

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

**Homeless Services Task Force
Wednesday, November 14, 2018
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Meeting Notes *(submitted by Grace Farwell)*

Welcome & Introductions

Elected officials/representatives in attendance: Council Member Christian Horvath, Redondo Beach; Janet Turner, Congressman Ted Lieu's Office; Nicole Powell, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas' Office; Jennifer LaMarque, Supervisor Janice Hahn's Office; Christina Miller, Los Angeles City Mayor Garcetti's Office; Jacob Haik, Los Angeles City Council Member Joe Buscaino's Office

Others in attendance: Carson, Keith Bennett; El Segundo, Marco Lemus (ESPD); Gardena, Alejandra Orozco; Hawthorne, Brian James; Inglewood, Lori Jones, Cinder Eller (IPD); Palos Verdes Estates, Kyle Shea (PVEPD); Rancho Palos Verdes, Jacqueline Ruiz; Redondo Beach, John LaRock; Rolling Hills Estates, Jeannie Naughton; Torrance, Viet Hoang, Jan Wierzbicki (Torrance Library); Harbor Interfaith Services, Breanna Jajairam; LAHSA, Saira Cooper; PATH, Haley Fuselier, Courtney Reed, Elizabeth Heger; Safe Parking LA, Scott Sale; CD 15 Neighborhood Council Working Group on Homelessness, Randy Ellen Ross; Shelter Partnership, Ryan Macy-Hurley; Resident of Hawthorne, Danielle Marquez; SBCCOG, Jacki Bacharach, Grace Farwell, Cierra Washington, and Carolyn Yvellez

Redondo Beach Council Member Christian Horvath opened the meeting and thanked everyone for working to address homelessness regionally.

September 12, 2018 meeting notes – Received and filed

City of Los Angeles Bridge Housing Program – Christina Miller, Mayor Garcetti's office

Ms. Miller shared the following information about the Bridge Housing Program:

- One strategy to combat homelessness.
- A neighborhood asset and resource in that a bed is available 24 hours; services are provided 24 hours; there is 24-hour security; available storage – as opposed to a shelter situation where an individual may have a bed in which to sleep but must be out in the AM.
- Increased resources in terms of sanitation (clean sidewalks) and police (having a presence in area)
- Statistics - El Pueblo in downtown LA opened Sept 10th
 - 45 beds
 - First 2 permanent housing move-ins week of 11/5
 - 7 others have been matched and are in process for permanent housing
- Success stories
 - One person has been able to pick up extra shifts now that he has a stable place to sleep
 - One person is focusing on his sobriety
 - One person who had lived on the streets for 20 years and has chronic bone disease stated first time in decades that his bones do not hurt

Bridge Housing: Developments in CD 15 – Jacob Haik, Councilman Buscaino’s office

Mr. Haik shared information about development in Council District 15:

- Identified 3 locations in CD 15 for Bridge Housing
 - Watts – in development – 100 beds
 - Wilmington – in process – 100 beds
 - San Pedro – vetted and approved at the Park & Ride (Cal Trans lot) – 105 beds
 - State legislation allows Cal Trans to lease underutilized Park and Ride lots
- The number of people opposed are very vocal but are not large in numbers; there are a number of people who are supportive
- Partners are very important and are needed to show support
- CD 15 Open House/Information Session – found to be more productive
 - San Pedro Open House/Information Session – Nov 27th

Overview of Safe Parking LA – Scott Sale, Founder, Safe Parking LA

Dr. Sale provided an overview of the Safe Parking LA program:

- Transitional refuge, nighttime-only program for people living in their vehicles in LA and include families, college students, single women, veterans, and the working poor
- Currently 7 Safe Parking sites in LA for a total of 130 spaces:
 - Koreatown – 15 spaces (operating 8 months)
 - West LA VA – 25 spaces (operating 7 months)
 - Hollywood – 25 spaces (operating 4 months)
 - North Hollywood – 10 spaces, with room for 25 spaces (operating 3 months)
 - West LA – 10 spaces (operating 1 month)
 - North Hills – 20 spaces (operating 2 weeks)
- Need reservation - Online application process; phone interview, and in-person interview if deemed necessary; patrons receive a parking permit
- Safe Parking LA provides (on the lot)
 - \$1,000,000-\$2,000,000 insurance
 - Unarmed security while patrons are present
 - Restrooms and wash basins
 - \$500 monthly stipend for a private lot owner

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

Ms. Cooper provided information on the 2019 Homeless Count in the South Bay; currently recruiting for volunteers to assist in the count. A flyer is available that identifies the cities and locations. Go to <https://www.theycountwillyou.org/> for more information and to register as a volunteer.

PATH Update – Courtney Reed, Assoc Director South Bay & Haley Fuselier, Regional Director

Ms. Reed and Ms. Fuselier reported that the South Bay Outreach Team is now fully staffed and provided statistics:

- September 1-October 31 statistics:
 - 176 new individuals engaged
 - 71 duplicated / 76 case managed
 - 7 referred to street-based mental health
 - 5 referred to street-based substance use specialist
 - 3 referred to street-based nursing care
 - 10 referred to CBEST, General Relief

- 1 referred to interim housing
- 3 moved into a home; 30 additional referred to Rapid Rehousing

Harbor Interfaith Services/CES Update – Breanna Jaijairam, CES Regional Coordinator SPA 8

Ms. Jaijairam provided an update on CES and Harbor Interfaith Services activities:

- South Bay Housing & Health Resources Fairs
 - 10/24/2018 at Dominguez Park Aquatic Center in Carson. There were 50+ participants at the fair and over 25 vendors in attendance. Everything from DPSS, DMV, DPH, Showers, clothing, barbers, Cal Water, County Legal clinic, and many other homeless service partners.
 - The next event will be in collaboration with the City of Redondo Beach at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church on Thursday, 12/6/2018 from 10am-2pm.
- LA HOP update
 - Requesters now receive an email update related to outreach follow-up throughout the process after submitting outreach request, but they will not include client information.
- Homeless Patient Navigator at Kaiser Permanente in Harbor City.
 - Will work with client 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
- CES Goal Attainment (Individuals & Youth) 7/1/18 to 8/30/18
 - 224 Assessments (Goal 264)
 - 25 Moved through RRH (Goal 15)
 - 105 Enrolled through Outreach
 - 95% Retention Rate
- CES Goal Attainment (Families) 7/1/2018 to 10/31/2018
 - 63 Moved through RRH (Goal 140)
 - 32 Assisted through Prevention (Goal 40)
 - 96% Retention Rate

SBCCOG update – Grace Farwell, Homeless Services Coordinator

Ms. Farwell shared the following information:

New Homeless Services webpage on SBCCOG website – please review and give us your feedback:

www.southbaycities.org/programs/homeless-services-south-bay

- Dec 6 – Housing and Health Resource Fair in Redondo Beach (flyer available); the SBCCOG has confirmed participation of the Public Defender’s Office, the DMV, and Cal Water Services.
- The following cities submitted proposals for the Home for Good Funders Collaborative funding:
 - Hawthorne
 - Inglewood
 - Tri-cities proposal – Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, and Redondo Beach

New Business

Next month’s meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment