

South Bay Coalition to End Homelessness General Meeting Minutes

Hosting Organization: San Pedro United Methodist Church
580 W. 6th St, San Pedro, CA

Wednesday, January 9, 2019 ~ 9:30 – 11:30 am

Attendees: Host Agency: Pastor Lisa Williams (San Pedro United Methodist Church). Guest Speakers: Shari Weaver (Harbor Interfaith Services); Saira Cooper, Pada Lee (LAHSA). Members: Mark Silverbush (SBCEH Chair), Jeannette Aguilar (Exodus Recovery), Marie Gambon (DPH), Shelby Crawford (Torrance Unified), Cindy Jones (Nova HTI), Teri Neustaedter (League of Women Voters Beach Cities), Roslyn Fanello (LWV-BC), Becky Adams (St. Mark's Presby), Joan Sudley (St. Mark's Presby), Ricardo Rosales (Midnight Mission), Victoria Westerskov (SoCal ROC), Alejandra Sanchez (Rainbow Services), Carielle Escalante (Rainbow Services), Veronia Aguilar (DMH), Jennifer Swan (Consultant w/Redondo Beach), Sharice Sowell (LAUSD), Ernesto Madrid (Salvation Army), Delia Munoz (LA Co Probation), Zhen McCullom (DMH), Sabrina Porrus (NAMI South Bay), Krstina Anderson (DMH), Nancy Orozco (DMH), Ronald Williams (Shoftin), Cinder Eller (Inglewood PD), Keith Bennett (City of Carson), Judy Shaffer (Redondo Residents Action Committee), Nancy Wilcox (St. Peter's By The Sea Presby).

1. **Welcome & Introductions.** SBCEH co-chair Mark Silverbush opened the meeting at 9:40 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves. Pastor Lisa Williams gave an overview of San Pedro United Methodist Church's homeless ministries and major facility plans to renovate its kitchen and gym to make it more welcoming for community use.
2. **Meeting Minutes Review.** The November meeting minutes were approved without change.
3. **RHAC and CoC Board Back.**
 - a. Nancy Wilcox gave the RHAC report in Mary Agnes Erlandson's absence. This body met in December and heard an overview of the pending state legislation affecting housing and homelessness. A discussion of LAHSA's "Principles and Practices for Local Responses to Unsheltered Homelessness: Guidance for Municipalities" created a lively discussion at this quarterly meeting.
 - b. Shari Weaver reported the CoC Board regional representative elections will be held in May or June, with the new term pushed back to start in the fall. Everyone is encouraged to consider running for this position.
4. **Housing Inventory Count (HIC) Update.** LAHSA's Pada Lee gave an overview to the HIC and discussed changes to acquiring this annual information. If a program logs its information into HMIS, that information will automatically populate a "My Org" summary that the agency then just needs to verify. Additional questions have been added to align the shelter information with the Demographic Survey. An online video and a fact sheet have been prepared to assist agencies in submitting the data for who was using their interim or permanent housing on the night of our Homeless Count (1-23-19). A question was asked about the Winter Shelter Program's usage. Nancy suggested people view the [WSP Dashboard](#).

- 5. Special Topic: South Bay Coordinated Entry System (CES) Overview.** Harbor Interfaith Services CES Director Shari Weaver gave an overview of all three CES systems. (Note: the following notes supplement her attached briefing).
- a. Measure H brought a tremendous expansion to CES services. The SPA 8 CES “tri-fold” contains contact numbers for each of our four sub-regional hubs informing the community on where to start to connect to services.
 - b. The CES Assessment looks at the length of time homeless, history of physical and mental health concerns, demographics, etc. This information is used to connect participants with appropriate referrals, including those to board and care facilities.
 - c. They are seeing many more people living in vehicles, and some encampments are growing.
 - d. LAHSA HET team is now working on weekends for 7-day coverage.
 - e. CES Families provides connections to public schools. Sharice Sowell works for LA Unified and coordinates with all the local school districts on behalf of the SPA 8 families experiencing homelessness.
 - f. LA-HOP.org referrals can be made anonymously, but those providing their contact information will be given feedback on the outreach team’s success in finding the individual reported.
 - g. CES Prevention services include 3 months of rental arrears with an additional 3 months of rental assistance.
 - h. Interim Housing Recuperative Beds include Bell Shelter and those at MLK Center.
 - i. Non-publicly funded crisis shelters include Beacon Light and Doors of Hope. Pets that are under control are allowed at all publicly funded shelters.
 - j. Landlord incentives include a 1 month holding fee and damage mitigation funding.
 - k. Shallow Subsidies will be a fixed amount: \$300/month for individuals, \$500/month for families.
 - l. DV has a parallel system to CES ensuring participants’ confidentiality and safety.
- 6. 2019 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count Update.** LAHSA’s Saira Cooper reported on the number of volunteer signups for each deployment site.
- 7. Co-Chairs’ Report.** Mark reported on the partial federal government’s shutdown’s effect on our work. HUD (for housing) and Department of Agriculture (for food stamps) have the greatest impact, with very dire consequences if the shutdown extends beyond January. Nancy reported SBCEH created a hospital resource guide now that they are SB1162 required to refer patients to a wealth of homeless services. She is also providing coordination with agencies interested in submitting grant applications to LAHSA’s three RFP’s released in December and due on February 27th (RRH, Interim Housing, Access Center/Point).
- 8. Member Agency Announcements.** The following announcements were made:
- a. Medical Mission Adventures will be bringing its mobile medical services to various South Bay locations. A schedule was distributed.
 - b. League of Women Voters South Bay is hosting a Homelessness Forum on January 28th at the Hermosa Beach Community Theater. Doors open at 6:30 pm for this 7:00 o’clock event.

The meeting ended at 11:55 am

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Wilcox.