

South Bay Coalition to End Homelessness General Meeting Minutes
Torrance Unified School District
Triangle Annex Conference Rm, 2201 Plaza Del Amo, Torrance
Wednesday, January 10, 2018 ~ 9:30 – 11:30 am

Attendees: Hosting Agency: Nancy Guierrez, Deniquia Berry-Golston. Members: Co-Chair Nancy Wilcox (St. Peter's By the Sea), Veronica Aguilar (DMH), Janeth Ventura (PATH), Keith Bennett (City of Carson), Melody David (Olive Crest), Zhen McCullom (DMH), Delia Munoz (LA County Probation), Alejandra Sanchez (Rainbow Services), Megan Emme (LAHSA), June Pouesi (Office of Samoan Affairs), Tammy Wood, (LAUSD), Kimberly Farnheim (PATH), Brigid Kelly (PATH), Jennifer Pesavento (So Cal ROC), Tipahanie Lefeure (LINC), Nina Dooley (LINC), Virginia Dargen (St. Lawrence Martyrs), Salvador Ramirez (DMH).

1. **Welcome & Introductions.** SBCEH Co-chair Nancy Wilcox opened the meeting at 9:38 a.m.
2. **Hosting Agency Overview.** Nancy Gutierrez, Homeless/Foster Children Liaison Coordinator for Torrance Unified School District, gave an overview of its Homeless Education Program. At this welcome center, staff assist students and their families who are literally homeless or "doubled or tripled up" with others, providing special services and connecting them with community resources. They host a monthly collaboration meeting with stakeholders that facilitates networking and highlighting community programs available that can support these students. A community resource fair is planned for March.
3. **Meeting Minutes Review.** December 2017 meeting minutes were not created, but the briefings from the presenters are on the Coalition's website under the "Past Meeting Minutes" link.
4. **2018 Homeless "Street Count" Update.** Megan Emme, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's (LAHSA) Service Planning Area 8's Community Engagement Coordinator, gave an update on the street homeless count component. She provided the deployment site number of signups as of 1-8-18, highlighting the cities that were in greater need of additional volunteers. (Note: these notes reflect additional information provided that were not in her presentation.)
 - a. Two days before the street count, she will send an update to the deployment site leads on who has signed up for their location.
 - b. It was suggested LAHSA develop messages using its branded clipart that could be cut and pasted for community use to help spread the word about the street count such as in church bulletins.
5. **Homeless Count FAQ's.** SBCEH developed Frequently Asked Questions about the Homeless Count to equip its volunteers assisting at deployment sites with a deeper understanding of this event. Nancy Wilcox ran a quiz to review them. This year LAHSA developed its own

FAQs, which provide additional information about the annual count. (Please see the attached FAQ sheet).

6. **CoC Board Report Back.** Nancy announced that our LAHSA CoC Board representative Ryan Macy-Hurley has accepted a position at Shelter Partnership located in SPA 4, so our region will need a new rep and alternate. This governing body is reviewing its by-laws to determine when an election can be held.
7. **Advocacy Committee Report Back.** Paul Stansbury gave an update on new LA City ordinances making it easier to develop supportive housing. He emphasized the urgency for political will for developing the shelters and housing needed in our communities.
8. **Co-Chairs' Report.** Nancy gave an update on the Supportive Housing Bus Tour planned for February, and the City Homeless Planning Grants awarded to seven SPA 8 cities.
9. **Member Announcements.** The following announcements were made:
 - a. Jennifer Pesavento of the Southern California Regional Occupational Center located in Torrance, reported that its funding dropped from \$12 million annually to \$4 million since it is not receiving state funding anymore. Programs for 16-24 year olds are still available to give them job skills.
 - b. The PATH representatives said they have available rapid re-housing funds, along with homeless prevention funding for single adults.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Wilcox.