

# South Bay Cities Council of Governments

## Senior Services Working Group Meeting Notes

Tuesday, March 26, 2019 @ 9:30 am  
SBCCOG, 20285 Western Avenue, Suite 100  
Torrance

1. Welcome and Self Introductions – in attendance:  
**Britt Huff**, Chair, Rolling Hills Estates Council Member, H.E.L.P.; **Theresa Babiar**, Torrance Public Library; **Diane Brown**, City of Hawthorne; **Anita Chun**, Torrance Memorial Medical Center; **Laurie Glover**, Silverado Beach Cities; **Mayra Gomez**, City of Redondo Beach; **Tara Guden**, Beach Cities Health District; **Marcelle Herrera**, Palos Verdes Estates PD; **Lessa Pelayo-Lozado**, Palos Verdes Library District; **Carolynn Petru**, PVP Village; **Marianne Propst**, PVP Village; **Courtney Reed**, PATH; **Jake Ridout**, Assembly Member Al Muratsuchi’s Office; **Cindy Snodgrass**, City of Torrance; **Bea Virobik**, Torrance Commission on Aging; **Jacki Bacharach**, **Grace Farwell**, **Steve Lantz**, SBCCOG
  
2. PATH Homeless Update and Update on Regional Coordination Activities
  - Courtney Reed provided an update on PATH activities as they relate to older adults.
    - Between 7/1/2018 and 2/28/19, there were 197 unduplicated seniors enrolled:

▪ Carson	17
▪ El Segundo	3
▪ Gardena	13
▪ Harbor City	3
▪ Harbor Gateway	0
▪ Hawthorne	6
▪ Hermosa Beach	16
▪ Inglewood	7
▪ Lawndale	5
▪ Lomita	5
▪ Manhattan Beach	3
▪ Palos Verdes Est	0
▪ Rancho Palos Verdes	0
▪ Redondo Beach	70
▪ Rolling Hills	0
▪ Rolling Hills Estates	0
▪ San Pedro	0
▪ Torrance	27
▪ Wilmington	25
▪ LA County SD2	0
▪ LA County SD4	0



- Challenges
    - Increased numbers in motels
    - Fixed incomes
    - Shortage of permanent housing
  - Grace Farwell, SBCCOG
    - Grace reported that the next Housing and Health Resource Fair is scheduled for May at the San Pedro United Methodist Church; hoping to have mobile showers at the event.
    - Screening of American Street Kid documentary on January 30<sup>th</sup>
      - Approximately 250 people in attendance
      - Plans are to bring the documentary to CD 15 (San Pedro, Wilmington)
3. Overview of Silvernest, Inc. – A unique roommate matching service for baby boomers and empty nesters
- Lisa Smith provided an overview of SilverNest. The goal of the program is to provide homeowners and renters everything they need to create a “Home Sweet Shared Home®”.
    - The online platform program provides:
      - Roommate matching
      - Lease creation
      - Auto rent payments
      - Relationship guidance
      - Legal concierge
      - Community events
    - SilverNest’s proprietary software matches compatible housemates on a variety of preferences
    - Secure user experience
      - ID verification – no bots or false profiles
      - Ability to request background check from potential housemate
      - Secure in-app messaging
      - No personal information stored in the app
    - SilverNest looks to partner with community-based organizations to create a homesharing community and provide supportive services, such as face-to-face mediation, if necessary
      - 22 Villages across the country are partners with SilverNest
    - Homeowner is the one paying a monthly fee to utilize the SilverNest services; home seeker pays \$29 for background check, although non-profit partners could pay for the background check.
    - Average age of homeowner approximately 60; average age of home seeker approximately 40
    - Average lease is 6 months before renegotiating; some leases are month to month; 60% continue arrangement; 40% pay subsidized rent and help around the house

4. doorsquad Relocation Concierge Service was invited to give a presentation about doorsquad. Jennifer Dunbar, Founder and CEO had a conflict. She will present at the May meeting.
5. Update from Legislative Offices
  - Jake Ridout, Office of Assembly Member Al Muratsuchi, reported on five Assembly bills:
    - AB 326 – Vehicles: motorized carrying devices. This bill would define a motorized carrying device to mean an electric-powered self-propelled device that does not transport a person, but is designed to transport a person’s property, and is controlled by a person in the immediate vicinity of the device. The bill would authorize the use of a motorized carrying device, in accordance with specified rules, on sidewalks and crosswalks.
    - AB 495 – Cosmetics: safety. Cosmetic is considered adulterated if it contains asbestos, lead, or other specified intentionally added ingredients. This bill would provide oversight of harmful cosmetics.
    - AB 1286 – Shared mobility devices: agreements. This bill would require a shared mobility service provider to enter into an agreement or obtain a permit from the city or county with jurisdiction over area of use. The bill would require the provider to maintain a specified amount of commercial general liability insurance. Shared mobility device to mean an electrically motorized board, motorized scooter, electric bicycle, or other similar personal transportation device.-
    - AB 468 – Pesticides: school sites: glyphosate. This bill would ban use of toxic pesticides that contain glyphosate on school campuses; implement organic landscape practices considered minimum risk by EPA
    - AB 453 – Emergency medical services: training. This bill would require additional dementia training on how to interact effectively with persons with dementia and their caregivers for first responders.
  - Upcoming event: Natural Disasters Town Hall on April 6<sup>th</sup> at Los Verdes Golf Club
6. Announcements and Follow-up Actions
  - Age-Friendly cities – in process of developing scope of work. We are looking for funding partners.
  - Future topics
    - DMV Senior Driver Ombudsman – Tressa Thompson
    - ALA representative
    - Harbor Interfaith Services
    - Dental Law; dental care for seniors
7. Next meeting – Tuesday, May 28, 2019