

South Bay Coalition to End Homelessness General Meeting Minutes

Host: So Cal ROC

Board Room, 2300 Crenshaw Blvd, Torrance, Ca

Wednesday, September 26, 2018 ~ 9:30 – 11:30 am

Attendees: Guest Speakers: SoCal ROC: Jennifer Pascavento; SBWIB: Bridgette Cruz, Yesenia Terceno; Chrysalis: Laurie Niesen. Members: Co-Chair Nancy Wilcox (St. Peter's by the Sea), Jessica Borja (Rainbow Services), Javier Beltran (LAFLA), Thomas Morningstar (SHARE!), Mariela Munoz (PATH), Ronson Chew (Homeful LA), Quincey Coleman (United Way), Mary Agnes Erlandson (St. Margaret's Center), Jeffica Flores (1736 FCC), Kimberly Williams (DMH), Veronica De Los Santos (The Village), Nazareth Munoz (Catholic Charities (CC)), Jocelyn Lara (CC), Camelle Escanlante (Rainbow Services) Teri Ryan (Community Member), Diana Chu (Community Member), Alma Ramos (AHH), Alejandra Sanchez (Rainbow Services), Stephanie Garrett (PATH), Paul Stansbury (NAMI), Beatriz Vega (Rainbow Services), Jeannette Aguilar (Exodus), Veronica Aguilar (DMH), Courtney Reed (PATH), Matt Baher (MHALA), Ishimine Caldwell (SOH), Ronnina Thomas (Good Neighbors USA), Paula Takumine (Torrance Adt School), Zhen McCullom (DMH), Josh Williams (Shoftin), Demyra Cooper (CC), Christian Lauila (CC), Paula Patino (CC), Jaimin Burgos (CC), Skarlet Castro (CC), Carmen Pinela (PATH), Brittany Olayele (Torrance Adt School), Jeannette Johnson (DHS Whole Person Care), Jonathan Farnham (PATH), Grace Farwell (SBCCOG), Shari Weaver (HIS), Araceli Patino (Rainbow Services), Tammy Wood (LAUSD), Lisa Steward (CC).

1. **Welcome & Introductions.** SBCEH co-chair Nancy Wilcox opened the meeting at 9:38 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.
2. **Meeting Minutes Review.** The August 2018 meeting minutes were approved without change.
3. **Advocacy Report Back.** Paul Stansbury, chair of our Advocacy Committee, discussed: (1) PATH Venture's West Carson's affordable/supportive housing mixed use development and the NIMBY challenges; (2) City of Los Angeles' "Bridge Home" crisis/interim housing in CD15; (3) City of Manhattan Beach's anti-sleeping ordinance; (4) endorsing Propositions 1 & 2.
4. **RHAC Report Back.** Mary Agnes Erlandson, our Service Planning Area (SPA) 8 representative to this LAHSA governance body, gave the following report:
 - a. System Performance Measures. Presentation/discussion on permanent housing placements in FY17-18. Total of 14,947 in LA CoC, (3,675 PSH, 3,599 RRH, and 7,673 Other PH) 7,448 placements were directly tied to Measure H funding. The numbers differ some from the Homeless Count report, as the time period for that was the calendar year.
 - b. State Homeless Emergency Aid (HEAP) Funding. Presentation/discussion on one-time state funding, which must be expended by 6/30/21. Total of \$500 million statewide to address homeless crisis. \$150 million for 11 largest cities by population.
 - City of L.A. will receive \$85 million and Long Beach \$3 million. \$350 million for CoC's, with L.A.'s receiving \$80 million, Long Beach \$9 million, Pasadena \$1.5 million and Glendale \$625K. Eligible uses and requirements include one-time flex funds; youth set-aside minimum 5% funding; jurisdictions must make a shelter crisis declaration; collaborative process to determine uses, and admin cap of 5%.
 - Collaborative process included public input sessions at all 8 SPA meetings and online feedback, and various boards and commissions. Will be final approval on allocation plan in September, and application submittal in October. Over 350 people attended meetings, and 97 online responses.
 - LAHSA's proposal includes \$16 million (20%) for prevention/diversion; \$12 million (15%) for RRH; \$8 million (10%) for strengthening CES; and \$44 million (55%) for enhancing emergency shelter system.

- c. LA Homeless Outreach Portal (LA-HOP) Presentation/discussion on L.A. County's new centralized outreach request portal. Outreach Coordinator in the region acts as "air traffic controller" for all requests and deploys appropriate team. There were 1,500 requests in the first two months. Usually takes up to four days to fulfill request. I asked about marketing, since program is mostly known "in-house" now, but they prefer slow roll-out for now.
- d. Updates & Announcements
 - Cities Homeless Plans RFP. 47 cities applied for homeless planning grants, and \$2 million was used for this, as well as \$500K for COGS. With current RFP, \$9 million will be available for cities, for 18 months beginning in January, for enhancing services and increasing interim housing.
 - Revised TA & capacity building RFP, with funding from public & private sources and administered by LAHSA & United Way is available now.

5. Member Agency Announcements. The following announcements were made:

- a. SHARE! is opening a Torrance house for nine persons.
- b. Carielle Escalante of Rainbow Services is SPA 8's Domestic Violence Regional Coordinator. She will be working closely with the Coordinated Entry Systems to bridge the services between CES and the DV provider network. Her email is CEscalante@rainbowservicesdv.org.

6. Vocational Training & Job Placement Assistance Presentations. The following presentations were made:

- a. Chrysalis: Laurie Nelson explained:
 - They have locations in downtown LA, Santa Monica, the Valley, and a new office in Anaheim.
 - 100% of who they serve are homeless and/or low income, 60% have a criminal history, 50% have a disability, and 10% are Veterans. The only job requirement is a willingness, and physical and emotional ability to work.
 - They provide: job referrals, one-on-one resume preparation, practice interviews, job preparation classes, work wardrobe, and ongoing job retention support for clients.
 - Its "Works" program, funded at \$8.7 million in 2018, is a year old and provides jobs in the areas of sweeping, graffiti removal, trash removal and pressure washing.
 - Its "Roads" program, funded at \$3.1 million in 2018, is a two year program and provides litter abatement, brush removal, and special clean-up jobs.
 - At this time, there are no plans to open a South Bay office, but they are working with SPAs 2, 4, and 6.
- b. Torrance "1-Stop": Bridgette Cruz presented the following information:
 - They are part of the Workforce Investment Board. There are four 1-Stop programs in the South Bay: Torrance, Inglewood, Carson and Gardena (please see attached flyer).
 - They all provide services similar to Chrysalis, and additionally have: funding for back to school supplies, job supplies (e.g., tools, scrubs, etc), and tuition assistance to SoCal ROC.
 - They work with low income and homeless clients, adults and youth, and provide a follow-up for 1 year. Immigrants with "right to work" documentation are also welcome.
 - All services are free. Case managers are encouraged to refer clients, calling ahead as appropriate.
- c. SoCal ROC: Jennifer Pesavento gave a brief overview of their program. Some of their career path courses are as short as 10 weeks, while others take a few semesters to complete (please see attached course curriculum). The course schedule is presented by time of day. Fee reductions are available for persons on CalWorks, GAIN, GR, or SSI.

7. SoCal ROC Campus Tour. The attendees divided into smaller groups and were given guided tours by SoCal ROC staff. The formal meeting adjourned at 10:40 am.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Wilcox.