

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Services for Seniors Working Group Meeting Notes

Tuesday, September 25, 2018 @ 9:30 am
SBCCOG, 20285 Western Avenue, Suite 100, Torrance

1. Welcome and Self Introductions – in attendance:
Britt Huff, Chair, Rolling Hills Estates Mayor, H.E.L.P.; Melissa Andrizzi-Sobel, BCHD; Diane Brown, Hawthorne; Elizabeth Chesney, Casa de Los Amigos HUD Housing; Anita Chun, Torrance Memorial; Ges Davis, South Bay Village; Ryan Delgado, El Segundo; Denise Fiedler, Torrance Public Library; Mayra Gomez, Redondo Beach; Elizabeth Heger, PATH; Marcelle Herrera, PVE Police Dept.; Doug Mills, Gardena; Carolynn Petru, PVP Village; Leticia Polizzi, PV Library District; Marianne Propst, PVP Village; Courtney Reed, PATH; Cindy Snodgrass, Torrance; Amanda Valorosi, Carson; Kambria Vint, Hermosa Beach; Bea Virobik, Torrance Focal Point; Aaron Baum, Grace Farwell, Steve Lantz, SBCCOG
2. Metro Next Gen Bus Study
 - Steve Lantz provided an overview of the NextGen Bus Study – the goal of the study is to design a new bus network that is more relevant, reflective of, and attractive to LA County residents. First study in 25 years that is looking at entire bus system. Based on the results of the study, and if Metro changes the bus routes, this could have an impact on municipal, Dial-a-Ride, and Access services.
3. PATH Homeless Update and Update on Regional Coordination Activities
 - Courtney Reed provided an update on PATH activities as they relate to older adults. The 2018 Homeless Count saw a 22% increase in the number of older adults experiencing homelessness over last year. PATH will focus on becoming experts on senior issues. Cross training needs to occur between those providing services for older adults and those providing services for homeless individuals. The City of Hawthorne plans to hold a Senior Resource Fair on January 16, 2019 that will focus on resources and strategies to prevent homelessness.
 - Between 7/1/2018 and 9/25/2018, there are **132** South Bay Cities clients registered who are 55+
 - Carson – 18
 - El Segundo – 3
 - Gardena – 3
 - Harbor City – 1
 - Harbor Gateway – 0
 - Hawthorne – 2
 - Hermosa Beach – 5
 - Inglewood – 42
 - Lawndale – 1
 - Lomita – 5



- Manhattan Beach – 1
 - Redondo Beach – 42
 - San Pedro – 0
 - Torrance – 5
 - West Carson - 0
 - Wilmington - 5
 - 3 clients 55+ are permanently housed
 - 1 client housed in 1 bed, 1 bath (on-going subsidy)
 - 1 client housed in Single Room Occupancy (SRO)
 - 1 client housed in Board and Care
 - Grace Farwell reported that the SBCCOG is involved, along with Harbor Interfaith Services and the City of Carson, in the planning of a Housing and Health Resources Fair on October 25th from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in Carson.
4. Age-Friendly Action Plan for the Los Angeles Region 2018-2021
- Laura Trejo, General Manager of the LA City Dept of Aging shared the Age-Friendly Action Plan for the LA Region 2018-2021. The report was approved by the Board of Supervisors on August 7, 2018. In 2016, both the City and County of LA joined the world-wide network of age-friendly cities and communities, with the goal of making the LA region more age-friendly and promote healthy and active aging and a good quality of life for older adults. Older adults and people of all ages will benefit from this initiative. The first two years of the five-year initiative was to collect data on community needs. The next 3 years will focus on implementation of the findings. The action plan is available on the Purposeful Aging Los Angeles website: <http://purposeful-aging.squarespace.com/>
5. Update from Legislative Offices
- Olina Wibroe-Benson from Senator Ben Allen’s office stated that the current legislative session has ended. She also shared information about Senator Ben Allen’s SB 961, an affordable housing bill that would allow a portion of tax revenue from businesses and properties around rail stops and major bus lines to pay for affordable housing, parks, new stations, and streetscape improvements. The goal in 2019 is to have an affordable housing for seniors bill.
6. Announcements and Follow-up Actions
- Anita Chun from Torrance Memorial announced the annual DEA Drug Take Back Day on October 27th at the Lomita Sheriff Station. She also announced the annual Medicare enrollment period.
 - Doug Mills from the City of Gardena announced the Senior Health Fair on November 2nd from 9am-2pm.
 - Palos Verdes Peninsula Village’s 3rd Annual Upside of Aging event will be on October 30th at the PV Golf Club and will feature Fernando Torres-Gil, Ph.D.
 - The South Bay Village will be hosting its annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner on November 29th.
7. Next meeting – Tuesday, December 4, 2018

Submitted by Grace Farwell