

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Services for Seniors Working Group

Tuesday, December 5, 2017 Meeting Minutes

By Grace Farwell

In Attendance: Britt Huff, Chair, Rolling Hills Estates Council Member, H.E.L.P.; Diane Brown, Hawthorne; Colleen Cotter, Peninsula Village; Alexa Davis, Rolling Hills Estates; Juanita Dove, Hawthorne; Tara Guden, Beach Cities Health District; Lao Moua, PATH; Nicole Persky, LA County Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services; Leticia Polizzi, Palos Verdes Library District; Stephanie Ramirez, AARP; Cindy Snodgrass, Torrance; Hillary Theyer, Torrance Public Library; Thomas Uwal, Inglewood; Bea Virobik, Torrance; Olina Wibroe, Senator Ben Allen's Office; Fran Wielin, Palos Verdes Peninsula Village; Rosemary Zavala, Carson; Jacki Bacharach, Aaron Baum, Grace Farwell, Steve Lantz, SBCCOG

1. Welcome and Self Introductions
2. Minutes from the September 26, 2017 meeting - received and filed.
3. PATH Homeless Update - Lao Moua provided an update and report:
 - LAHSA winter shelters are now open, with exception of SPA 8 (South Bay)
 - Assistance may be available to get South Bay people to drop off centers in other SPAs
 - Homeless Resource Conference was held in October (10/11/17)
 - Designed for homeless leadership
 - Needs to be offered more often in SPA 8
 - 147 registered, although there were more in attendance
 - Lao will share feedback from conference at an upcoming Senior Services Working Group meeting
 - PATH is putting together training videos that will be available throughout SPA 8
 - Lao will provide an update as this project progresses
 - Question from Cindy Snodgrass, Torrance: will Hep A vaccines be available at winter shelters?
 - Lao will take idea to Harbor Interfaith

June 2016 – November 30, 2017

190 total registered South Bay Cities clients:

City	55 + Client Registered
Carson	56 (4)
El Segundo	1
Gardena	7 (1)
Harbor City	1
Harbor Gateway	5
Hawthorne	9 (5)



Hermosa Beach	1
Inglewood	7 (1)
Lawndale	5
Lomita	3
Manhattan Beach	2
Redondo Beach	47 (10)
San Pedro	5
Torrance	28 (5)
West Carson	5
Wilmington	8 (4)
Total	190 (30)

Note: () Registration Increase from 08.29.2017-11.30.2017

Hotline Report Log:

					Type of caller			
Total calls	Total days	Average calls per day		Individual	Agency/ business	City/ gov't official	Law enforcement	Other
4371	547	8		69%	10%	1%	1%	19%

4. Los Angeles County New Freedom Programs: Volunteer Driver Mileage Reimbursement Program and Taxicab Services Program – Nicole Persky provided an update
 - Volunteer Driver Mileage Reimbursement Program
 - fully subscribed (250 participants) as of end of November
 - interested people will go on waiting list
 - presentations about program given at Hawthorne and Torrance Senior Centers
 - Taxicab Services Program
 - Active as of 12/1/17; already 3 participants
 - Participant receives 4 one-way vouchers each month (total of 40 miles per month)
 - Contract with taxi company
 - Electronic card with participant information
 - Taxicab drivers will assist participants, if necessary

5. Update on Measure M Guidelines – Steve Lantz and Jacki Bacharach provided an update
 - Brief review of Measure R
 - Addresses vehicle delay
 - Big regional projects
 - Will implement 3-4 sub-regional (Caltrans) capital projects
 - Requirement – projects must be within 1 mile from major highway
 - Local return money
 - Measure M
 - Extension/supplement to current highway projects under Measure R
 - Includes more than vehicle delay
 - Mobility and sustainability programs, i.e. active transportation
 - Administrative guidelines expected to be approved by Metro in January 2018
 - SBCCOG offering a 90-minute workshop in March 2018

- Money expected to be available starting in July or August 2018
 - Municipal operators will receive more money
 - What projects would benefit older adults in our communities?
 - Microtransit is Metro's version of Uber/Lyft
 - Use Metro's employees to drive
 - Route deviation
 - Come to door to pick up rider
 - Metro completed slow speed network study of South Bay
 - Need to focus on short trips
 - Slow speed vehicles – up to 25 mph
 - Want to make South Bay a pilot for slow speed projects
 - Comment from Hillary Thayer, City of Torrance Library: If develop slow speed street(s), there is a need to improve arterials (i.e. PCH, Crenshaw, Hawthorne) in terms of signal synchronization, pedestrian synchronization, left turns, etc.
 - Safe Routes to School needs to be integrated
 - Comment from Stephanie Ramirez, AARP: AARP, in conjunction with LADOT, developed a toolkit on Safe Routes for Seniors that was launched by the Dept of Public Health
6. Legislative Update – Olina Wibroe from Senator Ben Allen's office provided a brief update on Senator Allen's activities
- Holiday Meet and Greet with Blue Star Mothers; collected 600 toys for military families
 - Bring any "senior" issues to Olina
7. Announcements
- Quarterly Legislative Briefings – identify legislative issues that need to be brought up at the briefings – next meeting Jan 11, 2018
 - Climate Action Planning Forum – Dec 13, 2017
 - General Assembly – Feb 23, 2018
 - No Drugs Down the Drain update – LA County Sheriff Departments no longer accepting medications at the substations; Manhattan Beach and Gardena Police Departments continue to accept medications
 - Torrance Library offering Falls Prevention Training – 8-week session, 2 hours per session; older adults who have fallen is #1 paramedic call; falls prevention training is for paramedic referrals only
 - Palos Verdes Library Boomers and Beyond
 - Assembly Member Al Muratsuchi hosted Senior Scam Stopper Seminar on December 1st at South Coast Botanic Garden.
8. Next meeting
- **Tuesday, January 23, 2018 @ 9:30 am**

