



Los Angeles HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY

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Policy & Legislative Affairs Updates

Ad Hoc Committee on Black People Experiencing Homelessness

- The Committee was established in April 2018 to provide focused attention to better understand the factors contributing to the overrepresentation of Black people among the population experiencing homelessness, identify opportunities to increase racial equity within the homeless service delivery system, and develop recommendations to more effectively meet the needs of Black people experiencing homelessness.
- The Committee holds monthly public meetings as well as community listening sessions to gather feedback.
- Their work will culminate in a public report and set of recommendations expected to be released by the end of the calendar year.
- Upcoming Committee meetings:
 - August 20, 1:00-4:30 PM | James Wood Community Center, 400 E. Fifth Street, Los Angeles
 - Topic: CES outreach, assessment, and interim housing
 - September 17, 1:00-5:00 PM (location TBD)
 - Topic: permanent housing, retention, and prevention
- For more information: www.lahsa.org/commission#committees

Coordinated Entry System (CES) Policy Development

- The CES Policy Development Process is ongoing. There are four core elements to the Coordinated Entry System as required by HUD; Access, Assessment, Prioritization and Referral (Matching). The Policy Council has approved all policies within the first three elements as well as six of the seven proposed matching policies. The implementation plan for approved policies is in development.
- The final Matching policy and an additional policy on Evaluation will be considered at the August 22, 2018 meeting.
- Meetings: The Policy Council holds public meetings the 4th Wednesday of each month at LAHSA from 9:30-11:30 am.

CES Interim Guidance

- Multiple Matching to Permanent Supportive Housing
 - This guidance increases the number of participants matched to Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) resources (project-based vacancies or tenant-based subsidies). Matching more than one individual or household to a resource decreases the length of time between a match and successful occupancy.
 - Status: This Interim Guidance will go into effect on September 1, 2018 with a training webinar in late August that will be announced through the LAHSA listserv.
- Point of Contact
 - This guidance requires that Points of Contact be identified for every CES participant currently engaged by staff at a CES Participating Agency. Establishing Points of



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Contact within each electronic participant record will ensure that a CES participant can be reached in the event of a potential match to a housing resource.

- Status: Posted for public comment July 25 - August 8. LAHSA is reviewing public comment now, and the final release is forthcoming.

For More Information

- Visit: www.lahsa.org/policy
- Contact the policy team with questions: policy@lahsa.org