

South Bay Coalition to End Homelessness General Meeting Minutes

Host: King's Harbor Church

23915 Garnier St, Torrance

Wednesday, November 14, 2018 ~ 9:30 am -12:00 pm

Attendees: Host Agency: Daniel Bradford (King's Harbor Church); Guest Speakers: Quincy Coleman (United Way Greater LA); Saira Cooper, Traci Kawaguchi, Tery Amaya (LAHSA). Members: Mark Silverbush (SBCEH Chair), Tom Hoffarth (American Martyrs), Carielle Escalante (Rainbow Services), Anahita Saadatifard (Homes for Life), Jessica Flores (1736 FCC), Jo Takarabe (CPAF), Janet Kelly (Sanctuary of Hope), Nancy Gutierrez (Torrance Unified School District), Gary Mitchell (LAHSA), Ronnina Thomas (Good Neighbors Shelter), August Nixon (Helpful Housing), Tim Kirkconnell (LAHSA), Shelby Crawford (TUSD), Tyqraise Monette (PATH/HPP), Roslyn Fanello (LWV Beach Cities), Keith Bennett (City of Carson), Diamond Lee (DHS WPC), Julie Lie (Urban Community Outreach), Alejandra Sanchez (Rainbow Services), Ann Madsen (1736 FCC), Roberto Luna (DPH), Harriet Chase (LWV Beach Cities), Akilah Templeton (US Vets Inglewood), Josh Williams (Shoftin Consulting), Ronson Chu (SBCEH), Zhen McCullon (DMH), Mary Agnes Erlandson (St. Margaret's Center), Nick Rasmussen (Family Promise), 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.
- 2. Meeting Minutes Review.** The October meeting minutes were approved without change.
- 3. Advocacy Report Back.** Nancy Wilcox gave this report on behalf of chair Paul Stansbury, and described the ongoing efforts of LA City Council District 15's joint neighborhood council committee to advocate for more supportive housing, emergency shelter through the Bridge Home program, and the safe parking program.
- 4. Special Topic: Everyone In Campaign.** Quincy Coleman, United Way Greater Los Angeles' [Everyone In](#) Campaign field organizer, gave an overview of this advocacy grassroots community engagement effort. It began last year as a way to provide local communities a voice in supporting more housing for those experiencing homelessness. The Campaign provides education to help dispel the myths and stigma surrounding homelessness. He was encouraging individuals or organizations to sign up and be a part of this effort, to keep up the growing momentum to support housing solutions.
- 5. Hosting Agency Overview:** Pastor Dan Bradford explained how his congregation affirms the dignity bestowed upon every person by God through their ministries. He leads one of them, "Harbor Rock Recover," which serves people with addiction. Their congregation supports other faith-based organizations helping those who are homeless including Beacon Light Mission and Doors of Hope.
- 6. Co-Chairs' Report.** Nancy shared the Coalition's 1-pager flyer about the upcoming 2019 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, encouraging people to circulate it widely to promote and recruit volunteers for this event. She also gave an update on the Measure H "City Implementation" grant, where Inglewood, Hawthorne, and the Beach Cities (Manhattan, Hermosa, Redondo) applied.
- 7. Member Agency Announcements.** The following announcements were made:
 - a. DPH's Roberto Luna cautioned about the typhus outbreak in LA County.
 - b. PATH's Tyquaise Moneete is the "housing locator" supporting our region in its Countywide contract. She is helping to identify new landlords and described an app for line staff that provides up-to-date contact information with open units.

- 8. LAHSA Quarterly Community Meeting.** Staff from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) gave their quarterly community report. These notes supplement the attached briefing.
- a. Request for Statement Qualifications (RFSQ). Saira Cooper presented on this process. Questions submitted via www.lahs.org/funding will be responded to within 48 hours. Government agencies (e.g., cities) do not need to go through this process to pre-qualify to request funding. For the upcoming procurement opportunities, it is best for cities to partner with agencies that are on the RFSQ list.
 - b. Capacity Building Technical Assistance. Tery Amaya explained that this is being funded through Measure H ("E7" strategy). It was first offered in January 2017 and has continued to as a rolling application. United Way's Home for Good is partnering with LAHSA and has additional information on its website. Consultants working with agencies are certified and on the Home for Good-approved list of trainers.
 - c. Policy & Legislative Affairs Update. Traci Kawaguchi reviewed LAHSA's Unsheltered Homelessness Policy Guidance and HUD's "Public Charge" rule. She encouraged agencies to weigh in on the latter to the US Department of Homeland Security by the December 10, 2018 deadline.
 - d. 2019 Homeless Count. Saira talked about the upcoming annual event. The registration website is scheduled to be launched on November 16th.

The meeting ended at 11:50 am

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Wilcox.