

South Bay Coalition to End Homelessness General Meeting Minutes

Hosting Organization: First Christian Church/Family Promise of the South Bay

2930 El Dorado St, Torrance, CA 90503

Wednesday, February 27, 2019 ~ 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

.Attendees: Host Agency: Nick Rasmussen, Chery Carew (Family Promise of the South Bay). Guest Speakers (LAHSA): Jaclyn Grant, Takita Salisberry, Saira Cooper, Julie Jimenez, Saba Tekle, Steven Yu. Members: Mark Silverbush (SBCEH Chair), Linda Maximo (PATH), Brittany Burgin (PATH), Jasmine Loera (PATH), Sabrina Porras (NAMI South Bay), Jeanette Christian (Senator Feinstein), Zhenia McCullam (DMH), Philip Guagliavona (Homes for Life), Roslyn Fanello (League of Women Voters Beach Cities), Nisha Dobbins (DPSS), Rose Ibanez (LA City HCID), Griselda Marquez (Rainbow Services), Veronica Aguilar (DMH), Yesenia Meneses (Rainbow Services), Dominique Nakagi (CPAF), Delia Munoz (Probation), Tiphanine Abarca (LINC Housing), Bonnie Price, Victoria Westerskov (So Cal ROC), Cindy Jones, Ricardo Rosales (Midnight Mission), Shelby Crawford (Torrance Unified), Jeannette Aguilar (Exodus Recovery), Ishimine Caldwell (Sanctuary of Hope), Paul Stansbury (NAMI South Bay), August Nixon (Helpful Housing), Regina Marsh (DPSS), Nancy Wilcox (St. Peter's by the Sea).

1. **Welcome & Introductions.** SBCEH co-chair Nancy Wilcox opened the meeting at 9:40 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.
2. **Meeting Minutes Review.** The January meeting minutes were approved without change.
3. **Advocacy Committee Report.** Paul Stansbury provided information on the draft Measure H Year 3 funding allocation and encouraged all to provide feedback on the Homeless Initiative recommendations. There is strong interest in “housing innovation” designs that can reduce both the overall construction costs and time needed to complete new housing projects. The Board of Supervisors is looking into more ways to provide beds for those with mental illness, including examining how to support funding for board and care facilities. There is much discussion about the best alternative to the Twin Towers Correctional facility replacement in downtown LA to treat those with a mental illness.
4. **Co-Chairs' Report.** Mark Silverbush thanked everyone who participated in the Homeless Count. Nancy continues to work with five of the cities on their Homeless Plan Implementation projects.
5. **Member Agency Announcements.** The following announcements were made:
 - a. Victoria Westerskov announced So Cal ROC will be holding its Open House on Thursday, March 28th.
 - b. Paul Stansbury invited all to the Parents and Caregivers Conference for those living with a loved one who has mental illness. It is being held March 2nd in Long Beach.
6. **Los Angeles Services Authority Quarterly Committee Meeting.** Saba Tekle introduced Steven Yu, who recently joined LAHSA and will be the SPA 8 Supervisor for Community Engagement.
 - a. Saira Cooper reported on the Homeless Count and said about 550 volunteers from the South Bay came out to volunteer for the Street Count component. The Housing Inventory Count/Shelter Count component is ongoing, collecting details statistics on who stayed in shelters and permanent housing the end of January.

- b. She briefly reviewed the attached CES Point of Contact policy and Procurement Schedule. On the Quarterly Update handout, she pointed out that LAHSA is conducting service provider training on the Public Charge this month.
- c. Jaclyn Grant and Takita Salisbury reviewed the attached Coordinated Entry System Operations Guide. They then asked the attendees to provide feedback on questions posted throughout the room on these procedures.

The meeting ended at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Wilcox.