

South Bay Coalition to End Homelessness General Meeting Minutes

Host: El Segundo United Methodist Church

540 Main St, El Segundo

Wednesday, June 27, 2018 ~ 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

Attendees: Hosting Agency: Mark Heaney. Guest Speaker: Mallory Andrews (LAFLA). Members: Co-Chair Mark Silverbush, Beatrix Vega (Rainbow Services), Megan Emme (LAHSA), Haley Fuselier (PATH), Lee Phillip (Community Member), Sharon Novalez (Office of Samoan Affairs), Keith Bennett (City of Carson), Janet Kelly (Sanctuary of Hope), Mary Agnes Erlandson (St. Margaret's Center), Thomas Morningstar (SHARE!), Courtney Reed (PATH), Siobhan Davis (PATH), Jennifer LaMarque (SBCCOG), Jessica Flores (1736 FCC), Zhenia McCullom (DMH), Lisa Leiato (Office of Samoan Affairs), Shari Weaver (Harbor Interfaith), Ronson Chu (SBCEH), Jo Takanabe (CPAF), Nancy Wilcox (St. Peter's By The Sea).

1. **Welcome & Introductions.** SBCEH co-chair Mark Silverbush opened the meeting at 9:45 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.
2. **Meeting Minutes Review.** The April 2018 meeting minutes were approved without change.
3. **SPA 8 Homeless Count Results.** Mark and Nancy Wilcox presented the 2018 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count results shown in the attached briefing.
4. **Special Recognition.** On behalf of the coalition, Mark and Nancy thanked Megan Emme for her service to our region, especially for her Homeless Count coordination efforts. She is leaving the Los Angeles Homeless Services Agency to focus fulltime on her USC master's degree program.
5. **SPA 8 Legal Services.** Mallory Andrews of Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA) explained the services now available through Measure H funding (please see her attached briefing). One client success story was how LAFLA was able to waive a Torrance woman's back rent of seven months. Though she had to leave this housing, she was able to move forward debt free.
6. **Hosting Organization.** Mark Heaney, member of El Segundo United Methodist Church, explained their congregation is part of Family Promise (FP) of the South Bay. FP is a national program in 43 states with 185 affiliates. Families stay at a host congregation for one week, 4x/year. He shared that he learned so much about who was experiencing homelessness in our community through this program. He told of a teen that wore the same set of clothes each day he and his family were staying at his church.
7. **Co-Chairs' Report.** Nancy reported on the status of the "city homelessness plans," which are due to the County by the end of the July.
8. **Member Agency Announcements.**
 - St. Margaret's Center is exploring being a "Safe Parking" site, where those living out of their vehicles could stay overnight in a secure and safe location.
 - SHARE! is opening another house, this one in SPA 7/East LA.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Wilcox.