

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Services for Seniors Working Group

Meeting Notes

Tuesday, May 22, 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.; Sikizi Allen, Advocates for African American Elders; Melissa Andrizzi Sobel, Beach Cities Health District; Theresa Babiari, Torrance Public Library; Diane Brown, Hawthorne; Norma Burns, PVE-CARES; Jerry Gaines, LA County Commission on Aging; Laurie Glover, Silverado; Cinthie Lopez Paz, LA County Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services (WDACS); Leti Polizzi, PV Library District; Marianne Propst, Coast to Coast Seniors; Courtney Reed, PATH; Veronica Sigala, LA County WDACS; Kambria Vint, Hermosa Beach; Bea Virobik, Torrance Commission on Aging; Olina Wibroe, Senator Ben Allen’s Office; Jacki Bacharach, Aaron Baum, Grace Farwell, Steve Lantz, SBCCOG

2. Update on Redondo Beach Dementia-Friendly City
 - Laurie Glover, Silverado
 - Silverado Beach Cities is working with Redondo Beach Chamber and the City of Redondo Beach to become a Dementia-Friendly city
 - First responders have been trained to recognize signs of memory impairment
 - Police officers and city staff are scheduled to be trained
 - Once training of city staff is complete, Silverado will bring resolution to City Council
 - Developing list of resources for families to get the right help
 - One restaurant and hotel are getting involved
 - Working to create a dementia-friendly menu
 - Silverado Beach Cities offers a “Virtual Dementia Tour”
 - Discover the realities of living with dementia
 - Experience overwhelming effects of trying to perform daily task while dealing with limitations to physical and mental capabilities



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3. Bring Our Loved Ones Home Initiative/Project Lifesaver

- Veronica Sigala, Program Manager, Workforce Development, Aging & Community Services, LA County
- Jerry Gaines, Senior Commissioner, LA County Supervisorial District 4
 - Voluntary Countywide program
 - Keep track of adults and children and expedite the recovery time of those who wander away from families and caregivers
 - Explore the best available technology devices to be implemented
 - Comprehensive first responder training
 - Guiding Principles
 - Protect at-risk people from having a critical missing incident
 - Locate at-risk people when they are missing
 - Identify people who are found but whose identify is unknown
 - Domains – 17 critical strategies in 4 domains
 - Enhanced Coordination – inter-agency collaboration, coordination, and implementation
 - Technology – implement Project Lifesaver Pilot to track individuals at-risk of wandering
 - Prevention, Education and Training – first responder education – 911, law enforcement, EMS/fire
 - Social Engagement – develop community awareness campaign
 - Project Lifesaver Pilot Study
 - First Year (FY 2018/19)
 - \$20,000 for Sheriff's Department to join Project Lifesaver
 - Purchase of all hardware and training to certify LASD and serve every city in the County
 - \$10,000 to subsidize approximately 30 clients
 - Cost of Project Lifesaver equipment is \$300/client
 - Second Year (FY 2019/20) and Third Year (FY 2020/21)
 - \$30,000 to subsidize approximately 90 clients each FY
 - Currently Supervisor Hahn is the only supervisor who has put forth money for this initiative; this initiative needs support from the other supervisors

4. PATH Homeless Update and Update on Regional Coordination Activities

- Courtney Reed, Associate Director of South County, PATH
 - As of May 22nd, there are 230 South Bay Cities clients registered who are 55+
 - 51 clients 55+ are permanently housed
 - PATH is now fully staffed as of April
 - Outreach team is available 5 days/week
 - Proactive outreach – going to parks, police departments, take out postcards
 - Reactive outreach – answering calls from someone in community, police departments, etc.
- Jennifer LaMarque, SBCCOG

- The SBCCOG played a key role, along with Harbor Interfaith Services, in the planning of a successful Housing and Health Fair which took place on April 18 at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
 - SBCCOG arranged for the participation of the County Homeless Initiative Criminal Record Clearing Project's mobile court at the event. The purpose of this service provided by the Public Defender's Office is to help clients remove barriers through expungements, Prop 47 (reduces some non-violent felonies to misdemeanors) and Prop 64 (reduces or dismisses some marijuana-related charges.)
 - 71 clients attended the event
- SBCCOG staff is working with Inglewood staff to plan a landlord engagement event in August to educate property owners about incentives available for renting to individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
- The cities of Carson, El Segundo, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach are in the process of developing homeless plans through grants funded by LA County. SBCCOG staff is attending stakeholder meetings, most recently in Carson and Inglewood, and serving as a resource for the cities. Plans must be completed by June 30. Limited implementation funds will be available from the County, with amounts to be determined, after the plans are submitted.
- Working with PATH, the SBCCOG is facilitating the distribution of business surveys as a tool to help educate business owners. Surveys are underway in Manhattan Beach and Hermosa Beach with more to follow.
- SBCCOG is exploring hosting an educational workshop for housing developers regarding the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for affordable housing projects. Approximately \$90 million will be announced by the LA County Community Development Commission/Housing Authority in Fall 2018.

5. Legislative Update

- Olina Wibroe, District Representative, Office of State Senator Ben Allen
 - Most calls from older adults in the district are regarding rents being raised; fear of not being able to pay rent and could potentially become homeless.
 - Discussion about repealing the Costa Hawkins bill; may be reintroduced by Assembly Member Bloom in the next legislative session.
- Update from Assembly Member Mike Gipson's Office
 - AB 1795 – Expanding Access to the Right Care at the Right Time
 - Bill seeks to give local agencies the authority to develop alternate destination programs that allow patients with mental health and alcohol intoxication needs to have more direct access to appropriate care and increase efficiency for local emergency response systems.

6. Next meeting – Tuesday, July 24, 2018

Submitted by Grace Farwell