

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Senior Services Working Group

Meeting Notes

Tuesday, September 24, 2019 @ 9:30 am

SBCCOG, 20285 Western Avenue, Suite 100, Torrance

1. Welcome and Self Introductions

Elected officials/representatives in attendance:

Council Member Britt Huff, Chair (Rolling Hills Estates, H.E.L.P.): Janet Turner (Representative Ted Lieu); Olina Wibroe (State Senator Ben Allen)

Others in attendance:

Amanda Valorosi (Carson); Ryan Delgado (El Segundo); Diane Brown (Hawthorne); Mayra Gomez (Redondo Beach); Cindy Snodgrass (Torrance); Bea Virobik (Torrance Commission on Aging); Theresa Babiar (Torrance Public Library); Deb Ripley (PV Library District); Anita Chun (Torrance Memorial Medical Center); Harriet Chase and Teri Neustaedter (League of Women Voters, Beach Cities); Ges Davis (South Bay Village); Fran Wielin (PVP Village); Amy Phillips (Little Tokyo Service Center); Elizabeth Chesney (Casa de Los Amigos); Layla Gonzalez (Personal Assistance Services Council); Ann Wilkes (Thee Open Door); Courtney Reed (PATH); Miriam Hall, guest speaker (Affordable Living for the Aging/Home Share); Jacki Bacharach, Grace Farwell, and Steve Lantz (SBCCOG)

2. July 23, 2019 meeting notes – to be available and reviewed at a later date

3. PATH Update and SBCCOG Regional Coordination Activities Update

- Courtney Reed provided an update on PATH activities
 - Since new fiscal year started on 7/1/19, there have been 59 unduplicated seniors served
 - Shallow subsidy provides \$300 per month up to 5 years
 - Must be on housing waiting list to qualify and enrolled in Rapid Rehousing (RRH)
- Grace Farwell, SBCCOG
 - Planning for the next Housing and Health Resources Fair in December in Redondo Beach; working on getting the mobile shower at the event

4. Overview of Affordable Living for the Aging

- Miriam Hall provided an overview of ALA's Home Share program
 - Home seekers are either seniors or adults
 - Pay rent or provide services
 - 75-100 on list at any given time
 - 3-4 month process with no guarantee of housing
 - Guidance questions are provided by ALA
 - Once match is made, trial period could be an extended weekend or up to 3 weeks
 - Month to month lease



- \$15 fee for background check for both home providers and home seekers
- National Shared Housing Resource Center:
<https://nationalsharedhousing.org/>
- San Mateo County HIP (Human Investment Project, Inc):
<https://hiphousing.org/programs/home-sharing-program/>
- No statewide shared housing association
- ALA's website: <http://www.alaseniorliving.org/>

5. SBCCOG Slow Speed Network Stakeholder Focus Group

- Buck Doyle provided an overview of the Local Travel Network and asked for input
 - System of low speed streets designated to accommodate shared use by zero emission local use vehicles (LUVs) – modes that are specialized for short range (up to 25 miles) and slow speeds (not faster than 25 MPH), and that can be electric drive, human powered, or some combination of both
 - Designated routes will provide access to centers of employment, education, health care, retail malls, and other commercial destinations
 - Goal is for all neighborhoods to have direct access to the network, especially senior communities, disadvantaged communities, and places that are “speed islands”, or neighborhoods surrounded by streets with speed limits faster than 35 MPH
 - Suggested areas were provided:
 - Old Torrance, near Focal Point and the Bartlett Center
 - Gardena senior housing
 - Casa del Los Amigos in Redondo Beach
 - Senior housing – provide a route to a grocery store

6. Update from Legislative Offices

- Janet Turner (Representative Ted Lieu)
 - HR 3107 – Improving Seniors’ Timely Access to Care Act (prior authorization under Medicare Advantage plans)
 - HR 576 – Seniors Have Eyes, Ears, and Teeth Act; expands Medicare coverage to include eyeglasses, hearing aids, and dental care
 - HR 1046 – Medicare Negotiation and Competitive Licensing Act
 - HR 141 – Social Security Fairness Act – protects low income workers; new minimum benefit 25% above poverty line; cuts taxes for beneficiaries
- Olina Wibroe (State Senator Ben Allen)
 - Legislative session just finished
 - SB 50 didn’t pass this year but expected to be back.
 - AB 1482 Tenant Protection Bill – cannot terminate a tenancy without just cause; cap of 5% plus inflation for rent cap; Governor lowered cap from 7% to 5%
 - SCA 1 repeals CA Constitution Article 34 which requires cities to submit projects to a voter referendum when public funds are used to

developing low-income rental housing. No other type of housing is subjected to this requirement.

7. California Master Plan for Aging (EngAGE)
Pledge for Aging <https://www.chhs.ca.gov/pledge-for-action/> or EngAGE@aging.ca.gov
 - Grace Farwell encouraged those in attendance to visit the CA Master Plan for Aging website and make the pledge for action
8. Announcements and Follow-up Actions
 - Redondo Beach CarFit Event at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center on October 14 from 9am-12pm
 - Pumpkins by the Sea at Seaside Lagoon on October 26
 - Redondo Beach Health Fair at Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center on November 15
 - Torrance Senior Safety Fair on September 27 from 9:30am-12:30pm; sponsored by Torrance Memorial, Torrance Fire Department, Torrance Library; free balance checks
 - Torrance Senior Tech Day at the Bartlett Center on October 9
 - South Bay Village Senior Prom at Torrance Women's Club on October 19; tickets are \$35
 - Congressman Ted Lieu Veteran Appreciation Event at the West LA VA Rose Garden on November 10
9. Next meeting – No meeting in December; next meeting on January 28, 2020

Notes submitted by Grace Farwell