

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

**Homeless Services Task Force
Wednesday, September 12, 2018
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Meeting Notes

Welcome & Introductions

Elected officials/representatives in attendance: Jacob Haik, for LA City Councilmember Joe Buscaino

Others in attendance: Carson, Keith Bennett and David Roberts; El Segundo, Marco Lemus (ESPD); Hawthorne, Brian James; Lomita, Daniella Knighton; Manhattan Beach, George Gabriel; Palos Verdes Estates, Kyle Shea (PVEPD); Redondo Beach, John LaRock, Lt. Wayne Windman (RBPD), and Fabian Saucedo (RBPD); Torrance, Jan Wierzbicki (Torrance Library); Harbor Interfaith Services, Breanna Jaijairam; LAHSA, Saira Cooper and Brenda Gonzalez; LASD, Sean Hylands and Jose Ramirez; PATH, Haley Fuselier, Courtney Reed, Elizabeth Heger; LA County Homeless Initiative, Meredith Berkson; United Way – Everyone In, Quincey Coleman and Frank Romero; SBCCOG, Jacki Bacharach, Grace Farwell, and Cierra Washington

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

July 11, 2018 meeting notes– Received and filed

Next Steps for Measure H RFP Process – Meredith Berkson, LA County Homeless Initiative

Ms. Berkson talked about the upcoming RFP for the next round of funding for implementation of the city homelessness plans. The 2018 Cities Homelessness Plan Implementation RFP was released September 14th and will award local cities up to \$10 million to 1) increase the supply of interim and permanent housing for people experiencing homelessness, and 2) enhance County service systems for those currently experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. The applications are due November 7th. The first webinar Technical Assistance session was held September 24th. The SBCCOG is hosting an in-person TA session on Wednesday, October 3rd from 12:30-3pm at the SBCCOG office. All cities have been invited and are expected to attend. There is the opportunity for multi-jurisdictional partnerships. Six of the South Bay cities previously applied for the city homelessness planning grants, and now the multi-jurisdictional partnership has been extended to any city, but they must join with one of the 6 cities that submitted a plan.

Everyone In Campaign (United Way) – Frank Romero-Crockett, Public Affairs Officer, United Way of Greater LA

Mr. Romero-Crockett talked about the Everyone In Campaign which launched on 3/9/18. The campaign is a community engagement initiative to educate and engage the community about homelessness. With over 52,000 people experiencing homelessness in LA County, 1/3 are considered chronically long-term homeless and 2/3 may be experiencing homelessness for the first time – lost their job, priced out of housing, medical crisis, etc. The need is to build housing for the 1/3 chronically homeless and find affordable housing for the other 2/3. Part of the campaign is to hold community

engagement events – pop ups, stories from the frontline, meet formerly homeless individuals, offer affordable housing tours. United Way is in process of developing a supportive housing messaging tool kit for cities and communities to use to help educate.

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

Ms. Cooper is the new South Bay LAHSA representative, and she reported that LAHSA is requesting proposals for crisis and bridge housing for all populations, transitional housing for transition age youth (TAY), and the Host Homes Programs. LAHSA is also asking for service providers that are qualified and interested in providing crisis and bridge housing services but do not have a facility. This will establish a list of providers for new sites that become available to LAHSA.

LA-HOP Update – Brenda Gonzalez, LAHSA

Ms. Gonzalez from LAHSA gave an update on LA-HOP, the Los Angeles Homeless Online Portal. The portal went live July 19th and is a way for constituents to submit requests for homeless outreach online – via phone or computer. Harbor Interfaith Services is the SPA 8 Outreach Coordinator and identifies what outreach team is assigned to the location. Since the launch, SPA 8 has received 119 requests: 65% resulted in contact with the individual, the individual was not found 31% (made 2 attempts at different time of days to make contact), and 5% were incomplete/inconclusive or not appropriate. Requests made: 42% by concerned resident, 19% by homeless/service provider, 14% by other, 13% by government employee (including elected officials), 5% self-referral, 4% by 1st responder, 3% by business owner. Currently communication is one-way – the person making the referral does not know if the homeless individual has been contacted. In the future, LA-HOP may be able to provide limited information about homeless individual, i.e. outreach team made contact on such and such date. In the future, there may be a pull-down menu for an elected official to identify him/herself when making referral. The elected official may then be able to receive additional information about the type of outreach that was provided.

Coordinated Entry System (CES) Update – Breanna Jajairam, Regional Coordinator, Harbor Interfaith Services

Ms. Jajairam from Harbor Interfaith Services shared that the South Bay Housing & Health Fair took place on 8/15/2018 at Salvation Army in Harbor City. There were 100+ participants at the fair and over 25 vendors in attendance. Everything from DPSS to DPH and Legal Aid along with the County Legal Clinic. The next one will be in collaboration with the City of Carson on Wednesday, 10/24/2018 at Dominguez Park Aquatic Center from 9am-1pm.

- CES Goal Attainment (Individuals & Youth) 7/1/18 to 8/30/18
 - 97 Assessments (Goal 240)
 - 15 Moved through RRH (Goal 15)
 - 26 Moved into other Permanent Housing (Goal 50)
 - 76 Enrolled through Outreach
- CES Goal Attainment (Families) 7/1/2018 to 8/30/2018
 - 32 Moved through RRH (Goal 140)
 - 15 assisted through Prevention (Goal 40)
 - 94% Retention Rate

Update of PATH Services – Courtney Reed & Haley Fuselier

Ms. Reed and Ms. Fuselier reported that the new partnership with the SBWIB providing staff at the Inglewood One Stop Center every Tuesday from 1:00-4:00 p.m. and at the Torrance One Stop Center every Thursday from 1:00-4:00 p.m. is going well but a little slow. In the first month 4 people were referred. PATH attended a Faith community meeting in Gardena and will now provide outreach services on the 5th Saturday at a Gardena church. PATH is also working with local law enforcement

and going on ride-alongs. El Segundo PD wants PATH to accompany their officers on a weekly basis; they are also working with Hermosa Beach PD. PATH is very involved with the LA-HOP referral program. When the LA-HOP referrals come in, they take priority.

SBCCOG Homeless Coordination Work Update – Grace Farwell, SBCCOG

Ms. Farwell reported that there is now a Homeless Services webpage on SBCCOG website – please review and give us your feedback: www.southbaycities.org/programs/homeless-services-south-bay

- Oct 24 – Housing and Health Resource Fair in Carson; working with Public Defender’s Office to bring mobile legal clinic; working with Senator Bradford’s office for assistance in getting the DMV to the event
- SBCCOG currently in 4th quarter of contract with the County to provide regional homeless coordination; in process of finalizing scope of work for 2018-2019 County contract
- Meeting with Scott Sale from Safe Parking to try to bring program to the South Bay; possibly work with 3 community colleges and CSUDH regarding homeless college students
- Looking into Shared Housing as an option, especially for older adults
- Working with the LA Gateway Chamber to conduct a business survey

New Business

Next month’s meeting is scheduled for November 14th at 3:00 p.m. Councilman Buscaino’s office will be presenting on the lessons learned regarding bridge housing.

Adjournment

Submitted by Grace Farwell