

# **South Bay Cities Council of Governments**

**Homeless Services Task Force  
Wednesday, July 11, 2018  
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

## **Meeting Notes**

### **Welcome & Introductions**

Elected officials in attendance: Redondo Beach Councilmember Christian Horvath

Others in attendance: Hawthorne, Commissioner Danielle Marquez; Inglewood, Lori Jones, Cinder Eller (IPD); Lomita, Daniella Ward; Redondo Beach, John LaRock, Lt. Wayne Windman (RBPD); Torrance, Domenica Megerdichian, Jan Wierzbicki (Torrance Library); Office of Senator Feinstein, Jeannette Christian; Office of Supervisor Hahn, Erika Velazquez; Harbor Interfaith Services, Breanna Jaijairam; LAHSA, Saba Teke; LASD, Sean Hylands and Jose Ramirez; LAPD, Frank Lopez; PATH, Haley Fuselier, Courtney Reed, Jennifer Lee; South Bay Workforce Investment Board, Robert Chavez; Toberman Neighborhood Center, Elizabeth Cho; Kiran Magiawala; Harbor City Estates, Melanie Aites; Craig Townsend; League of Women Voters, Roslyn Fanello; SBCCOG, Jennifer Zivkovic LaMarque, Grace Farwell, & Cierra Washington

Councilmember Christian Horvath opened the meeting and thanked everyone for working to address homelessness regionally.

**May 9, 2018 meeting notes**– Received and filed

### **Presentation on the 2018 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count Results – Saba Tekle, Supervisor of Regional Coordination, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)**

Ms. Tekle shared some of the findings of the 2018 homeless count: For the first time in 4 years, homelessness decreased countywide and is down 3%. Veteran homelessness decreased by 18% and chronic homelessness decreased by 16%. There was a 22% increase in people age 62 and older. More people are falling into homelessness for the first time. 46% of the 9,322 people who experienced homelessness for the first time said it was due to job loss or other financial reasons. LA County needs over 565,000 for affordable units for low-income renters.

SPA 8 (South Bay) homelessness increased by 4%. (The rate of increase has slowed, it had increased by 17% from 2016 to 2017.) Chronic homelessness is down 24% and family homelessness is down 12%. More people are being housed than ever, with a record level of over 16,000 housed in 2017. Over the next 10 years, \$3.5 billion in County Measure H funds and \$1.2 billion LA City Prop HHH will be invested in addressing homelessness. City-level data is tentatively scheduled to be released at the end of July. New centralized LA Homeless Outreach Portal for referrals is now available through [www.lahsa.org](http://www.lahsa.org).

A question was raised as to the accuracy of the numbers reported during the homeless count. Response: LAHSA uses the federal definition for homelessness and uses point in time during 3 days for data collection. LAHSA partners with USC regarding demographic data.

Councilman Horvath asked what is attributing to SPA 8's increase in homelessness.

Response: Ms Tekle stated that it is a multi-faceted issue that includes increases in rental prices and available service provisions

**Presentation on South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB)/PATH Partnership and new SBWIB Homelessness Grant – Robert Chavez, Operations Manager, SBWIB**

Mr. Chavez provided an overview of the SBWIB: Administers employment and training services, One-Stop Business and Career Centers (Carson, Gardena, Inglewood, and Torrance) that provide an array of specialized services. SBWIB serves 11 cities in the South Bay: Carson, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, and Torrance.

SBWIB/PATH partnership: PATH staff will be at the Inglewood One Stop Center every Tuesday from 1:00-4:00 p.m. and at the Torrance One Stop Center every Thursday from 1:00-4:00 p.m. SBWIB staff will refer clients to PATH and staff will be trained on how to triage clients. SBWIB staff will help PATH clients with job services.

SBWIB/Measure H Homeless Transitional Subsidized Employment Program: This is a pilot project in which the SBWIB will provide work-based learning opportunities for 26 individuals who are homeless, formerly homeless, in transitional or temporary housing, or on the verge of becoming homeless. They will be connected with temporary jobs that lead to permanent placements.

Mr. Chavez shared a new flyer for SBWIB Homeless Services and a flyer for the Bridge-to-Work-Foster Program for foster youth 16-20 years of age. The program provides paid work experience up to 600 hours.

**Presentation on Countywide Housing Location Program managed by PATH – Jennifer E. Lee, Director of Housing Partnerships, PATH**

PATH is administering a new countywide housing location program. Ten housing specialists will work to recruit and support landlords and seek to increase the number of available units. They will be creating a centralized housing portal for service providers that displays available units. It will be similar to the real estate website Zillow. A countywide marketing campaign for the program will also be developed.

**Overview of PATH services – Courtney Reed & Haley Fuselier**

PATH has a new regional director, Haley Fuselier and two additional outreach workers are being hired. There are changes coming to the postcards. The hotline is being eliminated and the phone calls will be routed to Harbor Interfaith, our lead Coordinated Entry System agency, for referral as of August 1, 2018. The team is revamping its outreach approach, integrating technology into mapping and working more closely with police departments and the Sheriff's Department to identify hotspots. Thus far, 167 people have been placed into permanent housing through the program. The presentation is available at [www.southbaycities.org](http://www.southbaycities.org).

**Key points covered:**

- Review of contract deliverables and updates.
- 167 permanent housing placements; 92 of these placements are through shared housing.

- Duplicated contacts are lower than last FY as consistent case management is not included in the numbers. Currently 132 in case management that are seen 3-5 times per week.
- Success story of Mr. D, a 60 year old male who had been residing outdoors and at emergency shelters in LA County since 2016. He connected with PATH's outreach team, completed program intake, and was referred to Rapid Rehousing. Mr. D was able to secure permanent housing in less than a month starting June 1, 2018.
- PATH staff has established once a month ride-along with Carson Sheriff Dept.

### **Coordinated Entry System (CES) Update – Breanna Jajairam, Regional Coordinator, Harbor Interfaith Services**

Alexandra (Alex) Michel was introduced as the new Outreach Coordinator at Harbor Interfaith. She started on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Alex will be responsible for coordinating outreach through the LA-HOP system.

Ms. Jajairam announced a housing and health resource fair will be taking place on August 14, 2018 at the Salvation Army in Harbor City, near the Harbor City encampment.

### **SBCCOG Homeless Coordination Work Update – Jennifer LaMarque, SBCCOG**

Ms. LaMarque announced this was her last meeting as she is leaving the SBCCOG to go work for Supervisor Janice Hahn as the South Bay Deputy. She introduced Grace Farwell who will be taking over as the SBCCOG's Homeless Services Coordinator. Ms. LaMarque reported the SBCCOG is working with Redondo Beach Lt. Wayne Windman on the First Responders Training and is planning a landlord workshop with the City of Inglewood. The SBCCOG will be working on a regional homelessness plan, as a new deliverable for the LA County Homeless Initiative. It is anticipated that the Board of Supervisors will approve the next round of Measure H funding on August 14, 2018 with the RFP available on August 15. A technical Advisory Meeting for South Bay cities is tentatively planned for August 23, 2018.

### **New Business**

Saba Tekle announced LAHSA has started an ad hoc committee that will focus on African-Americans experiencing homelessness, including issues and barriers.

### **Adjournment**

Submitted by Grace Farwell