

# **South Bay Cities Council of Governments**

**Homeless Services Task Force**  
**Wednesday, January 9, 2019**  
**3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

## **Meeting Notes** *(submitted by Grace Farwell)*

### **Welcome & Introductions**

Elected officials/representatives in attendance: Mary Campbell, Hermosa Beach; Kathleen Austria, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas' Office; Nicole Powell, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas' Office

Others in attendance: Carson, Keith Bennett; Gardena, Alejandra Orozco, Raul Alarcon (GPD); Hawthorne, Vontray Norris; Inglewood, Lori Jones, Cinder Eller (IPD); Los Angeles, Frank Lopez (LAPD); Manhattan Beach, M. Rosenberger (MBPD); Palos Verdes Estates, Tony Best (PVEPD); Redondo Beach, John LaRock, Wayne Windman (RBPD); Torrance, Viet Hoang, Jan Wierzbicki (Torrance Library); Harbor Interfaith Services, Breanna Jajairam; LAHSA, Saira Cooper; PATH, Courtney Reed, Marissa Bowman, Jennifer Lee, Carley Berkowitz; LA County Homeless Initiative, Ashlee Oh; Consultant, Jenny Swan; Shoftim Consulting, Ronald Williams; Volunteers, Kiran Magiawala, Diana Chu; SBCCOG, Jacki Bacharach, Grace Farwell, Cierra Washington, and Martha Segovia

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

**November 14, 2018 meeting notes** – Received and filed

### **Measure H 15-Month Report Card – Ashlee Oh, Homeless Initiative, CEO Office, LA County**

Ms. Oh shared the following information:

- The first 15 months are from July 2017 through October 2018 (all numbers are county-wide)
  - Permanent Housing - 9,635 homeless families and individuals
  - Intensive Case Management Services for PSH – 4,165 clients
  - Federal Rental Subsidies – 1,717 clients
  - Local Rental Subsidies – 1,604 clients
  - Homeless Services Delivery System – 1,500 new jobs
  - Outreach Workers – 350+
  - Multidisciplinary Outreach Teams – 36
  - Applications for SSI or Veterans Disability Benefits – 8,479 disabled individuals were assisted with applications
  - Crisis, Bridge, and Interim Housing – 18,714 people served
- Board of Supervisors approved new permitting process for interim housing inspection by LA County Department of Public Health to ensure shelters are providing same standard of care
- LACHI quarterly report covers all 51 homeless strategies plus SPA-based information:
  - <http://homeless.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/11.15.18-BM-on-Quarterly-Rpt-No11.pdf>
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual LA County Homeless Initiative Conference is on February 7<sup>th</sup> at the Biltmore in downtown LA

- Focus on achievements, identify lessons learned, and explore challenges and opportunities for the year ahead

**Unlocking Untapped Resources: Exploring the role of Faith Communities in Addressing Homelessness – Nicole Powell, Homeless Policy Fellow, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas (SD 2)**

Ms. Powell shared information activities in SD 2:

- Ecumenical Liaison
  - Working to develop relationships with faith-based organizations
  - Identifying opportunities for mission-driven housing development
- Community Workshops
  - Landlord 101 workshops – how to become a landlord
  - Developing ADUs
  - Homeless Incentive Programs
  - Shared Housing
- Safe Parking
  - St. Mary's Episcopal Church (part of Safe Parking LA)
- Hospitality Hubs/Mobile Showers
  - Receive a meal
  - Get a shower
  - Experience loving community
  - Replicate "Day of Dignity" at Mt. Tabor Missionary Baptist Church
  - If a church can't provide a hospitality hub, perhaps partner with other churches
- Landlord Recruitment
  - Online and in-person campaign to recruit landlords from congregations of churches and other faith-based organizations

**PATH's LeaseUp Initiative – Jennifer Lee, Director of Housing Partnerships, PATH**

Ms. Lee gave an update on the LeaseUp Initiative:

- 1<sup>st</sup> year of pilot; awarded contract in February 2018 from LAHSA
- Engage landlords and develop a centralized housing portal for Los Angeles County service providers
- Rolled out across all SPAs and CES
- "Zillow" for Homeless Service Providers
- Housing Location Services
  - Housing Specialists
  - Landlord Advisory Board
  - Mediation Services
  - Preferred Owner Program
  - Website
  - Marketing and Events
- Housing specialists update every day
- Logins are for service providers only; clients do not have access
- Shared housing and ADUs are also part of program
- PATH provides title checks and inspects units
- Planning a landlord event in SPA 8 (since the January meeting, a Landlord Outreach Event has been scheduled for Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> in Redondo Beach)
- Visit <https://www.leaseuplosangeles.org/>

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

Ms. Cooper provided an update on the 2019 Homeless Count in the South Bay:

- The count is January 23<sup>rd</sup>, and there's still time to register as a volunteer:
  - <https://www.theycountwillyou.org/>
- Why we count; who we count; where we count

- All sheltered and unsheltered individuals
- Homeless count timeline
  - Street count Jan 22-24; youth count survey Jan 22-31; shelter count & HIC inventory count Feb 1-20; demographic survey ends Feb 28
- Community Strategy/Plan
  - Social media – “I Count Because” videos
- Shelter and Housing Inventory Count
  - Any provider that provides beds to people experiencing homelessness
  - Providers of the following housing types need to participate:
    - Interim housing – emergency shelter, transitional housing, safe haven
    - Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)
    - Permanent Supportive Housing and other permanent housing

### **PATH Update – Courtney Reed, Assoc Director South Bay**

Ms. Reed reported the following:

- November 1, 2018-December 31, 2018 statistics:
  - 221 new individuals engaged
  - 148 duplicated / 33 case managed
  - 11 referred to street-based mental health
  - 2 referred to street-based substance use specialist
  - 19 referred to street-based nursing care
  - 32 referred to CBEST, General Relief
  - 1 referred to interim housing
  - 1 moved into a home; 6 additional referrals
- LA-HOP calls by city:
  - Carson – 9
  - El Segundo – 4
  - Gardena – 3
  - Hawthorne – 1
  - Manhattan Beach – 2
  - Torrance – 6
  - West Carson (LA County Unincorporated) – 3

### **Harbor Interfaith Services/CES Update – Breanna Jajairam, CES Regional Coordinator SPA 8**

Ms. Jajairam provided an update on CES and Harbor Interfaith Services activities:

- South Bay Housing & Health Resources Fairs
  - 12/6/2018 at St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church in Redondo Beach. There were 70+ participants at the fair and over 25 vendors in attendance. Everything from DPSS, DMV, DPH, hair dressers/barbers, Cal Water, County Legal clinic, clothing, and many other homeless service partners.
  - The next event will be in collaboration with the Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas’ office at the Lennox Constituent Center on Tuesday, 2/26/19 from 10am-2pm, with similar vendors to Carson and Redondo Beach events.
- LA HOP Update
  - Requesters now receive an email update throughout the process after submitting the outreach request. This will not include client information, rather updates related to the outreach follow-up to the request.
- Homeless Patient Navigator at Kaiser Permanente in Harbor City.
  - Will work with clients who are frequent utilizers of emergency room service and experiencing homelessness
  - Goals will include connecting clients to primary care, interim housing, and ultimately permanent housing

- Tuesday-Saturday from 2pm-11pm; Wednesday from 9am-6pm
- CES Provider Convening on Monday, Jan 28 from 8:30am-12:30pm at Torrance Memorial.
  - Train/teach new staff about CES basics
  - CES Policy & Program updates
- CES Goal Attainment (Individuals & Youth) 7/1/18 to 12/31/18
  - 309 Assessments (Goal 264)
  - 23 Moved through RRH (Goal 40)
  - 194 Enrolled through Outreach
  - 95% Retention Rate (RRH)

### **SBCCOG update – Grace Farwell, Homeless Services Coordinator**

Ms. Farwell shared the following information:

- Working with the producer of American Street Kid to bring a screening to the South Bay; looking for a venue
- Jacki Bacharach and Grace Farwell met with Dhakshike Wickrema and Nicole Powell from Supervisor Ridley-Thomas' office on January 4 to discuss issues related to homelessness in SD 2. We will now be meeting on a quarterly basis. We are working on scheduling an appointment with Supervisor Hahn's staff as well.

### **New Business**

- A poll will be sent out in the next couple of weeks to look at potentially changing the Homeless Services Task Force meeting from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday every other month. It has been brought to our attention of a conflict with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month.
- Kiran Magiawala shared about the Street Symphony, Social Justice at the Heart of Music Making in downtown Los Angeles: <http://streetsymphony.org/>
- The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

### **Adjournment**