

## South Bay Coalition to End Homelessness General Meeting Minutes

Hosting Organization: City of Hawthorne

Venus Room, 3901 West El Segundo Blvd, Hawthorne

Wednesday, November 13, 2019 ~ 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

**Attendees:** Hosting Agency (City of Hawthorne): Von Norris, Brenda Williams, Kywana Bowie. Guest Speakers and Facilitators from LAHSA: Steve Yu, Jose Delgado, Jazmine Hooks, Joshua Castro, Mia Jackson, Charisse Mercado, Samantha Vethavanam, Paola Casillas, Martin Henderson, Q Hunt, Takita Salisbury; County Homeless Initiative Office: Ashlee Oh. Members: Nancy Wilcox (SBCEH, St. Peter's by the Sea Church), Oisin O'Shaughnassy (DHS Housing for Health), Gwen Slattery (DMH), Felecia Howard (US Vets-Inglewood), Andrew Nishimoto (Family Promise of the South Bay), Maria Rodriguez (SHARE!), Beatrix Vega (Rainbow Services), Andrew Hyvonen (PATH), Domenica Megerdichian (City of Torrance), Jennifer Pesavento (SoCal ROC), Shedrick Fair (Serenity Recuperative Care), Lawrence Doss (LAUSD), Grace Farwell (SBCCOG), Regina Marsh (DPSS), Terri Reynolds (AADAP), Cheryl Cooks (SBWIB), Brandi Brown-Shock (House of Haven), Joan Reine (Calvary Presby Church), Edwin Pazecwal (DMH Harbor/UCLA), Ishimine Caldwell (Sanctuary of Hope), Jamisha Andrews (VOALA), Mary Agnes Erlandson (St. Margaret's Center), Wendy Rubion (Lutheran Social Services), Jennette Aguilar (Exodus Recovery), Christy Lloyd, Elizabeth Eastlund (Rainbow), Beatrix Vega (Rainbow), Vicki Nagata (DHS), Spechelle Griffin (Holidays Helping Hands), Ari Hamilton (Harbor Interfaith), Marco Lemus (El Segundo PD), Ana Guillen (Catholic Charities), Ricardo Rosales (Midnight Mission), Steven Gray (Helping Housing Ocean Structure), Linda Venema (US Vets-Inglewood), Shari Weaver (Harbor Interfaith), Avigal Harrow (1736 Family Crisis Center), Olivia alvarez-Cordero (YWCA GLA), Brenda Magid (Rainbow), Alma Ramos (Alliance for Housing and Healing), Barbara Kubo (Manhattan Beach Homeless Task Force, Downtown Women's Center), Stephanie Morales (The Children's Clinic), Roslyn Fanello (League of Women Voters Beach Cities), Veronica Aguilar (DMH), Zhenia McCullan (DMH), Laura Carmona (Prospect Medical Holdings/Alta Hospitals), Courtney Reed (PATH), Luther Richent (MHALA), Keith Bennett (City of Carson), Lee Baril, Danielle Curtis (A Mom on a Mission), Dominique Nakagi (CPAF), Cinder Eller (City of Inglewood PD), Rita Crabtree-Kampe (MBSAFE), Marissa Bowman (PATH), Elizabeth Belden (SBWIB), Brooklyn Tuhie (CSULB student), Leoni Vollmann (CSULB student).

- 1. Welcome & Introductions.** SBCEH co-chair Nancy Wilcox opened the meeting at 9:40 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves and gave their affiliation.
- 2. Hosting Agency Overview.** Brenda Williams highlighted the Senior Resource Fair that the City of Hawthorne hosted earlier this year in conjunction with the South Bay CES collaborative. Hawthorne is also developing a project on city owned land that will feature affordable units including some allocated to formerly homeless individuals.
- 3. Meeting Minutes Review.** The September meeting minutes were approved without change.
- 4. Advocacy Committee Report.** The attached summary of state legislation signed by the Governor was distributed.
- 5. Homeless Count 2020.** Nancy announced the online registration for the 2020 Count is now open at TheyCountWillYou.org. A separate email will be sent to members about each deployment site.
- 6. Co-Chairs' Report.** Nancy reported she is focusing a great deal of time on advocacy, including attending the Homeless Initiative Policy Summits, working with the City of Torrance, and giving public testimony on South Bay proposed housing developments such as Linc Housing's Wilmington project.
- 7. Member Announcements.** The following announcements were made:

- a. Sanctuary of Hope is hosting its Homeless Breakfast for TAY (Transitional Age Youth) this Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Contact Ishimine Caldwell at [ishimine.caldwell@thesoh.org](mailto:ishimine.caldwell@thesoh.org).
- b. 1736 Family Crisis Center has a special street outreach team working with unsheltered TAY. The team usually responds with 24 hours, and are available nights and weekends. Contact them at 310-379-3620.
- c. US Veterans Initiative in Inglewood provides case manage for Veterans experiencing homeless. Contact Felecia Howard at [fhoward@usvetsinc.org](mailto:fhoward@usvetsinc.org) for more information.
- d. Family Promise of the South Bay has two open positions. Check its website for details, <https://www.familypromiseosb.org/> . Its new executive director introduced himself, Andrew Nishimoto.
- e. SoCal ROC's registration is now open for its next semester classes. Contact Jennifer Pesavento at [DrPesavento@scroc.k12.ca.us](mailto:DrPesavento@scroc.k12.ca.us) or visit the center's website, <https://www.socalroc.com/>
- f. Midnight Mission is expanding its SPA 8 transitional program, serving eight additional families for a total of 19. Contact Richardo Rosales at [rrosales@midnightmission.org](mailto:rrosales@midnightmission.org).
- g. MB Safe (Manhattan Beach Safe) is hosting a movie about homelessness on January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Contact Rita Crabtree-Kampe at [eurocrab@hotmail.com](mailto:eurocrab@hotmail.com) for more information.
- h. Volunteers of America has a five bed transitional housing programs for TAY. Contact Jamisha Andrews at [jandrews@voala.org](mailto:jandrews@voala.org).
- i. Cinder Eller announced a special photographic exhibit featuring those experiencing homelessness. It will be at The Lion, 4325 Degnan Blvd, Los Angeles. The exhibit will run November 29<sup>th</sup> through December 1<sup>st</sup>. Information is available at <http://shelterexhibit.com>.

**7. Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority Quarterly Meeting.** Jose Delgado and Ashlee Oh reviewed the attached overview of Measure H and the State's Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) program funding. Questions raised included:

- a. The HHAP percentage allocated for TAY was set by the state as a minimum. Fund recipients are free to spend more on this population.
- b. Both funds can be used to increase mental health services.
- c. Cities do not need to declare a "shelter emergency" to receive HHAP funds, like the previous HEAP funds.
- d. HHAP funds can be used for capital expenses to emergency centers and navigation centers.

The attendees were instructed to record their program recommendations on the six "input stations" around the room. LAHSA staff was at each to answer questions about each subject. Attendees were then given six stickers and asked to put one or two next to their highest priority items. LAHSA will be generating a report of the program recommendations in December.

The LAHSA meeting concluded at 12:00 pm.  
Respectfully submitted by Nancy Wilcox.