

## South Bay Coalition to End Homelessness General Meeting Minutes

City of Lawndale, Harold E. Hofmann Community Center  
Wednesday, August 16, 2017, from 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

**Attendees:** Guest Speakers (LAHSA): Paul Lange, Megan Emme, Anna Bialik, Tene Tate-Dickson (County CEO HI Office). Hosting Agency: Mayor Robert Pullen-Miles, Diane Shaw; Members: Co-Chair Mark Silberbush, Melody David (Safe Families for Children), Philip Guzglianone (Homes for Life), Becca Channell (CAST), George Bell (LSSSC), Nicole Anderson-Harrigon (ACOF), Jose Rodriguez (Dare to Come for the Homeless), Cecil Flournoy (City of Carson), Fernando Gaytan (LAFLA), Justin Joe (Providence), Clark McNeel (1736 FCC), Cliff Gardner (1736 FCC), Stacy Williams (Claris Health), Marie Gambon (DPH), Alma Ramos (Alliance for Housing and Healing), Nina Dooley (LINC Housing), Crisalia Aranibar (LAUSD), Keith Bennett (City of Carson), Bridgette Bullard (DMH), Ebony Stephens (School on Wheels), Lawrence Calhoun (PATH), Elizabeth Eastlund (Rainbow), Lucie Hollingsworth (1736 FCC), Karen Tucker (Family Promise), Lao Maua (PATH), Anika Simpson (DMH), Cinder Eller-Kimble (Inglewood PD), Jo Takanabe (CPAF), Veronica Gonzalez (US Vets), Sharice Sowell (LAUSD), Claudia Palacios (Women Shelter LB), Adilene De Leon (DiDi Hirsch), Zhen McCullom (DMH), Emily Krupin (CPAF), Janet Kelly (SOH), Beatrix Vega (Rainbow Services), Jerri Neely (ACOF), Onika Cole (ACOF), Nancy Wilcox (St. Peter's By the Sea).

- 1. Welcome & Introductions.** SBCEH Co-chair Mark Silverbush opened the meeting at 9:40 a.m. Everyone introduced themselves and gave their affiliation.
- 2. Hosting Agency Overview.** City of Lawndale Mayor Robert Pullen-Miles welcomed everyone. He talked about the challenges we all face in servicing those who are homeless, and how they have become much more visible in our communities. He wants to be partners with us because he recognizes homelessness is not just an isolated city issue, but a regional challenge where the homeless migrate from city to city. He acknowledged the need for more permanent supportive housing.
- 3. Minutes Review and Approval.** The August 2017 Minutes were approved with the addition of citing Veronica Gonzales as our RHAC alternate.

Paul Lange, Regional Coordination Supervisor overseeing Service Planning Area (SPA) 8/South Bay, is leaving LAHSA to pursue a nursing career. His dedicated work was acknowledged by Nancy Wilcox, who thanked him for his service in working with our region for the past two years.

- 4. Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count: City Level Reports.** Our homeless coalition generates SPA and city-level reports based on the street count data recently released by LAHSA. These were distributed and reviewed.
  - a. Service Planning Area (SPA) 8 Level Report.** Mark reviewed the [SPA 8 Homeless Count information sheet](#). He first revisited the “chronic homelessness” definition, explaining its importance and the priority of housing people who meet this criteria. For those who were in shelters the night of the Count, one in ten were at one designated for domestic violence victims. The number of motel vouchers distributed by the County Department of Public Social Services increased dramatically from last year (up 103%), which is reflected in the “sheltered” number (52% of the 2017 SPA 8 sheltered population was from the 533 vouchers used on the

Count night). He went on to highlight the 692 individuals and families that were stably housed last year through SPA 8's Coordinated Entry System program.

- b. Individual City Level Reports. Nancy reviewed each of the 19 city-level sheets found on [our website](#). She identified shelters in the applicable cities, and highlighted major changes in numbers from last year's Count.

**5. Co-Chairs' Report Back.** Nancy reported on the following:

- a. Hepatitis A outbreak in California, with informational handouts from LA County Department of Public Health provided.
- b. SBCEH's "Free Grocery/Food" listing has been updated and is available on our website, [sbceh.org](#).
- c. The County-lead "Faith" SPA 8 follow-up meeting held in July attracted over 70. Nancy is following up with congregations interested in getting more homelessness information.
- d. The CES Systems Resource Fair will be held on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Information about services and housing for all three systems - for Individuals, Families, and Youth - will be provided. Medical services will be available.
- e. The County's "City Planning Grant" opportunity, where cities can apply for Measure H funding of \$30-\$70K based on their Homeless Count 2017 total.

**6. LAHSA Quarterly Meeting.** The notes below supplement the attached LAHSA and County Homeless Initiative Office briefings.

- a. Community Engagement Meeting. Paul distributed a preliminary list of meetings held throughout the SPA. Nancy questioned including the entries that are not open to the public such as case conferencing meetings. Paul suggested contacting Shannon VerGow about this.
- b. Community Homeless Information Sessions. Megan Emme reported that LAHSA will be holding semi-annual evening meetings targeted for the general public about homelessness.
- c. Measure H Contracting/Subcontracting Opportunities. Tene Tate-Dickson reviewed contracting opportunities Guide.
- d. LAHSA Updates. Anna Bialik gave an update on LAHSA funding opportunities. The HUD CoC "New Projects" application submission window is now closed and goes to LAHSA Commission for approval next week. The "CES Expansion" RFP is being delayed one week to give more agencies time to qualify for applying for this funding. October will bring another round of RFP releases for new Measure H capabilities. Paul gave a policy update found in the briefing.
- e. 2018 Homeless Count Update. Megan highlighted changes to the 2018 "Opt-In" program

**7. Member Agency Announcements.**

- a. Becca Channell from CAST (Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking) gave an invitation to their upcoming training being held on August 28-29<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Nina Dooley from LINC Housing reminded us on the challenges facing developers in siting housing developments through LA.

**The meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.**

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Wilcox.