

# **South Bay Cities Council of Governments**

**Homeless Services Task Force**  
**Wednesday, March 13, 2019**  
**3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

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

### **Welcome & Introductions**

Elected officials/representatives in attendance: Council Member Alex Monteiro, Hawthorne; Council Member Ralph Franklin, Inglewood; Mayor Pro Tem Christian Horvath, Redondo Beach; Jeanette Christian, Senator Dianne Feinstein's Office; Janet Turner, Representative Ted Lieu's Office

Others in attendance: Gardena, Jackie Coppa; Hawthorne, Danielle Marquez; Inglewood, Damian Pipkins, Lori Jones, Cinder Eller (IPD), Fred Osorio (IPD); Los Angeles, Frank Lopez (LAPD); Manhattan Beach, George Gabriel, Rob Schreiber (MBPD); Palos Verdes Estates, Kyle Shea (PVEPD); Redondo Beach, John LaRock, Wayne Windman (RBPD); Rolling Hills Estates, Jeannie Naughton; Torrance, Domenica Megerdichian; Harbor Interfaith Services, Breanna Jajairam; LAHSA, Saira Cooper, Steven Yu; PATH, Courtney Reed, Haley Fuselier; Sanctuary of Hope, Janet Denise Kelly; Everyone In Campaign, Quincey Coleman; IMET, Anika Simpson; Volunteers, Kiran Magiawala; Reba Stevens; SBCCOG, Jacki Bacharach, Grace Farwell, Cierra Washington

Redondo Beach Mayor Pro Tem Christian Horvath opened the meeting and thanked everyone for working to address homelessness regionally.

**January 9, 2019 meeting notes** – Received and filed

### **Update on Activities Related to Homelessness in SD4 – Ivan Sulic, Field Deputy, Supervisor Janice Hahn**

Unfortunately, Mr. Sulic was unable to attend the meeting. He will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

### **Overview of Hope Connections, Sanctuary of Hope – Janet Kelly, Founder and Executive Director, Sanctuary of Hope**

Ms. Kelly provided a presentation on services for Transitional Age Youth (TAY), ages 16-25:

- Sanctuary of Hope was founded in 2010 in response to a gap in basic need services for TAY
- Sanctuary of Hope opened Home Connections South Bay in Hawthorne late last year
  - Basic Needs and Support Services
  - College I Can
  - iParent
- Programs and Services
  - 33 beds in SPA 4, 6, & 8
    - 12 Bridge, 21 Transitional
- Service incorporates 3 lenses
  - Comprehensive Youth Development
  - Trauma-Informed Care
  - Critical Race Theory
- 2018 Agency-wide Outcomes
  - 437 unduplicated youth and 153 duplicated youth served

- 213 received referral and placement into safe and secure housing
- 282 received basic need services
- 274 received independent living skills and life-skill building activities
- 41 moved into permanent housing
- 2 graduated community college and 1 graduated 4-year university
- Success stories were shared
- Although the focus of service providers who work with the homeless populations is on Housing First, Ms. Kelly stressed the importance of the youth being connected and feeling like they are part of something.

**City Spotlight: From the Eyes of Inglewood Outreach – Lori Jones, Grants Coordinator and Damian Pipkins, Grants Coordinator, City of Inglewood**

Ms. Jones and Mr. Pipkins provided an overview of outreach in the City of Inglewood:

- Received funding through Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG)
  - Partnered with St. Margaret’s Center and PATH
  - Provided emergency motel vouchers (St. Margaret’s Center)
  - Provided bus tokens (St. Margaret’s Center)
  - Provided street outreach (PATH)
  - Provided emergency shelter beds (PATH)
- ESG funds eliminated in October 2014
- Contracted with St. Margaret’s Center to operate Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Program using HOME (HOME Investment Partnerships Program) funds from HUD
  - Security deposit assistance for homeless households
  - Utility deposit assistance
  - Monthly rental subsidy for
    - Seniors, aged 62 and older; disabled persons; honorably discharged veterans
- HOME funds cut 40% in October 2014
- City staff in Inglewood PD and Community Development Dept began to administer Homelessness programs
  - Outreach – IPD Community Affairs
  - Emergency Shelter & Supportive Services – Community Development
  - TBRA (Tenant Based Rental Assistance) – Community Development
- Current program now includes
  - Inglewood Mental Health Evaluation Team (IMET)
  - Homelessness Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program (HTBRA)
  - Emergency Motel Voucher Program
- Outcomes
  - Motels – 22 households
  - Transitional Housing – 8 households
  - Permanent Housing (HTBRA) – 21 households/42 persons
  - Permanent Housing (TBRA) – 35 households/42 persons
- Motel/Transitional/Permanent Housing
  - General Funds - \$145,000
    - Motels, transitional housing, supportive services
  - HOME Funds – TBRA and HTBRA - \$684,000
    - Permanent housing
  - Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) Funds for Homeless Services - \$10,000
    - Move-in costs, moving expenses, appliances, application fees
- All city departments need to work together to combat homelessness
- Success stories were shared

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

Ms. Cooper provided an overview of LAHSA's Community Engagement Unit:

- Primary liaison between LAHSA and communities served
- Facilitates LAHSA's homeless lived experience advisory groups
- 4 main functions
  - Regional Coordination
  - Capacity Building
  - Education
  - Execution of Annual Greater LA Homeless Count
- Regional Coordination conducted by Community Engagement Coordinator
  - Elected officials
  - Faith-based communities
  - Homeless coalitions
  - COGs
  - Service providers
  - Neighborhood councils
- Capacity Building
  - Assist LAHSA Depts with logistics and facilitation
  - Listen to and observe community stakeholder and planning groups
  - SPA SWOT analysis
  - Gaps Assessment and Asset Mapping
- Education
  - Community info sessions
  - Tabling events
  - Presentations
  - Educational materials
- Annual Greater LA Homeless Count
  - Ensure completion of all 4 Homeless Count Components in LA Continuum of Care (CoC)
    - Street count
    - Youth count
    - Demographic survey
    - Shelter count
- 2019 Community Engagement Goals
  - Improve lived experience advisory groups effectiveness
  - Create and execute year-long comprehensive volunteer engagement strategy
  - Conduct thorough SWOT analysis and work plan in collaboration with SPA leadership
  - Successfully execute the Annual Greater LA Homeless Count

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

Ms. Reed reported the following:

- January 1-February 28, 2019 statistics:
  - 142 new individuals engaged
  - 154 duplicated / 63 case managed
  - 12 referred to street-based mental health
  - 2 referred to street-based substance use specialist
  - 19 referred to street-based nursing care
  - 28 referred to CBEST, General Relief
  - 11 linked to interim housing
  - 1 moved into a home; 4 additional referrals
- LA-HOP calls:
  - 37 requests since launch; 34 closed; 3 new requests are open

- Success story was shared along with notable program updates
  - Participated in Housing & Health Resource Fair in Lennox on 2/26/19
  - Participated in Homeless Count in Redondo Beach and Carson on 1/23/19 and 1/24/19
  - Participated in Youth Homeless Count in San Pedro
  - Hosted a Faith Convening in Redondo Beach on 1/17/19
  - Provided library training with Redondo Beach librarians on 2/5/19
  - Presented to City of Gardena Recreation & Human Services staff on 3/6/19

### **Update of Coordinated Entry System (CES)/Harbor Interfaith Services – Breanna Jaijairam, CES Regional Coordinator SPA 8**

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

- South Bay Housing & Health Resources Fair in Lennox on 2/26/19 in collaboration with Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas' Office
  - 45+ participants
  - 25 vendors including DPSS, DMV, DPH, hairdressers/barbers
  - Next one scheduled in late April/early May – working on identifying a location
- Youth/TAY CES
  - Increase in Rapid ReHousing (RRH) case managers for Youth
    - Sanctuary of Hope (SOH)
    - St. Margaret's Center
    - Harbor Interfaith
- LAUSD Co-location for families and TAY
  - Co-location for LAUSD liaison for Youth at HIS on Wednesdays and SOH on Thursdays
  - Co-location for LAUSD liaison for Families on Mondays and Tuesdays
- HIS staff participated in 2019 Homeless Count and Demographic Surveys throughout SPA 8
- CES Goal Attainment (Individuals & Youth) 7/1/18 to 12/31/18
  - 309 Assessments (Goal 264)
  - 27 Moved through RRH (Goal 40)
  - 95% Retention Rate (RRH)
  - 35 Housing Placement through HN (Goal 50)
    - High acuity – chronic homelessness
- Success story was shared

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

Ms. Farwell shared the following information:

- American Street Kid screening on 1/30/19
  - Thank you to City of Redondo Beach for hosting at the Performing Arts Center
  - Thank you to the providers who had information tables
    - United Way Everyone In Campaign
    - LAHSA
    - PATH
    - South Bay Coalition to End Homelessness (SBCEH)
  - Approximately 250 in attendance; raised \$1,680 in donations for Spare Some Change non-profit
  - Working with producer to schedule another screening in San Pedro
- Results of poll regarding potential meeting change - 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every other month
- The next meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

### **Adjournment**