

South Bay Coalition to End Homelessness General Meeting Minutes

Hosting Organization: SoCal ROC

Board Room (Bldg "B"), 2300 Crenshaw Blvd, Torrance

Wednesday, September 25, 2019 ~ 9:30 – 11:30 am

Attendees: Guest Speakers Bobby Kobara (LA City Mayor's Office); Rene Ceballos, Crystina Leyva, Alicia Reves Fen Tam (Salvation Army). Hosting Agency: Dr. Jennifer Pesavento (SoCal ROC). Members: Nancy Wilcox (SBCEH, St. Peter's by the Sea Church), Bill Callahan (PACS), Courtney Reed (PATH), Dominique Nakagi (CPAF), Isela Hernandez (PATH), Paul Stansbury (NAMI), Alejandra Sanchez (Rainbow Services), Steve Yu (LAHSA), Lucia Bellre (PATH), Laria Breland (PATH), Andrew Leon (PATH), Jasmine Loena (PATH), Grace Farwell (SBCCOG), Roslyn Fanello (LVW Beach Cities), Theresa Mendoza-Jagosz (St Margaret Mary Catholic, NAMI), Sylvia Lemus (PATH), Damian Fonseem (PATH), Veronica Aguilar (DMH), Rita Crabtree-Kame (MBSAFE), Trevor Yee (Harbor/UCLA Medical), Ishimine Caldwell (Sanctuary of Hope), Felice Anaya (PATH), John Nguyen (PATH), Huberth Maltez (PATH), Drago Baric (PACS), Jeannette Aguilar (Exoducx Recovery), Zhenia Mccullom (DMH).

- 1. Welcome & Introductions.** SBCEH co-chair Nancy Wilcox opened the meeting at 9:40 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves and gave their affiliation.
- 2. Hosting Agency Overview.** Dr. Jennifer Pesavento, Director of Student Services, gave an overview of the vocation programs at SoCal ROC. The school also provides job placement for its students, with local businesses often calling them for referrals. An invitation to its open house was extended, being held on October 24th.
- 3. Meeting Minutes Review.** The August meeting minutes were approved without change.
- 4. Advocacy Committee Report.** Paul Stansbury highlighted upcoming meetings to examine possible increases to the reimbursement rate for Adult Residential Facilities (aka, board and care); the Board of Supervisor's position on the "Boise" appeals case challenging the 9th US Circuit's ruling that the city cannot prosecute people who are homeless for sleeping on the streets if there is not enough available shelter beds; LAUSD and DMH's initiative to work with children who are dealing with homelessness and mental illness.
- 5. Continuum of Care (CoC) Board Report Out.** This agenda item was tabled until a future meeting.
- 6. Special Topic #1: Census 2020.** Bobby Kobara of LA City Mayor Garcetti's Office presented an overview of the upcoming 2020 Census. (The following information was brought up supplementing the attached briefing).
 - As a result of the 2010 Census, California gained 5 additional Congressional seats.
 - Of the \$883 billion distributed nationally based on the 2010 Census stats, California receives \$115 billion and of that, \$7 billion goes to LA County.
 - The distrust of the process is amplified by the discussions of including a "citizen's question."
 - Over 200 languages/dialects are spoken in LA, making it more challenging to gather the information,
 - Census takers are scheduled to spend one day in encampments and two more in shelters over March 30 through April 1.
- 7. Special Topic #2: Salvation Army's PSH and Shallow Subsidies Program.**
Rene Ceballos first reviewed SA's Permanent Supportive Housing program:

- Its program is HUD funded and is “scatter site” (i.e., not tied to a specific housing development or “project-based” site), and located in all the service planning areas (SPA).
- They work with HACoLA on the rental subsidy. DHS and LAHSA are also program partners.
- The program eligibility was discussed (please see attached briefing).

Crystina Leyva then described SA’s Shallow Subsidies Program:

- SA administers this Measure H-funded program for the entire County. Beginning in May 2019, this is the only program nationwide providing this service.
- The program is designed for people who were enrolled in the RRH program that do not need ongoing case management but do need a modest amount to help pay their rent.
- Eligibility has been extended to those who live outside LA County if they were initially receiving RRH benefits through our county’s CES. “Stable” tenants are defined as those that have not received a lease violation in the past three month. Being on an affordable housing waitlist was seen as a barrier to some meeting attendees since there are so few programs that are taking additional names.
- Eligible applicants are discussed once a month per SPA via a call-in case conferencing meetings. Those interested on being on this call can contact Crystina.
- For SPA 8, currently they can enroll 9 new individuals or families from RRH and 2 from Prevention each month. Unused open slots get rolled into the next SPAs allocation.

8. Special Topic #3: Measure H Year 4-6 Funding Meetings. Because of limited time, Nancy Wilcox just reviewed her fourth slide, which enumerates the upcoming eight Homeless Initiative’s Policy Summits.

9. Co-Chairs’ Report. Nancy informed the attendees that the Coalition’s Annual Homeless Count 1-page City Summaries will be available shortly. Those wanting copies were asked to leave their contact info on the circulating form.

The meeting concluded at 11:40 pm. Tours of SoCal ROC were then given by staff.
Respectfully submitted by Nancy Wilcox.