South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Senior Services Working Group
Meeting Notes
Tuesday, March 26, 2019 @ 9:30 am
SBCCOG, 20285 Western Avenue, Suite 100
Torrance

1. Welcome and Self Introductions – in attendance:
   Britt Huff, Chair, Rolling Hills Estates Council Member, H.E.L.P.; Theresa Babiar, Torrance Public Library; Diane Brown, City of Hawthorne; Anita Chun, Torrance Memorial Medical Center; Laurie Glover, Silverado Beach Cities; Mayra Gomez, City of Redondo Beach; Tara Guden, Beach Cities Health District; Marcelle Herrera, Palos Verdes Estates PD; Lessa Pelayo-Lozado, Palos Verdes Library District; Carolynn Petru, PVP Village; Marianne Propst, PVP Village; Courtney Reed, PATH; Jake Ridout, Assembly Member Al Muratsuchi’s Office; Cindy Snodgrass, City of Torrance; Bea Virobik, Torrance Commission on Aging; Jacki Bacharach, Grace Farwell, Steve Lantz, SBCCOG

2. PATH Homeless Update and Update on Regional Coordination Activities
   - Courtney Reed provided an update on PATH activities as they relate to older adults.
     - Between 7/1/2018 and 2/28/19, there were 197 unduplicated seniors enrolled:
       - Carson 17
       - El Segundo 3
       - Gardena 13
       - Harbor City 3
       - Harbor Gateway 0
       - Hawthorne 6
       - Hermosa Beach 16
       - Inglewood 7
       - Lawndale 5
       - Lomita 5
       - Manhattan Beach 3
       - Palos Verdes Est 0
       - Rancho Palos Verdes 0
       - Redondo Beach 70
       - Rolling Hills 0
       - Rolling Hills Estates 0
       - San Pedro 0
       - Torrance 27
       - Wilmington 25
       - LA County SD2 0
       - LA County SD4 0
• Challenges
  ▪ Increased numbers in motels
  ▪ Fixed incomes
  ▪ Shortage of permanent housing

• Grace Farwell, SBCCOG
  o Grace reported that the next Housing and Health Resource Fair is scheduled for May at the San Pedro United Methodist Church; hoping to have mobile showers at the event.
  o Screening of American Street Kid documentary on January 30th
    ▪ Approximately 250 people in attendance
    ▪ Plans are to bring the documentary to CD 15 (San Pedro, Wilmington)

3. Overview of Silvernest, Inc. – A unique roommate matching service for baby boomers and empty nesters

• Lisa Smith provided an overview of SilverNest. The goal of the program is to provide homeowners and renters everything they need to create a “Home Sweet Shared Home®”.
  o The online platform program provides:
    ▪ Roommate matching
    ▪ Lease creation
    ▪ Auto rent payments
    ▪ Relationship guidance
    ▪ Legal concierge
    ▪ Community events
  o SilverNest’s proprietary software matches compatible housemates on a variety of preferences
  o Secure user experience
    ▪ ID verification – no bots or false profiles
    ▪ Ability to request background check from potential housemate
    ▪ Secure in-app messaging
    ▪ No personal information stored in the app
  o SilverNest looks to partner with community-based organizations to create a homesharing community and provide supportive services, such as face-to-face mediation, if necessary
    ▪ 22 Villages across the country are partners with SilverNest
  o Homeowner is the one paying a monthly fee to utilize the SilverNest services; home seeker pays $29 for background check, although non-profit partners could pay for the background check.
  o Average age of homeowner approximately 60; average age of home seeker approximately 40
  o Average lease is 6 months before renegotiating; some leases are month to month; 60% continue arrangement; 40% pay subsidized rent and help around the house
4. doorsquad Relocation Concierge Service was invited to give a presentation about doorsquad. Jennifer Dunbar, Founder and CEO had a conflict. She will present at the May meeting.

5. Update from Legislative Offices
   - Jake Ridout, Office of Assembly Member Al Muratsuchi, reported on five Assembly bills:
     - AB 326 – Vehicles: motorized carrying devices. This bill would define a motorized carrying device to mean an electric-powered self-propelled device that does not transport a person, but is designed to transport a person’s property, and is controlled by a person in the immediate vicinity of the device. The bill would authorize the use of a motorized carrying device, in accordance with specified rules, on sidewalks and crosswalks.
     - AB 495 – Cosmetics: safety. Cosmetic is considered adulterated if it contains asbestos, lead, or other specified intentionally added ingredients. This bill would provide oversight of harmful cosmetics.
     - AB 1286 – Shared mobility devices: agreements. This bill would require a shared mobility service provider to enter into an agreement or obtain a permit from the city or county with jurisdiction over area of use. The bill would require the provider to maintain a specified amount of commercial general liability insurance. Shared mobility device to mean an electrically motorized board, motorized scooter, electric bicycle, or other similar personal transportation device.
     - AB 468 – Pesticides: school sites: glyphosate. This bill would ban use of toxic pesticides that contain glyphosate on school campuses; implement organic landscape practices considered minimum risk by EPA
     - AB 453 – Emergency medical services: training. This bill would require additional dementia training on how to interact effectively with persons with dementia and their caregivers for first responders.
   - Upcoming event: Natural Disasters Town Hall on April 6th at Los Verdes Golf Club

6. Announcements and Follow-up Actions
   - Age-Friendly cities – in process of developing scope of work. We are looking for funding partners.
   - Future topics
     - DMV Senior Driver Ombudsman – Tressa Thompson
     - ALA representative
     - Harbor Interfaith Services
     - Dental Law; dental care for seniors

7. Next meeting – Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Notes submitted by Grace Farwell