South Bay Coalition to End Homelessness (SBCEH) General Meeting
Wednesday, December 16 ,2016 9:30 am – 11:30 am
St. John Fisher Church
5448 Crest Rd, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA

Attendees: Hosting Agency: Misty Jesse; Guest Speaker: Fernando Gaytan; Others: Co-Chair Mark Silverbush, Lyndi Bell (LAHSA), Keith Bennett (City of Carson), Gabriel De La Mora (Alliance for Housing and Healing (AHH)), Carolina Esquivias (Torrance Unified SD), Yolanda Gomez (AHH), Ellen Hong (CPAF), Caitlin Kelly (CSULB), Zhena McCullum (DMH), Heang Meas (DPSS), Peter Min (Love INC), Bobbie Nashed (AHH), Janae Oliver (Kaiser Permanente), Alma Ramos (AHH), Bill Robertson (San Pedro United Methodist), Serennah Tutt-Erwin (SHARE!), Dulce Vargas (Rainbow Services), Nancy Wilcox (St. Peter's By The Sea), Ronald Williams (LAHSA).

1. **Welcome and Introductions**. SBCEH co-chair Mark Silverbush opened the meeting at 9:40 am. He gave an overview of the Coalition and then asked those in attendance to introduce themselves.
2. **Hosting Agency Overview**. Misty Jesse, Director of Evangelization at St. John Fisher Church, said her congregation has over 80 different ministries including several focused on providing assistance to the homeless. They give an emergency bag with bus tokens to those who need them. They do not give out cash nor food cards, but will help with utility bill payments. They host the Palos Verdes cities' Homeless Count and are part of the Family Promise network where newly homeless sfamilies stay on their campus.
3. **Minutes Review and Approval**. The September and November 2015 meeting minutes were approved without change (Note: the October General Meeting was canceled).
4. **Guest Speaker: Fernando Gaytan of Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA).** Fernando gave the following overview of LAFLA, referring to the legal services brochure (note: a scanned copy is attached to these minutes).
    a. There are six LAFLA offices in Los Angeles, each that specialize in a particular area providing full representation. He explained that LAFLA restructured a year and a half ago because they were becoming silo'ed internally and not providing the most effective client services. He works in the Housing and Communities group which focuses on creating and preserving affordable housing.
    b. When clients seek services, they first are asked for financial information since LAFLA works with low-income clients. People must be US citizens or legal permanent residents, with the exception of those fleeing domestic violence, torture, or human trafficking.
    c. He emphasized they provide limited services and they do not have the capacity to help everyone who contacts them. They typically offer brief counseling advice but generally do not represent clients in court.
    d. He gave an example of how they might engage: If just person complains about substandard building conditions, they will provide limited guidance; however, if many

tenants come forward, they will have a stronger case and can represent them all. They fight discrimination on the basis of a disability, low income, race, etc.

e. A current case involves a downtown SRO with new owners who removed services for the disabled. It was felt they wanted to get tenants to move out so they could raise the rent. LAFLA filed an injunction on the grounds of harassment. Another case surrounds the legality of "homeless sweeps" – the city has to provide services and cannot take possessions away from those who are homeless.

f. LAFLA assists non-profits with writing their by-laws, transaction services, and gaining tax-exempt status.

g. They operate "self-help" centers throughout the County, including in Inglewood and Long Beach. Located in courthouses, these do not provide litigation services but give advice and point the client in the right direction.

h. When asked what we can do to help their organization, Fernando mentioned they had a 33% reduction in their funding, but they are still committed to providing community services. Helping set expectation with clients would be appreciated so they do not expect to get full representation. There are opportunities to volunteer at LAFLA as well.

i. They staff a Skid Row clinic, located in LA Action Network, providing pro bono counsel. It is open every Wednesday evening from 6-9 pm.

j. They have an Asian Pacific Islander initiative housed in their Crenshaw office; they also go into the community as well. Inquires made here are returned within 48 hours with a staffer who is linguistically and culturally trained.

k. On the general subject of criminalization of the homeless, Fernando said there are key test cases throughout the country focused on this. A case in Boise cited one in Los Angeles headed by attorney Carol Sobel, where sleeping in cars was found to be lawful. Cities in LA County have ordnances addressing food distribution programs, beach curfew laws (enforced in Venice on the homeless), and vehicle parking laws. Nationwide, of 200 cities polled, 34% had ordinances prohibiting camping, 27% against sleeping in public places, and 76% banning "begging." He was hopeful these types of laws would diminish as the HUD-NOFA provided funding incentives to those continuums that did not criminalize those experiencing homelessness.

l. When he was asked what is legal in the City of Los Angeles, Fernando said there is an injunction prohibiting LAPD from conducting sweeps (the 56.11 ordinance that reduces the removal notice period from 72 to 24 hours). The US Department of Justice cited this as "cruel and unusual punishment" if services are not provided.

m. LAFLA is involved with LA's homeless system changes in the area of economic work stability.

5. **Homeless Count (HC) 2016 Planning**. Lyndi Bell, SPA 8's Homeless Count Regional Coordinator, asked to let her know if any organization is having an event where she can promote HC. She reminded us that youth under 18 cannot participate in street count, but could help in other ways to get community service (e.g., organizing the deployment kits at LAHSA).

6. **Advocacy Committee Report Back**. Nancy Wilcox gave the report in Paul Stansbury's absence. She described last month's committee meeting where grad student Christopher Jenne lead a group exercise to learn about and prioritize various homelessness issues.
7. **Co-Chair's Report**. Nancy reported the new Winter Shelter Program in Inglewood was operating well. Ronald Williams said the County was opening additional "weather-activated sites." The WSP is for individuals only; families seeking shelter should call "211" for referrals.
8. **Member Agency Announcements**.
    a. Ellen Hong said CPAF has two positions currently open for its transitional housing program and for a program manager. They are also starting their 50 hour domestic violence/sexual assault training course in January.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Wilcox.

Servicios Legales

Servicios Comunitarios para los Asiáticos (API) – LAFLA fue uno de los primeros programas de servicios legales en los EE. UU. que creo una unidad de API especializada en brindar servicios linguisticamente y culturalmente apropriados a los clientes con dominio limitado del idioma ingles.

Estabilidad Económica – LAFLA ayuda a los trabajadores a luchar por sus derechos. LAFLA ademas ayuda a eliminar registros criminales y para liberarse de prestamos estudiantiles basandose en su discapacidad o en fraude de parte de la escuela. Ayudamos ha obtener o mantener sus beneficios gubernamentales.

Centro Defensa del Desalojo – Muchos de los inquilinos de bajos ingresos en Los Angeles corren el riesgo de desalojos injustos e ilegales. LAFLA defiende en contra de acciones de desalojo y ofrece representación a tantos clientes que como nos es posible.

Vivienda & Comunidades – LAFLA trabaja para crear y preservar la vivienda asequible e igualmente ayuda a propetarios de vivienda ha mantener su título. Dessarrollamos, capacitamos y fortalecemos a las organizaciones basadas en la comunidad y las personas de bajos ingresos a construir barrios limpios, seguros y económicamente dinámicos.

Santa Monica – LAFLA asiste a la comunidad de clientes de Santa Monica con problemas de habitabilidad, depositos de alquiler y acoso de vivienda. LAFLA ayuda a clientes a obtener beneficios gubernamentales, y a obtener protección para los sobrevivientes de abuso y a ajustar sus estatus inmigratorio.

Apoyando Familias – LAFLA ayuda a sobrevivientes de abuso e otros delitos graves ha estabilizar familias en crisis, apoyando a los padres con problemas de custodia y visitaciones a obtener ordenes de proteccion. También ayudamos a los indocumentados sobrevivientes de abuso, tortura y trafico humano ha adaptarse su estatus migratorio.

Centro de Justicia de los Veteranos – LAFLA protege a los veteranos y sus familias, asegurando accesso a VA y otros beneficios gubernamentales, eliminando las barreras de empleo, vivienda y educación.

Centros de Auto Ayuda Legal

LAFLA opera cuatro Centros de Auto Ayuda Legal. Los Centros son de servicio en persona los cual ofrecen información legal a individuos quienes se está representando a si mismos, asistencia en preparación de formas legales, información en varios asuntos civiles, incluyendo desalojos, divorcios y acciones de paternidad y hostigamiento civil. Referencias a abogados privados o programas de servicios legales son proveídos apropriadamente.

Días y Horas de Operación

En Persona: lunes-jueves 8:30 a.m.-12 en la tarde, 1:30-4 p.m.; viernes 9 a.m.-12 en la tarde solamente. El Centro de Inglewood abre a las 9 a.m.

Corte Superior de Inglewood
1 E. Regent St., Cuarto 107
Inglewood, CA 90301

Corte Superior de Long Beach
275 Magnolia Ave., Cuarto 3101
Long Beach, CA 90802

Corte Superior de Santa Monica
1725 Main St., Cuarto 210
Santa Monica, CA 90401

Corte Superior de Torrance
825 Maple Ave., Cuarto 160
Torrance, CA 90503

Clínicas de Violencia Domestica

Prioridad se le da a violencia domestica, ordenes de restricción, y secuestro y/o ocultación de niños. No citas, en persona solamente.

Centro de Consejeria Legal Familiar de Toll
Corte Superior de Los Angeles
111 N. Hill St., Cuarto 245, Los Angeles, CA 90012
Clientes son vistos los lunes, miércoles y viernes de las 8:30-11:30 a.m. & 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Clínica de Violencia Domestica – Long Beach
Corte Superior de Long Beach
275 Magnolia Ave., Cuarto 1004, Long Beach, CA 90802
Clientes son vistos los lunes, miércoles y viernes de las 9-11:30 a.m. & 1-3:30 p.m. Cerrada los martes y jueves.

Clínica de Violencia Domestica – Santa Monica
Corte Superior de Santa Monica
1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401
Clientes son vistos de lunes a viernes, 8:30-11 a.m.

Office Locations/Ubicación de Oficinas

Program Administration
1102 Crenshaw Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90019
(323) 801-7991

West Office
1102 Crenshaw Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90019
(323) 801-7989

East Los Angeles Office
5228 Whittier Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90022
(213) 640-3883

Long Beach Office
601 Pacific Ave.
Long Beach, CA 90802
(562) 435-3501

Santa Monica Office
1640 5th St., Suite 124
Santa Monica, CA 90401
(310) 899-6200

South Los Angeles Office
7000 S. Broadway
Los Angeles, CA 90003
(213) 640-3950

For general information, please call (800) 399-4529. Visit www.lafla.org for more detailed information and office directions.

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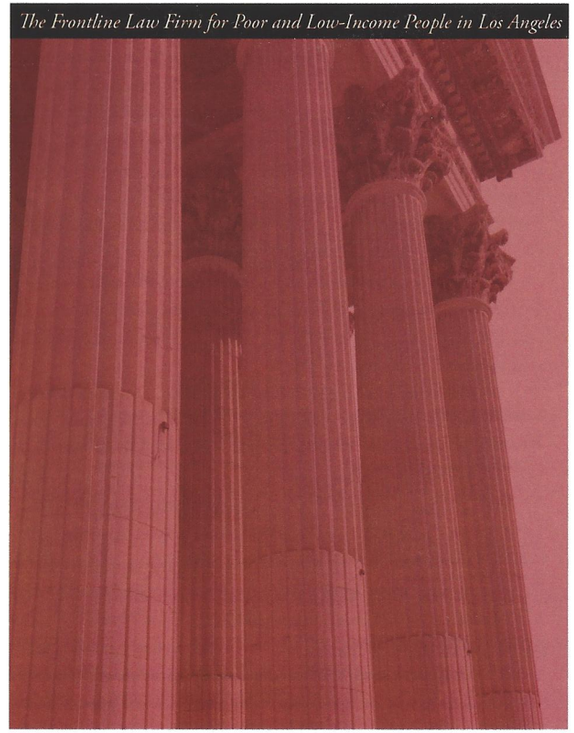

Welcome to Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA). We are one of the oldest and largest nonprofit, public interest law firms for more than 2 million poor and low-income people.

LAFLA is the first place that thousands of individuals and families turn to when faced with a crisis that threatens their shelter, job security, health and well-being or livelihood. Our attorneys and advocates are here to help you with your legal needs.

We are committed to promoting access to justice, strengthening communities, fighting discrimination, and effecting systemic change through representation, advocacy and community education.

LAFLA has a culturally diverse staff who provide critical legal services, counseling and referrals at five offices in the neighborhoods of Crenshaw, East Los Angeles, South Los Angeles, Santa Monica and Long Beach. They speak many languages including Spanish, Korean, Cantonese, Mandarin, Khmer, Japanese and Vietnamese to help you understand how to fight for your legal rights.

LAFLA's work is supported by grants from the Legal Services Corporation (LSC), State Bar of California Legal Services Trust Fund Program, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Office of Refugee Resettlement, U.S. Department of Justice, United Nations, County of Los Angeles, City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, City of Santa Monica, City of Long Beach, California Community Foundation, Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts (IOLTA) and others. Contributions from law firms and members of the bar, foundations, corporations and the public provide additional operating support.

Legal Services

Asian & Pacific Islander (API) Community Outreach Services – LAFLA was one of the first legal services programs in the U.S. to create a specialized API Unit to provide linguistically and culturally appropriate services to limited-English proficient clients, with expertise in family law, immigration and government benefits.

Intake/Hotlines:
- 한국어 (323) 801-7987
- 國粵語熱線(323) 801-7912
- 日本語 (323) 801-7913
- Tiếng Việt (323) 801-7923
- ភាសាខ្មែរ (213) 640-3887

Economic Stability – LAFLA helps workers to get the wages they earned, appeal denials of unemployment benefits and to fight wrongful termination. LAFLA helps people expunge criminal records so they can work and discharge student loans based on disability or school loan fraud. We help poor families with children, the disabled and the elderly get or keep key government benefits or services they need to get food, medical care or pay rent.

Eviction Defense Center – Due to above average rents and a low supply of below-market rental units, many low-income renters risk unfair and unlawful evictions. LAFLA defends against eviction actions and provides as many tenants as possible with full scope representation.

Housing & Communities – LAFLA works to create and preserve affordable housing as well as to help tenants access subsidized housing benefits and to preserve homeownership. We develop, train and empower community-based organizations and low-income people to build clean, safe and economically vibrant neighborhoods.

Santa Monica – LAFLA serves the needs of the Santa Monica client community on a broad range of issues including problems with habitability, security deposits and tenant harassment. LAFLA also helps clients access government benefits, obtain protections for survivors of abuse and helps clients with immigration and consumer law issues.

Supporting Families – LAFLA helps survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and other serious crimes to stabilize families in crisis by helping parents with custody and visitation matters, getting orders for protection, and helping undocumented abuse, torture and trafficking survivors to adjust their immigration status.

Veterans' Justice Center – Using both comprehensive legal and case management strategies, LAFLA strives to protect veterans and their families and to create critical links to long-term stability by securing VA and other government benefits and medical care as well as removing barriers to employment, housing and education.

Self-Help Legal Access Centers

The four centers are walk-in clinics that offer individuals who represent themselves legal information, help to prepare court forms, guidance on a variety of civil matters, including evictions divorces and paternity actions, and civil harassment. Referrals to private attorneys or legal services programs are provided as needed.

Days and Hours of Operation

Walk-Ins: Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-noon & 1:30-4 p.m. Friday 9 a.m.-noon only. Inglewood center opens at 9 a.m.

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Domestic Violence Clinics

Toll Family Law Counseling Center Los Angeles Courthouse

111 N. Hill St., Room 245, Los Angeles, CA 90012
Clients are seen Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 8:30-11:30 a.m. & 1:30-3:30 p.m. Closed Tuesdays & Thursdays. No appointments, walk-ins only. Priority is given to domestic violence, restraining orders and child abduction and concealment.

Domestic Violence Clinic – Long Beach Long Beach Courthouse

275 Magnolia Ave., Room 1004, Long Beach, CA 90802
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Domestic Violence Clinic – Santa Monica Santa Monica Courthouse

1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401
Clients are seen Mondays through Fridays, 8:30-11 a.m. Assists clients on a walk-in basis with restraining orders.

Bienvenidos a la Fundación de Ayuda Legal de Los Angeles (LAFLA). Somos una de las más antiguas y más grandes firmas de abogados de interés público sin fines de lucro, para más de 2 millon de personas pobres y de bajos ingresos.

LAFLA es el primer lugar que miles de personas y familias buscan cuando se enfrentan con una crisis que amenaza su vivienda, seguridad en el empleo, salud y bienestar o medios de subsistencia. Nuestros abogados y defensores están aquí para ayudarle con sus necesidades legales.

Estamos comprometidos a promoveer acceso al sistema, juridico, fortalecer communidades, combatir la discriminación, efecutar el cambio sistémico con representación, abogacía y educación comunitaria.

LAFLA tiene un personal culturalmente diverso que presta servicios legales críticos, asesoría y referencias en seis oficinas ubicadas en las comunidades de Crenshaw, Este de Los Angeles, Sur de Los Angeles, Santa Mónica y Long Beach. Hablan varios idiomas, incluyendo español, coreano, cantonés, mandarín, Khmer, japonés y vietnamita para ayudarle a entender cómo luchar por sus derechos legales.

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