

South Bay Coalition to End Homelessness General Meeting Minutes

St. John Fisher Church

Wednesday, May 17, 2017, from 9:30 am – 11:30 am

Attendees: Guest Speaker: Nancy Wilcox (SBCEH, SPBTS); Hosting Agency: Misty Jesse; Members: Co-Chair Mark Silverbush (SBCEH), Laura Scotrold-Lemp (Beacon Light Mission), Tahia Hayslet (Harbor Interfaith Services), Zina Washington, (Help Me Help You), Bob Zamalin (Community's Child), Justin Joe (Providence Little Company of Mary), Paul Stansbury (NAMI), Mary Agnes Erlandson (St. Margaret's Center), Claire Coignard (Torrance Memorial Medical Center), Alma Ramos (Alliance for Housing and Healing), Jeff Mendenhall (Redondo Police Department), Zhena McCullom (DMH), Daniel Branford (King's Harbor Church Harbor Rock Recovery), Geraldo Magallanes (1736 FCC), June Pouesi (Office of Samoan Affairs), Nancy Gutierrez (Torrance Unified School District), Ericka Sazo-Gonzales (Redondo Police Department), David Bradford (Harbor Interfaith Services), Keith Bennett (City of Carson).

1. **Welcome & Introductions.** SBCEH Co-chair Mark Silverbush opened the meeting at 9:43 a.m. Everyone introduced themselves and gave their affiliation.
2. **Minutes Review and Approval.** The April 2017 Minutes were approved without changes.
3. **Guest Speaker: "Measure H Crash Course."** Nancy Wilcox presented an overview of County Measure H, providing highlights on each Strategy's and anticipated first year impact. (Note: the comments below augment her attached powerpoint.)
 - a. Disclaimers Slide: There is a mini proposal for each Strategy that details the program details and budget justification. They can be found at the County's Measure H website, <http://homeless.lacounty.gov/measure-h/>.
 - b. High Level Highlights Slide: The County anticipates \$355 Million in tax revenue each year during the 10 years that this tax will be assessed.
 - c. Tiny Bit About Funding Slide: Several County departments already have funding allocated to support their homelessness activities. These will continue to be used along with the Measure H allocations to each applicable department. Each Strategy's lead agency was asked to consider what realistically it could do in terms of expanding their programs. This "ramp-up" was considered to balance that with the great need.
 - d. 7 Core Strategies Slide: LAHSA's January 2016 "LAHSA Gap Analysis" Study was used to identify the number of system resources required to end homelessness. In developing the Core Strategies Flow Diagram presented on this slide, LAHSA emphasized people experienced homelessness can be served through multiple paths and do not necessarily need to follow the Outreach to Emergency Shelter to Permanent Housing steps.
 - e. Strategy "E6" Outreach Slide: The current multi-disciplinary teams can only serve 14% of the street-based homeless. There are currently 30 "general" outreach staff, so the proposed additional 64 would triple this capacity. 5,800 would be helped into interim housing, with many more served through this strategy.

- f. Strategy “B7” Interim/Bridge Housing for Those Existing Institutions Slide: There are about 200 DHS/DMH recuperative beds currently in the County. This Strategy would increase that number to 450 over the next three years.
- g. Strategy “E8” Enhance Emergency Shelter System Slide. The number served (8,215) assumes each bed turns over every 90 days.
- h. Strategy “D7” PSH Services and Rental Subsidies Slide: This strategy assumes that other funding through Medicaid for “Whole Person Care” is available.
- i. Strategy “B3” Rapid Re-Housing Slide. A correction on this slide: it is to provide long periods of Shallow Subsidies according to the detailed proposal, for up to 5 years. The 5,584 number of clients served breakout is: 4,334 for RRH and 1,250 for Shallow Subsidies.
- j. Strategy “E7” Strength CES Slide. This is the infrastructure that provides the core services.
- k. Strategy “B4” Federal Housing Subsidies Utilization Slide. Nancy reminded the audience that this Measure H is a multi-year program so there is still opportunity for local housing authorities that have not yet expressed interest to partner with the County on this Strategy.
- l. Strategy “B6” Family Reunification Slide. The current funding level helps just 23% of the need.
- m. Strategy “D2” Jail In-Reach Slide. There is no Measure H funding for this during Year 1 because the initial (one-time) County funding was designed to last for two years.
- n. Strategy “F7” Promote Development of Affordable Housing Slide. This funding is extremely modest (\$10M for Year 1) relative to the costs needed. There was much discussion during the public meetings about what priority this should have relative to using all the funding to provide services.
- o. Group Discussion Slide. Coalition members expressed a strong interest in (1) understanding CES and the available housing resources in our SPA, (2) how to connect with the different outreach teams across the region. Concerns were also raised about the lack of SPA 8 crisis shelter beds.

4 LAHSA Coordinating Council Report Back. Tahia Hayslet, our SPA 8 rep to the Coordinating Council (RHAC), gave the following report.

- a. LAHSA is anticipating the HUD NOFA (Notice Of Funding Availability) release soon. There are discussions about shifting the Rapid Re-Housing projects to Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) programs because Measure H will provide RRH funding. In the past, there has been two funding tiers: Tier 1 was “guaranteed” funding and Tier 2 was not, but the LA Continuum of Care (CoC) has been successful at getting this second tier funded.
- b. LAHSA has eliminated its proposal “Threshold Review” in favor of a Request For Statement of Qualification (RFSQ) process. Agencies are highly encouraged to go through this process so they are “pre-qualified” to bid on LAHSA request for proposals. She also explained that the County Department of Health Services (DHS) has an extensive approval process

agencies must go through to be placed on its master agreement list, which will then qualify them to receive DHS funding.

5. LAHSA Report Back. Nancy gave this report in Saba Tekle's absence.

- a. CES Free Training. United Way and the Funders Collaborative have given CSH and Homeless Health Care Los Angeles a contract to provide free training for front line staff and program managers. All community stakeholders are welcome to attend these. Sign up at this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/free-ces-network-training-new-trainings-added-tickets-28563909422>.
- b. HMIS Platform Migration Update. LAHSA is currently in the process of changing Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) vendors, from Adsystem to BitFocus' "Clarity" system. In order to complete the migration of data from the old to new platform, users will be not able to access HMIS during a "blackout" period, which was initially anticipated to be two weeks but was extended.
- c. LAHSA Community Quarterly Meeting. Our next Coalition meeting will be held in conjunction with LAHSA's Quarterly Meeting. At this time, we will elect our rep to the newly formed CoC Board, which is replacing the Coordinating Council as part of LAHSA's new governance structure.

6. Co-Chairs' Report Back. Nancy reported on the Funders Collaborative RFP, which included the CES Renewal Grant. The Coalition supported Harbor Interfaith in applying for five grants on behalf of the SPA 8 CES Collaborative. We will hear about the awards in June.

7. Member Agency Announcements.

- a. Paul Stansbury announced that at the upcoming Long Beach City Council meeting held next Tuesday night, it will make a decision about permitting a behavioral health urgent care center. He also highlighted the upcoming San Pedro DMH Annual Health Fair being held on May 24th.
- b. Keith Bennett announced the City of Carson is partnering with PATH and Calvary Church to pilot a Laundry Love event monthly on Wednesday from 3-9 pm. **Corrected at 6-21-17 meeting: The Carson sponsored Laundry Love is held the 3rd Wednesdays from 4-9 pm.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Wilcox.