

## South Bay Coalition to End Homelessness General Meeting Minutes

LA County Health Department

Curtis R. Tucker Public Health Center

123 W. Manchester Blvd, Inglewood

Wednesday, March 28, 2018 ~ 9:30-11:30 am

**Attendees:** Hosting Agency: Diamond Lee. Other Guest Speaker: Tene Tate-Dickson (LA County Homeless Initiative Office).  
Members: Co-Chair Nancy Wilcox (St. Peter's By The Sea), Thomas Morningstar (SHARE!), Megan Emme (LAHSA), Shari Weaver (Harbor Interfaith), Alex Devin (Harbor Interfaith), Avigal Horrow (1736 FCC), Mary Agnes Erlandson (St. Margaret's Center), Alejandra Sanchez (Rainbow Services), Janet Kelly (Sanctuary of Hope), Courtney Reed (PATH), Zhen McCullum (DMH), Mila Mulugula (DPH), Ruben Aguilera (VOA), Damian Pipkins (City of Inglewood), Ryan Macy-Hurley (Shelter Partnership), Paul Stansbury (NAMI).

1. **Welcome & Introductions.** SBCEH co-chair Nancy Wilcox opened the meeting at 9:38 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.
2. **Meeting Minutes Review.** The February 2018 meeting minutes were approved without change.
3. **Measure H Update.** Tene Tate-Dickson from LA County Homeless Initiative Office gave the following update:
  - a. Key Measure H outcomes were reported for the July-December 2017, representing the first six months of implementation (please see her attached presentation for the outcome specifics).
  - b. \$90 million in Measure H tax revenue has been collected to date.
  - c. With the 3,350 who have been placed into permanent housing, the system is on track to meet its 5-year goal of housing 4,500 families and individuals.
  - d. Regarding AB 210: this enacted legislation allows homelessness engagement teams to share client information without violating HIPAA confidentiality regulations. The County is developing protocols and procedures that these teams will follow.
  - e. Regarding New Job Opportunities Website: the County is helping coordinate efforts by hosting job fairs.
  - f. Regarding FY 2018-19 Funding Recommendations: based on the public feedback received, the county will be examining the needs of older adults experiencing homelessness in its programs.
  - g. Tene presented a snapshot of the [Measure H "Dashboard"](#). Updated semi-annually, it will show results at the system level for how many people were placed into: Interim Housing, Permanent Housing, Homelessness Prevention.
4. **CoC Board Report Back.** Ryan Macy-Hurley gave the following report:
  - a. CoC Board and RHAC Elections. We will be having elections to select our SPA 8 representative to these two LAHSA governance bodies. Ryan explained how HUD has shifted its priorities and policies over the recent years and we are all affected by these whether or not our agencies receive federal funding. The CoC Board in particular responds to them in the LA CoC's application to HUD's Notice of Funding Availability of (NOFA) Competition. The anticipated release of this year's NOFA is May.
  - b. "Dedicated Plus". Last year, HUD gave communities the ability to loosen some of the "chronically" homeless requirements. For documenting the length of homelessness, only four months need to be verified by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party, with the remaining self-certified. Also, instead of having four episodes of homelessness over the past three years, it can be less instances as long as the total length sums to 12 months. No timeline was given on when LAHSA would formally implement this change, but Ryan felt it would be soon in preparation for responding to this year's HUD NOFA.

- 5. SPA 8 Coordinated Entry System (CES) Update.** Alex Devin gave the following report:
- a. DHS' "Housing for Health" program is now being folded into the County's "B7" Homeless Initiative strategy. More "ICMS" (Intensive Case Management Services) teams are being created to meet the scaled-up demands for case management services.
  - b. The "Golden Ticket" developed in SPA 8, which is given to those living on the streets who are engaged with outreach staff, is being widely used by LAHSA HET, "E6" multi-disciplinary teams, and PATH SBCCOG outreach staff. Several local law enforcement agencies recognize these and are sometimes being lenient on minor concerns when people present them to show they are actively engaged in resolving their homelessness.
  - c. Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) is shooting to increase its recover beds total to 700, which includes sober living beds. Participants enrolled in these programs do not lose their chronic homeless status.
  - d. "Diversion" programs are now funded in our SPA through Harbor Interfaith, PATH, and 1736. This program has modest funding, with HIS being able to help 20 individuals by June 30<sup>th</sup> (the end of this fiscal year). We anticipate additional funding starting in July. Scoring a 19+ on a special eligibility tool is required.
- 6. Advocacy Committee Report Back.** Paul Stansbury reported that the MHSA state homeless funds are not being spent down. He discussed the need for community advocacy to educate the public on homelessness solutions to reduce the NIMBY feelings.
- 7. Special Report: Whole Person Care (WPC).** Diamond Lee presented the following:
- a. WPC is a 5-year pilot funded from a Medicaid waiver made at the state level, and serves persons who are on this federal program.
  - b. At the county level, WPC is pushing for system level integration with other programs, including promoting the sharing of data.
  - c. For specific WPC services, please see the referral sheet Diamond distributed (attached).
- 8. Co-Chairs' Report.** Nancy Wilcox reported she is continuing to work with the consultants partnered with the seven cities who received homelessness planning grants. She attended the Measure H Citizens Oversight meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Wilcox.