South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Homeless Services Task Force
Wednesday, January 9, 2019
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Meeting Notes (submitted by Grace Farwell)

Welcome & Introductions
Elected officials/representatives in attendance: Mary Campbell, Hermosa Beach; Kathleen Austria, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas’ Office; Nicole Powell, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas’ Office

Others in attendance: Carson, Keith Bennett; Gardena, Alejandra Orozco, Raul Alarcon (GPD); Hawthorne, Vontray Norris; Inglewood, Lori Jones, Cinder Eller (IPD); Los Angeles, Frank Lopez (LAPD); Manhattan Beach, M. Rosenberger (MBPD); Palos Verdes Estates, Tony Best (PVEPD); Redondo Beach, John LaRock, Wayne Windman (RBPD); Torrance, Viet Hoang, Jan Wierzbički (Torrance Library); Harbor Interfaith Services, Breanna Jaijairam; LAHSA, Saira Cooper; PATH, Courtney Reed, Marissa Bowman, Jennifer Lee, Carley Berkowitz; LA County Homeless Initiative, Ashlee Oh; Consultant, Jenny Swan; Shoftim Consulting, Ronald Williams; Volunteers, Kiran Magiawala, Diana Chu; SBCCOG, Jacki Bacharach, Grace Farwell, Cierra Washington, and Martha Segovia

SBCCOG Executive Director Jacki Bacharach opened the meeting and thanked everyone for working to address homelessness regionally.

November 14, 2018 meeting notes – Received and filed

Measure H 15-Month Report Card – Ashlee Oh, Homeless Initiative, CEO Office, LA County
Ms. Oh shared the following information:
  o The first 15 months are from July 2017 through October 2018 (all numbers are county-wide)
    ▪ Permanent Housing - 9,635 homeless families and individuals
    ▪ Intensive Case Management Services for PSH – 4,165 clients
    ▪ Federal Rental Subsidies – 1,717 clients
    ▪ Local Rental Subsidies – 1,604 clients
    ▪ Homeless Services Delivery System – 1,500 new jobs
    ▪ Outreach Workers – 350+
    ▪ Multidisciplinary Outreach Teams – 36
    ▪ Applications for SSI or Veterans Disability Benefits – 8,479 disabled individuals were assisted with applications
    ▪ Crisis, Bridge, and Interim Housing – 18,714 people served
  o Board of Supervisors approved new permitting process for interim housing inspection by LA County Department of Public Health to ensure shelters are providing same standard of care
  o LACHI quarterly report covers all 51 homeless strategies plus SPA-based information:
  o 3rd Annual LA County Homeless Initiative Conference is on February 7th at the Biltmore in downtown LA
Focus on achievements, identify lessons learned, and explore challenges and opportunities for the year ahead

Unlocking Untapped Resources: Exploring the role of Faith Communities in Addressing Homelessness – Nicole Powell, Homeless Policy Fellow, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas (SD 2)

Ms. Powell shared information activities in SD 2:

- Ecumenical Liaison
  - Working to develop relationships with faith-based organizations
  - Identifying opportunities for mission-driven housing development
- Community Workshops
  - Landlord 101 workshops – how to become a landlord
  - Developing ADUs
  - Homeless Incentive Programs
  - Shared Housing
- Safe Parking
  - St. Mary’s Episcopal Church (part of Safe Parking LA)
- Hospitality Hubs/Mobile Showers
  - Receive a meal
  - Get a shower
  - Experience loving community
  - Replicate “Day of Dignity” at Mt. Tabor Missionary Baptist Church
  - If a church can’t provide a hospitality hub, perhaps partner with other churches
- Landlord Recruitment
  - Online and in-person campaign to recruit landlords from congregations of churches and other faith-based organizations

PATH’s LeaseUp Initiative – Jennifer Lee, Director of Housing Partnerships, PATH

Ms. Lee gave an update on the LeaseUp Initiative:

- 1st year of pilot; awarded contract in February 2018 from LAHSA
- Engage landlords and develop a centralized housing portal for Los Angeles County service providers
- Rolled out across all SPAs and CES
- “Zillow” for Homeless Service Providers
- Housing Location Services
  - Housing Specialists
  - Landlord Advisory Board
  - Mediation Services
  - Preferred Owner Program
  - Website
  - Marketing and Events
- Housing specialists update every day
- Logins are for service providers only; clients do not have access
- Shared housing and ADUs are also part of program
- PATH provides title checks and inspects units
- Planning a landlord event in SPA 8 (since the January meeting, a Landlord Outreach Event has been scheduled for Thursday, March 21st in Redondo Beach)
- Visit https://www.leaseuplosangeles.org/

LAHSA Update – Saira Cooper, Coordinator, Community Engagement, SPA 8

Ms. Cooper provided an update on the 2019 Homeless Count in the South Bay:

- The count is January 23rd, and there’s still time to register as a volunteer:
  - https://www.theycountwillyou.org/
- Why we count; who we count; where we count
▪ All sheltered and unsheltered individuals
  o Homeless count timeline
    ▪ Street count Jan 22-24; youth count survey Jan 22-31; shelter count & HIC inventory count Feb 1-20; demographic survey ends Feb 28
  o Community Strategy/Plan
    ▪ Social media – “I Count Because” videos
  o Shelter and Housing Inventory Count
    ▪ Any provider that provides beds to people experiencing homelessness
    ▪ Providers of the following housing types need to participate:
      ▪ Interim housing – emergency shelter, transitional housing, safe haven
      ▪ Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)
      ▪ Permanent Supportive Housing and other permanent housing

PATH Update – Courtney Reed, Assoc Director South Bay
Ms. Reed reported the following:
  o November 1, 2018-December 31, 2018 statistics:
    ▪ 221 new individuals engaged
    ▪ 148 duplicated / 33 case managed
    ▪ 11 referred to street-based mental health
    ▪ 2 referred to street-based substance use specialist
    ▪ 19 referred to street-based nursing care
    ▪ 32 referred to CBEST, General Relief
    ▪ 1 referred to interim housing
    ▪ 1 moved into a home; 6 additional referrals
  o LA-HOP calls by city:
    ▪ Carson – 9
    ▪ El Segundo – 4
    ▪ Gardena – 3
    ▪ Hawthorne – 1
    ▪ Manhattan Beach – 2
    ▪ Torrance – 6
    ▪ West Carson (LA County Unincorporated) – 3

Harbor Interfaith Services/CES Update – Breanna Jaijairam, CES Regional Coordinator SPA 8
Ms. Jaijairam provided an update on CES and Harbor Interfaith Services activities:
  o South Bay Housing & Health Resources Fairs
    ▪ 12/6/2018 at St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church in Redondo Beach. There were 70+ participants at the fair and over 25 vendors in attendance. Everything from DPSS, DMV, DPH, hair dressers/barbers, Cal Water, County Legal clinic, clothing, and many other homeless service partners.
    ▪ The next event will be in collaboration with the Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas’ office at the Lennox Constituent Center on Tuesday, 2/26/19 from 10am-2pm, with similar vendors to Carson and Redondo Beach events.
  o LA HOP Update
    ▪ Requesters now receive an email update throughout the process after submitting the outreach request. This will not include client information, rather updates related to the outreach follow-up to the request.
  o Homeless Patient Navigator at Kaiser Permanente in Harbor City.
    ▪ Will work with clients who are frequent utilizers of emergency room service and experiencing homelessness
    ▪ Goals will include connecting clients to primary care, interim housing, and ultimately permanent housing
- Tuesday-Saturday from 2pm-11pm; Wednesday from 9am-6pm
  - CES Provider Convening on Monday, Jan 28 from 8:30am-12:30pm at Torrance Memorial.
    - Train/teach new staff about CES basics
    - CES Policy & Program updates
  - CES Goal Attainment (Individuals & Youth) 7/1/18 to 12/31/18
    - 309 Assessments (Goal 264)
    - 23 Moved through RRH (Goal 40)
    - 194 Enrolled through Outreach
    - 95% Retention Rate (RRH)

SBCCOG update – Grace Farwell, Homeless Services Coordinator
Ms. Farwell shared the following information:
  - Working with the producer of American Street Kid to bring a screening to the South Bay; looking for a venue
  - Jacki Bacharach and Grace Farwell met with Dhakshike Wickrema and Nicole Powell from Supervisor Ridley-Thomas' office on January 4 to discuss issues related to homelessness in SD 2. We will now be meeting on a quarterly basis. We are working on scheduling an appointment with Supervisor Hahn's staff as well.

New Business
  - A poll will be sent out in the next couple of weeks to look at potentially changing the Homeless Services Task Force meeting from the 2\textsuperscript{nd} Wednesday every other month. It has been brought to our attention of a conflict with the 2\textsuperscript{nd} Wednesday of the month.
  - The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment