

# **South Bay Cities Council of Governments**

**Homeless Services Task Force  
Redondo Beach Public Library  
Wednesday, November 8, 2017  
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

## **Meeting Notes**

### **Welcome & Introductions**

Elected officials in attendance: Redondo Beach Councilmember Christian Horvath

Others in attendance: Carson, Keith Bennett; Lomita, Daniella Ward; Redondo Beach, Captain Jon Naylor, Lt. Wayne Windman, Lt. Fabian Saucedo & Aaron Fishman; Rolling Hills Estates, Greg Grammer; Torrance, Officers Wessels & Kim; Hawthorne Commissioner Danielle Marquez; LA County Public Works, Pamela Manning; Harbor Interfaith Services, Shari Weaver; LAHSA, Megan Emme; South Bay Coalition to End Homelessness, Nancy Wilcox; PATH, Lao Moua; Communities in Motion, Grace Weltman; SBCCOG, Jennifer Zivkovic LaMarque & Cierra Washington

### **September 13, 2017 meeting notes– Received and filed**

#### **Presentation on 2018 Greater Los Angeles Homeless County – Megan Emme, Regional Coordinator, SPA 8, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority**

Ms. Emme explained why the Homeless Count is conducted: to understand the scope and nature of homelessness annually, to shape policy and direct targeted funding at the county and regional levels, and to track trends over past Counts. She explained how cities can help: Host a deployment site, assist with volunteer recruitment (need 550 to cover >3,000 road miles in a single night). She acknowledged the cities that had committed to host a deployment site and those that had assisted with pre-Count “hotspot planning.”

#### **Presentation on South Bay Homeless Outreach Collaboration – Lt. Fabian Saucedo, Redondo Beach Police Department**

Lt. Saucedo stated that the South Bay received \$350,000 from the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association for regional homeless outreach. RBPD is leading the effort and the focus is not on enforcement, but to conduct outreach and train officers. The officers will not be in uniform when conducting outreach. Shari Weaver of Harbor Interfaith Services suggested that they connect with Coordinated Entry System service providers. She discussed outreach events that her organization has been hosting and offered the help of the new coordinator Breanna Jaijairam. Keith Bennett of Carson asked if the LA Sheriff’s Department is part of the effort and Lt. Saucedo stated that it is not but that it has a similar training program.

#### **Overview of PATH services – Lao Moua, PATH**

Lao Moua of PATH gave a Powerpoint presentation and answered questions from attendees. The presentation covered an overview of activities since September and what is happening in the field, statistics, success stories, and barriers/obstacles. The presentation is available at [www.southbaycities.org](http://www.southbaycities.org)

**Key points covered:**

- Review of contract deliverables and updates.
- 143 permanent housing placements; 81 of these are through shared housing.
- New staff being hired-staff changes affect program statistics, particularly relative to case management and housing retention.
- Success story of Joey who connected with PATH at Shared Bread, a program of First United Methodist Church in Redondo Beach. After developing a relationship with Joey, he mentioned that he had family, including a daughter, in Pennsylvania. With PATH's help, Joey connected with a primary care physician to address the difficulty he had walking, obtained CA Identification, and applied for Social Security Disability. He also asked that his DPSS case be transferred to Pennsylvania. PATH purchased new clothes and a Greyhound bus ticket to Pennsylvania for Joey to reunite with his family. Now that he is housed, Joey is looking forward to getting reacquainted with his daughter. He is now working on obtaining employment in Pennsylvania, so he can retain his housing and help take care of his daughter.
- Hotline review-4,093 calls in 519 days; 8 per day on average; average response time is 43 business hours
- Review of Homeless Resource Conference held on October 11 in Redondo Beach. More than 30 service providers and 200 community members attended the event. Survey to be sent out.
- Discussion of faith and business community engagement.

**CES Update – Shari Weaver, Harbor Interfaith Services**

Ms. Weaver stated that Harbor Interfaith has been working with the Dept. of Public Health and Supervisor Hahn's office to provide outreach at Hepatitis A Vaccine events. These events have been targeting those living in the streets. There have been 405 Hepatitis A vaccinations administered in SPA 8, which does not include vaccines given at the Torrance and Inglewood Health Centers. New access center will be open in the next few weeks. Staff from the Family, Youth & Single Adult systems will be consolidated into one location. This will also include all the co-located staff from Department of Public Social Services, Department of Mental Health, Behavioral Health Services and LA Unified School District. 27 staff members will be at the new location that will have 2 separate waiting areas (1 for families and 1 for single adults/youth) and a full time onsite security guard.

Holiday preparations are underway at Harbor Interfaith. They will be providing 350 holiday food baskets to working- poor households for Thanksgiving. For Christmas, they will provide another 350 food baskets and toys for children in each of these households. Annual Holiday Block party will be held where donors will be provided wish lists for families in their shelter and transitional housing programs. Donors will get to meet each of the families they have adopted and give them the gifts they have purchased. Outreach/Housing Navigator has begun working in Redondo Beach. United Way funds this position with matching funds through the City of Redondo Beach. A Regional Data Coordinator has been hired whose job will be to analyze data that is being collected, track regional performance and through this analysis, work directly with the United Way (Home for Good Team) to identify system enhancements.

Ms. Weaver reviewed CES Goal Attainment 7/1/17 to 6/30/18:  
 (Individuals & Youth) 203 Assessments, 13 moved through Rapid Rehousing, 54 Moved into other Permanent Housing, 87 Moved into Safe and Stable housing.

(Families) 240 Assessments, 58 Moved through Rapid Rehousing, 44 assisted through Prevention

**SBCCOG Homeless Coordination Work and City Planning Grant Update– Jennifer Zivkovic LaMarque, SBCCOG**

Ms. LaMarque stated that the SBCCOG has contracted with the County as of October 17 to provide regional homeless coordination services between the County, South Bay cities, service providers, business, and faith communities. Program activities include attending CES and South Bay Coalition to End Homelessness meetings, convening a meeting of cities with planning grants, hosting outreach events with Harbor Interfaith and cities, hosting First Responders Trainings (one is being planned with RBPD), meeting with South Bay Workforce Investment Board staff to explore collaboration, meeting with city staff to better understand needs and seek to improve the delivery of homeless services.

Grant award notification for cities announced by email on October 23. Mandatory orientation session to be held November 29.

**Recap of October 11 Homeless Resource Conference-**

Covered during PATH presentation

**Other Business** – Redondo Beach City Council study session on homelessness, Tuesday 11/13 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers; Shari Weaver discussed the need for meeting space that will accommodate 40 people for CES service provider meetings on the first and third Mondays of each month and Nancy Wilcox expressed the same need for the South Bay Coalition to End Homelessness (SBCEH) meetings; Grace Weltman of Communities in Motion (former LAHSA senior staff member) stated that she conducts trainings through USC's Safe Communities Institute and offered assistance; Lt. Saucedo noted the changes in the way law enforcement is dealing with homelessness; Lt. Windman stated his view that there is a need for an overall regional plan for the South Bay in addition to the individual city plans; Councilmember Horvath thanked the group and acknowledged PATH for their work and the increasing numbers of people being housed and connected to services.

**Next Steps and Follow-up Actions-**Jennifer Zivkovic LaMarque to inquire about possible meeting locations for CES and SBCEH meetings.

**Adjournment**

Submitted by Jennifer Zivkovic LaMarque