

## South Bay Coalition to End Homelessness General Meeting Minutes

Host: St. John Fisher Church

Auditorium, 5448 Crest Rd, Rancho Palos Verdes

Wednesday, May 23, 2018 ~ 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

**Attendees:** Hosting Agency: Misty Jesse. LAHSA Guest Speaker: Natalis Ng, Julia Vittore, Megan Emme, Nick Weinmeister, Takita Salisbury, Gary Mitchell, Saba Tekle, Ben Kay. Members: Co-Chair Nancy Wilcox (St. Peter's By The Sea), Shari Weaver (Harbor Interfaith Services), Dan Bradford (King's Harbor Church), Avigal Horrow (1736 FCC), Joshua Christian (LAFLA), Michelle Leon (Torrance Unified School District), Laura Scotvold-Lemp (Doors of Hope), Beatrix Vega (Rainbow Services), Keith Bennett (City of Carson), Veronica Aguilar (DMH), Zhenia McCullum (DMH), Sharon Novalez (Office of Samoan Affairs), Gabriela Garcia (United Way/Everyone In), Javier Beltran (LAFLA), Thomas Morningstore (SHARE!), Ronson Chu (Community Member), Mary Agnes Erlandson (St. Margaret's Center), Jermaine Strickland (US Vets), Anahita Saadatifald (Homes for Life), Julie Lie (VCO), Jennifer Lee (PATH), Sonia Fonseca (Lived Experience), Angela Tafoya (Lived Experience), William Bravo (Lived Experience), Carrie Nowocin (Community Member), Diamond Lee (DHS), Toby Quintiliani. (1736 FCC).

1. **Welcome & Introductions.** SBCEH co-chair Nancy Wilcox opened the meeting at 9:38 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

2. **Meeting Minutes Review.** The March 2018 meeting minutes were approved without change.

3. **CoC Board Report Back.** Nancy gave the following report:

HUD Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Continuum of Care (CoC) national competition: Before Measure H, this was the largest single funding source for Los Angeles County's homeless services and housing. Last year's award was \$109 million. Los Angeles Services Authority (LAHSA) staff reported that it will start monitoring the "spend down" of these projects because collectively last year, there was \$23 million unspent that had to be returned to HUD. Staff will analyze why this occurred, including examining if this was due to HUD policies that inhibited the spending, or if was possibly due to local implementation. Nancy noted that HACLA and HACoLA receive a large portion of this HUD award. In last year's LA CoC's HUD application, all the rapid rehouse programs were moved from this funding stream and are now using Measure H funds. Concern was noted at the CoC Board meeting about "putting all eggs in one basket."

In anticipation for this year's CoC NOFA: (1) It will include a special "bonus" for DV programs. (2) A category of points awarded go toward the percentage of programs that use a "housing first" model. Staff will send surveys to all providers so they can self-identify if their programs are using this approach. (3) Staff proposed differentiating between tenant-based and project-based vouchers (PBV) in an effort to ensure continued PBV funding by prioritizing them higher.

4. **Measure H Update.** Nancy gave the following report:

"Year 2" funding for 2018-2019 was approved by the Board of Supervisors. This includes \$402.172 million in proposed spending. (1) Some of the funds are allocated to SPAs based on the year's Homeless Count. The funding amount will now be calculated by: (a) looking at a rolling two-year average of the annual census; and (b) for select strategies, DPSS data will also be factored in. This will have a favorable effect on SPA 8 since DPSS data from a recent study shows there are possibly 18,309 persons in need, which is a 198% increase over the Homeless Count of 6,145. (2) Provider agencies that have two or more Measure H contracts can shift up to 10% of funds between contracts with county approval.

5. **Advocacy Committee Report Back.** Paul Stansbury reported that: (1) CSH is asking for advocacy in supporting pending state housing legislation. (2) [Exodus Urgent Care Center](#) opened on the Harbor/UCLA Medical Center campus, offering 24-hour psychiatric crisis center available “24/7” 365 days a year. (3) California’s Senate Bill 1206, “No Place Like Home Act of 2018” championed by Senate Pro Tem Kevin De Leon, will be on the November ballot to get voter approval to spend \$2 billion from the MHSA funds for housing.

Gabriela Garcia with United Way’s “Everyone In” campaign explained their efforts to provide advocacy with local communities around the development of additional new shelters and housing units.

6. **SPA 8 Coordinated Entry System (CES) Update.** SPA 8 CES Director Shari Weaver gave the following report:
1. Harbor Interfaith is the lead organization for the CES Single Adults, Youth & Families systems. As the end of this year’s contract period (7/1/17 to 6/30/18) is near, these are the goal attainment through the end of April:
    - a. Assessments:
      - Single Adults – 561 YTD / Goal 240
      - Youth – 88 YTD / Goal 40
      - Families – 731 YTD / Goal 450
    - b. Outreach Engagement
      - Single Adults/Youth/Families – 459 YTD / Goal 101Outreach has improved this year with the implementation of the Regional Outreach Coordinator. It has been her responsibility to coordinate with all existing outreach teams in SPA 8, which includes LAHSA Homeless Engagement Team (HET), MHA – E6 Multi-Disciplinary Team, VA Outreach, CES Outreach & DMH SB-82 team. She is responsible for dispatching appropriate outreach to calls for service and also to coordinate proactive outreach to hotspots and encampments. As a result, this has reduced duplicated efforts to engage those living in the streets and increase connections to housing resources. She has also worked closely with law enforcement in each of the 27 communities to develop better working relationships to address homelessness in their respective neighborhoods.
    - c. Rapid Rehousing
      - Single Adults 31 YTD / Goal 15
      - Families – 170 YTD / Goal 140
      - Youth – 4 YTD / Goal 5 – An additional 11 Youth were placed in Independent Living Programs for former Foster Youth.
    - d. Housing Navigation (for higher acuity/chronically homeless single adults)
      - Permanently placed 79 YTD / Goal 50
    - e. Prevention (for those that are imminently at risk of losing their housing)
      - Single Adults & Youth (new funds started in April) 1 YTD / Goal 18
      - Families – 63 YTD / Goal 40
  2. New this year:
    - Hospital Liaison – working with 5 hospitals in the South Bay to coordinate with discharge planners and connect homeless patients to housing resources.
    - A grant to work with the City of Redondo Beach – we have a full Outreach/Housing Navigator that works closely with Redondo Beach PD targeting the homeless that they most frequently encounter.
    - Legal Services for all populations.
  3. Harbor Interfaith has also obtained funding from Long Beach CoC and in April 2018, opened 13 units of Permanent Supportive Housing at Century Villages at Cabrillo. To date 9 new residents have been

housed that have been specifically targeted as being on the City's top 20 prioritization list. The #1 person on that list was successfully housed last week.

4. We continue to conduct quarterly Health & Housing Resource Fairs (this contract year we have conducted 5). Our most recent event was in Redondo Beach in April.
  - 59 providers from 29 organizations participated, including homeless service providers, education, healthcare, mental health, benefit services and veterans organizations. There were mobile health vans, legal services to assist with expungements of past convictions, and DMV provide temporary California ID's.
  - There were 5 outreach teams that provided transportation to and from the event.
  - 71 participants attended the event from 11 cities across the South Bay.
  
7. **Co-Chairs' Report.** Nancy reported that the 2017 Homeless Count numbers were decreased because of a problem with the Youth Count component. LA CoC's number is now 52442, with SPA 8's number reduced to 4,101. This change does not affect the community level totals. The 2018 Homeless Count results are set to be released on May 31<sup>st</sup>.
  
8. **LAHSA's Quarterly Community Meeting.** (Note: Please refer to the attached briefing charts. These minutes reflect additional information that was discussed. A handout containing Capacity Building Updates, Additional Areas of Interest – Capital Cost, and Youth CES Update was provided but not briefed.)
  1. LAHSA Governance Board Elections. Natalis Ng and Julia Vittore conducted the elections to fill our open vacancies on the Regional Homelessness Advisory Council (RHAC) and CoC Board. After the candidates gave a statement, the election was held. Our new RHAC rep is Mary Agnes Erlandson and our new CoC Board rep is Shari Weaver.
  2. Housing Location Services. PATH representative Jennifer Lee explained she is a member of one of three regional teams covering the entire county as part of the new 3-year contract funded through Measure H. Her area includes SPAs 5, 7, and 8. PATH will be starting a marketing campaign to encourage landlords to lease to formerly homeless persons. Specific functions for this contract are being defined by LAHSA in its scope of required services.
  3. Policy and CES Interim Guidance. Nick Weinmeister explained the "DedicatedPLUS" policy will allow more flexibility on how to document a person's homelessness. For new CES Policies being developed, the public is encouraged to submit comments, with every one being examined by staff.
  4. Winter Shelter Program (WSP) Request for Proposal (RFP). Takita Salisbury talked about the upcoming WSP RFP. The funding for this program is a combination of City of Los Angeles, County of LA, and Measure H funds. LAHSA wants to ensure the community is involved several months prior to their opening to provide inputs on their location and pick-up sites, and to help identify organizations that can donate food to this program.
  5. Access and Engagement. Gary Mitchell explained the Homeless Engagement Teams (HET) work closely with local law enforcement to provide connections to services.
  6. Housing Coalition Summit. Megan Emme and Saba Tekle lead a discussion on Summit planning. Suggestions offered included forming a local steering committee, having a panel discussion, having providers speak about their services, and making it a full day.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Wilcox.