**South Bay Coalition to End Homelessness (SBCEH) General Meeting**Wednesday, October 19, 2016
Inglewood City Hall, Community Room A
1 W Manchester Blvd, Inglewood

**Attendees:** Guest Speakers: Ashlee Oh (County CEO); Lyndi Bell, Carolina Briones, Paul Duncan, Clementina Verjan (Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority); Hosting Agency: Tracey Duncan, Cinder Eller, Artie Fields, Deputy Chief Perez (City of Inglewood); Attendees: Co-Chair Nancy Wilcox (St. Peter’s By The Sea), Kathleen Austria (County District 2), David Bradford (Harbor Interfaith), Keith Bennett (City of Carson), Nicole Columbane (PATH), Elizabeth Eastlund (Rainbow Services), Det. Sean Dixon (Gardena PD), Kester Ezuma (Infinite Foundation), Tahia Hayslet (Harbor Interfaith), Gerardo Magellanes (1736 FCC), Elizabeth Eastlund (Rainbow Services), Mary Agnes Erlandson (St. Margaret’s CenterFelecia Howard (US Vets), Janet Kelly (Sanctuary of Hope), Patima Komolamit (CPAF), Ryan Macy-Hurley (1736 FCC), Geraldo Magallanes (1736 FCC), Lao Maua (PATH), Zhena McCullom (DMH), Robert Miles (City of Lawndale), Debbie Nelson (1736 FCC), Mitchell Nelson (Rainbow Services), Patricia Pasillas (Gardena/Hathorne MET), Sandra Provencial (PATH/Harbor UCLA), Tobi Quintilian (1736 FCC), Robert Pullen (Assemblyperson Burke), Ricardo Rosales (Midnight Mission), Laura Scotvold-Lemp (Calvary Chapel South Bay), Sharice Sowell (LAUSD), Paul Stansbury (NAMI South Bay), Serennah Tuff-Erwin (SHARE!), Veronica Turner (Harbor/UCLA Medical Ctr), Beatrix Vesa (Rainbow Services), Isabella Vidriales (DMH).

1. **Welcome and Introductions**. SBCEH Co-chair Nancy Wilcox opened the meeting at 9:45 am. Everyone introduced themselves and their affiliation.
2. **Hosting Agency Overview**. Police Deputy Chief Perez explained Inglewood has a MET team working and has already identified 50 homeless individuals. He acknowledged the work of those on the Force who are working on homelessness. City Manager Artie Fields welcomed everyone on behalf of Mayor Butts. He also recognized the efforts of the police force and noted the compassion of the city staff who work with those in need in establishing a trusting relationship in order to help provide services. Tracey Duncan explained that in the past the City was able to help many, including with “Section 8” vouchers. She is working with the Coordinated Entry System (CES) Collaborative to find additional housing. The City has limited motel vouchers through its homeless assistance program.
3. **Special Announcement**. Nancy said a few words in remembrance of Louis Mena, long time member of SBCEH representing School on Wheels. She circulated a condolence card for signatures that will be sent to his family living in Phoenix.
4. **Minutes Review and Approval**. The October 2016 meeting minutes were approved without change.
5. **Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative** **Update**. Ashlee Oh gave an update on the County’s 47 Homeless Strategies passed in February 2016 (see please attached briefing for details). It just released its third quarterly report that is available [on its website](http://priorities.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/2015_11.09.16-RB-HI-QUARTERLY-REPORT-3-S.pdf). There has been great progress on nearly all the strategies.
* Ashlee responded to a question about how people deal with those chronically homeless that want to remain on the streets. She explained some have a mental illness or a distrust of those who want to help them. It requires multiple encounters to develop a relationship with them. She emphasized we can’t force services on anyone, but we do not give up on them. Paul Duncan added the City of LA is putting more funding into providing trauma-informed care in recognition that the system has often failed these people multiple times.
* Cities have access to outreach teams through the Coordinated Entry System, LAHSA, Department of Mental Health’s “SB82” mobile teams. One of the County strategies, “E6: Countywide Outreach System,” will provide more SPA outreach and coordination of these services.
* Ashlee said the newly combined County health departments (DHS, DMH, DPH) have identified eight priorities, with homelessness being one of them.
* Most independent cities are watching the rollout of the County Strategies and waiting to see how they might get involved. The “B3: Partnering with Cities to Expand Rapid Rehousing” is an example of how the County can actively coordinate efforts with the cities. It was suggested there needs to be more awareness on other successful partnerships being developed, for example the City of Alhambra which gave targeted funds to Union Station (SPA 3 lead CES agency).
1. **Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) Coordinating Council Report Back.**
	* Elizabeth Eastlund reported that this regional-representative advisory body will be sun-setting May 2017.
	* As a representative of the domestic violence provider community, she will be continuing to represent these needs at LAHSA including with ongoing discussions on how to integrate DV needs into CES.
	* Tahia Hayslet reported on the upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting on December 4th, where a March 2017 ballot initiative will be voted on for a sales tax whose revenue is dedicated for homelessness services. Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas is providing leadership on this initiative. She encouraged as many people to attend this meeting as possible to show our support.
	* Nancy thanked Tahia and Elizabeth for their service to the SPA, noting that Tahia has already extended her time on this body an additional year. They represented SPA 8 with dedication and integrity. They were presented with a small token of appreciation from SBCEH.
2. **LAHSA’s Quarterly Community Engagement.
Regional Homelessness Advisory Council (RHAC) SPA 8 Representative Election.**
	* Carolina Briones gave a quick overview of the RHAC.
	* Candidates Patima Komolamit of Center for the Pacific Asian Family and Ryan Macy-Hurley of 1736 Family Crisis Center gave a statement and answered questions from the floor.
	* Carolina and LAHSA staff conducted the election, with each organization in attendance getting one vote. Ryan was selected to be SPA 8’s RHAC representative.

**Greater Los Angeles Homeless County Status.** Lyndi Bell gave the report:

* + For the Street Count, 92% of the LA Continuum of Care is covered so far; in SPA 8, it is 100%. The new registration website is scheduled to launch next week with a streamlined signup process.
	+ For the Shelter Count, a list of the emergency shelters, transitional housing, and safe havens will be sent to SPA leadership so it can add programs not shown to ensure a complete reporting of persons staying in them during the next Homeless Count.
	+ For the Demographic Survey, if a community wants to get its own demographic profile, it must cover 100% of the tracts in its jurisdiction then LAHSA will provide the ‘raw’ data. Additional partnerships with the LA County Office of Education are being made to survey more families.
	+ For the Youth Count, this is HUD’s baseline year throughout the country. There is a local Youth Advisory Board giving LAHSA guidance. SPA 8 has its “Blitz Day” for identifying youth set for January 30, 2017.

**LAHSA Updates.** Paul Duncan presented the following:

* There are several Request for Proposals and Requests for Information released or in the works: Additional crisis housing beds; bridge housing beds; provide legal services for families; Family CES; Independent Living Program (for aged-out foster care youths); DV RRH pilot using County “B3” funds.
* SPA 8 will have one winter shelter program. Because of special El Nino funding last year, our region had two – in Inglewood and Long Beach.
* LAHSA is responding to the HUD Youth Demonstration Project RFP whose funding will be distributed Countywide.
* Clementina Verjan encouraged SPA 8 stakeholders to complete the on-line survey about both regional and organizational capacity-building needs.

Because of time, the Co-Chairs’ Report and Member Agency Announcements were not made. The meeting ended at 11:40 am.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Wilcox.