

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Homeless Services Task Force

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Meeting Notes *(submitted by Chandler Sheilds)*

Welcome & Introductions

Elected officials/representatives in attendance: Councilmember Christian Horvath (Redondo Beach), Councilmember Alex Montero (Hawthorne), Councilmember Hildy Stern (Manhattan Beach), Jennifer LaMarque (Supervisor Janice Hahn), Gabriela Medina (Councilmember Joe Buscaino, Los Angeles), Cody Bridges (Assembly member Al Muratsuchi), Jeanette Christian (U.S. Senator Diane Feinstein)

Others in attendance: Keith Bennett (Carson), Marco Lemus, Luke Muir (El Segundo PD), Jackie Coppa (Gardena), Kimberly Mack, Kywana Bowie, Von Norris, Brenda Williams (Hawthorne), Roberto Chavez, Damian Pipkins, (Inglewood), Cinder Eller (Inglewood PD), Michael Reyes (Lawndale), George Gabriel (Manhattan Beach), John LaRock (Redondo Beach), Wayne Windman (Redondo Beach PD), Jeannie Naughton (Rolling Hills Estates), Valencia Mota, Domenica Megerdichian (Torrance), Steven Yu (LAHSA), Courtney Reed, Haley Fuselier (PATH), Breanna Jaijairam, Karli Dreizler, (Harbor Interfaith Services), Nancy Wilcox (South Bay Coalition to End Homelessness), Wendy Villeda, William Villeda (Search & Rescue), John L. Jefferson (Del Aire Baptist Church), Pastor Greg (Hawthorne Church)

Redondo Beach Councilmember Christian Horvath opened the meeting.

November 6, 2019 meeting notes – Received and filed

LACHI/COG Innovation Funds: Review and discuss call for projects proposals – Grace Farwell and Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG

- Received 10 applications for innovation funding (\$1.6 million in funding requested)
- County wants to see housing proposals
- Based on proposal submissions, a region-wide focus is appropriate
- LAHSA Safe Parking funding proposal to be released on January 16th, with a mandatory conference on February 4th for interested parties to attend
- Torrance has a foundation for a safe parking proposal based on what the City has submitted individually, which SBCCOG may be able to use as a model
- SBCCOG can explore a site that offers safe parking for homeless
- SBCCOG can explore park-and-ride sites along Metro's Green Line that may be under-utilized with potential to serve homeless needs
- Client aid and emergency shelter are areas SBCCOG is looking into for funding
- SBCCOG can explore opportunities for local law enforcement to take a group training

- Explore contracting staff member (e.g. PATH or Harbor Interfaith) for smaller cities that have less resources to tackle homelessness with in-house staff
- SBCCOG's goal is to submit a scope of work to LACHI by the end of January, once the executed contract is received
- SBCCOG can examine policy overlap between South Bay cities that currently have homelessness plans
- Link to LA County Innovation Funds: [memo and spreadsheet](#)

Homeless Count 2020: Final Preparations – Steven Yu, Supervisor, Community Engagement, LAHSA

- Homeless count is from January 21 – 23, 2020, South Bay homeless count is on the 22nd
- 8,500 volunteers canvas every Census track in the County to count the homeless
- Participants can sign up online: www.theycountwillyou.org
- Still looking to fill vacancies in the South Bay cities to reach volunteer/participant goals
- Link to presentation: [SPA 8 Homeless Count Planning Status](#)

Update of PATH Services – Courtney Reed, Associate Regional Director and Haley Fuselier, Regional Director, PATH

- Torrance continues to provide a lot of calls into LA-HOP (20 since last meeting)
- Important for the public to engage through the LA-HOP to ensure quality and expedient service
- Permanent housing goal numbers are currently low
- Link to presentation: [PATH Update](#)

Update of CES Activities – Breanna Jajairam, Regional Coordinator for Adults, SPA 8, Harbor Interfaith Services (HIS)

- Partnering with the City of Redondo Beach, PATH & SBCCOG for Redondo Beach Homeless Resource Fair at Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center – 49 individuals served
 - Took place on Wednesday, 12/11/2019 from 10am-2pm
 - City of Redondo Beach provided the performing arts center space along with the parking lot for vendors
 - 38 providers on hand to provide services including:
 - SD4 Mobile Shower Unit
 - CalWater provided the lunch and water for the day.
 - DPSS
 - DPH (vaccinations)
 - LAFLA
 - Public Defenders Criminal Record Clearing
 - All of our non-profit providers who came out along with our faith partners.
- New Program Updates:
 - Beach Cities outreach is a collaboration between Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, & Redondo Beach
 - New Beach Cities Coordinator, Karli Dreizler

- Staff will work collaboratively with each city and as a collective Beach Cities to ensure adequate outreach coverage and access to the CES
 - Problem solving is a program that will onboard staff in all 3 populations to assist in diverting individuals, families, & youth from becoming homeless
- CES Goal Attainment (Individuals) 7/1/19-12/31/2019
 - Number of households assessed - 330
 - Number of households housed in RRH – 39
 - RRH Retention Rate – 98%
 - Number of chronically homeless single adults placed via HN – 37
 - Number of households who have retained housing in Prevention – 32
- CES Goal Attainment (TAY) 7/1/19-12/31/2019
 - Number of households assessed: 67
 - Number of households housed in RRH: 26
 - RRH Retention Rate: 100%
 - Number of households who have retained housing through Prevention: 7
- CES Goal Attainment (Family) 7/1/19-12/31/2019
 - Number of households assessed - 230
 - Number of households housed in RRH - 93
 - RRH Retention Rate – 95%
 - Number of households who have retained housing through Prevention - 38

SD 2 and SD 4 Updates: Safe Landing in West Athens and 8th/Beacon in San Pedro

- SD 2
 - Interim housing development in West Athens broke ground on December 19, 2019
 - Expected to open late 2020
 - 200 beds, pet-friendly
 - SBCCOG trying to coordinate the return of showers in north part of SPA 8
- SD 4 (Jennifer LaMarque, South Bay Deputy provided an update)
 - Supervisor Janice Hahn is proposing a homeless shelter in San Pedro
 - 40 beds, pet-friendly
 - Could be open within 50 days

Next Steps and Follow-up Actions

- Assembly member Muratsuchi is exploring options for drafting a homeless bill
- State is considering a state agency to address homelessness: SBCCOG Homeless Services Task Force will follow as it develops
- Hawthorne is moving forward with veteran housing project (18 units)
- LINC housing (Fairview Heights Apartments) groundbreaking in Inglewood on January 22, 2020
- March 5, 2020: Annual Homeless Initiative Conference in Los Angeles

Adjournment