

South Bay Coalition to End Homelessness General Meeting Minutes
San Pedro United Methodist Church, 777 Fellowship Hall
580 W 6th, San Pedro
Wednesday, September 20, 2017 ~ 9:30 -11:30 am

Attendees: Guest Speakers: Ben Winter (LA City Mayor Garcetti's Office) and Lynn Katano (County of LA Community Development Commission). Hosting Agency: Pastor Lisa Williams. Members: Co-Chair Nancy Wilcox (St. Peter's By The Sea), Zhenia McCullom (DMH), Michael De La Torre (LINC), Megan Emme (LAHSA), Shakoya Green (National Health Foundation), Ebone Stephens (School on Wheels), Crisalia Aranibar (LAUSD), Paul Stansbury (NAMI), Jennifer LaMarque (SBCCOG), Shari Weaver (Harbor Interfaith), Ryan Macy-Hurley (1736 FCC), Keith Bennett (City of Carson), Erin Nakamura (Marymount CA Univ), Nicole Columbare (PATH), Veronica Turner (Harbor/UCLA Medical Ctr), Elton Penn (Pathway Recuperative Care), Mary Agnes Erlanson (St. Margaret's Center), Jo Takanabe (CPAF), Lao Maua (PATH), Melody Davis (Safe Families for Children), Nina Dooley (LINC), Beatriz Vaga (Rainbow Services), Cinder Eller (Inglewood PD), Officer Osorio (Inglewood PD), Anika Simpson (Inglewood PD), Namaig Satele (Office of Samoan Affairs), Patrick tucker (DMH), Maria Salas (DMH), Karen Ceaser (Community Advocate), Bill Roberson (San Pedro United Methodist), Diane Bell (Community Advocate).

- 1. Welcome & Introductions.** SBCEH Co-chair Nancy Wilcox opened the meeting at 9:40 a.m. Everyone introduced themselves and gave their affiliation.
- 2. Hosting Agency Overview.** Pastor Lisa Williams explained San Pedro United Methodist Church (SPUMC) is part of a Harbor Area progressive faith consortium working collaboratively on social justice issues. SPUMC engages in many ministries that serve the homeless, including being a Family Promise "host" church, where families experiencing homelessness sleep overnight at their campus for week-long stays during the year. It is also hosting an upcoming free hepatitis A vaccine clinic, and is exploring the development of housing on its unused property.
- 3. Creation of Affordable Housing and Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH).** Our invited guests spoke about the City of Los Angeles and County of Los Angeles opportunities to fund housing (Note: please refer to their handouts; these minutes reflect additional information each provided).

City of Los Angeles. Ben Winter works in Mayor Garcetti's Housing Policy office. He explained that the separate Los Angeles Housing + Community Investment Development (HCID) is the agency that in part finances housing development projects. The Proposition HHH funding for affordable housing and PSH will be administered from HCID.

Prop HHH will generate \$1.2 billion through general obligation bonds, with all the funding used to acquire or improve property to build PSH, affordable housing (using up to 20% of the funding), and other facilities for the homeless. Operational service costs and direct client aid cannot be funded from this source. The goal is to triple the existing number of PSH. Housing is for a 55 year covenant. In October, HCID will issue a call for housing projects. This competitive process will take place every two years. The goal is to build 300 units a year.

The City is looking for public comment on the project requirements. These will be taken into consideration with each subsequent RFP release. A proposed PSH ordinance was just released that removes some of the current regulatory barriers such as allowing for small units and less parking.

Another RFP has been released for the development of non-housing facilities such as shelters, clinics, service centers, and shower. Regions with less service capacity will be given bonus points in the application scoring.

County of Los Angeles. Lynn Katano of the Community Development Commission (CDC) gave an overview of CDC. The agency's four main activity areas are subsidized housing, housing development and preservation, community development, and economic development. It now has an emphasis on PSH. CDC partners with the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (HACoLA), which administers the County's Section 8 and Public Housing programs.

Every fall it releases a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and is looking to being more innovative to create additional affordable housing. The NOFA process is very competitive, and is timed so the grantees can have a more favorable application to receive state tax credits. Round 23A NOFA was released last week, with a \$140K/unit max allocation and a \$7 million overall cap (or about 48 units). There will be 200 Federal project based housing vouchers available, providing substantial rental subsidies for persons who will live in these developments.

Lynn presentation included pictures of recent developments. Each is architecturally tailored to its neighborhood. A discussion about fighting NIMBY-ism was held, with all agreeing the general public and elected officials need more education to debunk myths around affordable housing and PSH.

4. LAHSA Continuum of Care (CoC) Board Report Out. Ryan Macy-Hurley reported on the following:

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) submitted the HUD FY17 NOFA application, asking for \$105 million. Ryan explained how programs in the "Tier 1" were safe and would get automatic (re-)funding, but those in "Tier 2" were subject to completion at the national level. Transitional housing programs previously funded through HUD were "reallocated" to make available funding for "new" project requests; Measure H picked up the funding for these TH programs. No one is SPA 8 applied for the "new projects" but if HUD awards LAHSA's full funding, there might be an opportunity to apply for some of this (possibly in an early 2018 RFP release). The CoC Board recommended priority be given to underserved regional areas.

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

- a. Working with Harbor Interfaith, the Coalition supported LASHA's recent CES Expansion RFP requesting funds for SPA 8 "access centers."
- b. She also supported local cities in applying for the Home for Good Funders Collaborative "City Planning Grants."
- c. Beginning in January 2018, we are thinking of changing our monthly meeting date to alleviate the conflicts with other LAHSA and Countywide standing meetings. She'll send out a poll to find the date/time that fits the most members.

6. Member Agency Announcements.

- a. Paul Stanbury announced the annual NAMI Walk being held on October 7th at Grand Park in Downtown Los Angeles.
- b. Lao Maua encouraged members to attend the Redondo Beach Resource Fair on October 11th. This is for the general public, city staff, and community stakeholders to see what homelessness services are available in their community. Direct services for those experiencing homelessness will not be provided at this Fair.
- c. Erin Nakamura spoke of the food insecurity problems facing Marymount CA University students.
- d. Megan Emme invited the general public to LAHSA's Community Information Session on Homelessness being held on September 27th at the Carson Center.
- e. Karen Ceaser reminded the attendees that the City of Los Angeles Housing Authority is opening its Section 8 Housing Waitlist. She will be assisting applicants at Harbor Interfaith Services Monday, Wed, Friday from 10 am - 2 pm during Oct 16-29th registration period.
- f. Lisa Williams said her church was hosting a Hep A vaccination clinic next week and citizenship application workshop on Sept 22nd.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Wilcox.