.e., information, housing, healthcare and supportive services) needed to end homelessness and rapidly re-house those who are at risk of homelessness in their targeted communities.

Values:

- Collaboration
- Implementing best practices
- Culturally sensitive services
- Respecting regional uniquenesses

Goals:

- Help to leverage resources across SPAs and CoCs
- Support organizational and governance development among the Homeless Coalitions
- Help organize and provide leadership on the County homeless count
- Communicate and collaborate across the SPAs
- Advocate together for resources
- Provide information and education on key homeless policy issues and best practices

Priority Issues:

1. Best Practices in Homeless Services
2. Housing Development/Capacity

Other Issues to be addressed:

- LAHSA Issues: geographic representation, HMIS, leadership/engagement with the Coordinating Council
- Serving the Mentally Ill
- Youth Homelessness
- Medi-Cal Enrollment and Services

Objectives:

- 1) Empower Service Planning Areas by educating service providers, promoting best practices and facilitating collaborative/cooperative partnerships, and advocate for more access to affordable housing and appropriate social service.
- 2) Promote best practices and facilitate collaborative/cooperative partnerships to empower Service Planning Areas and other members, and advocate for affordable housing and appropriate social services.