

# South Bay Cities Council of Governments

**Homeless Services Task Force  
Wednesday, May 9, 2018  
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

## Meeting Notes

### **Welcome & Introductions**

Elected officials in attendance: Los Angeles Councilmember Joe Buscaino & Redondo Beach Councilmember Christian Horvath

Others in attendance: Carson, Keith Bennett; Hawthorne, Brian James; Lomita, Daniella Ward; Redondo Beach, John LaRock; Torrance, Stephen Kim; Office of Senator Feinstein, Jeannette Cheng; Office of Supervisor Hahn, Erika Velazquez; Hawthorne Commissioner Danielle Marquez; Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles, Lynn Katano; RAND Corporation, Dr. Sarah Hunter; Harbor Interfaith Services, Shari Weaver and Breanna Jaijairam; LAHSA, Megan Emme, CSH, Dara Papel; PATH, Courtney Reed & Elizabeth Heger; South Bay Workforce Investment Board, Robert Chavez; Toberman Neighborhood Center, Elizabeth Cho; Kiran Magiawala; SBCCOG, Jacki Bacharach, Jennifer Zivkovic LaMarque & Cierra Washington

Councilmember Joe Buscaino opened the meeting and thanked everyone for working to address homelessness regionally.

**January 10, 2018 meeting notes**– Received and filed

### **Presentation on Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Affordable Housing Projects – Lynn Katano, Housing Development Manager, Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles**

Ms. Katano explained that the Community Development Commission is a County agency but is separately chartered and reports to the LA County Board of Supervisors. It is the economic and community development arm of the County. It is in its 20<sup>th</sup> year of issuing NOFAs. She gave a history of funding for affordable housing dating back to 1999. The last NOFA, Round 23A in Fall of 2017, featured \$39.6 million in affordable housing trust funds, \$9.2 million in Measure H funds, \$49 million in mental health housing funds and 200 rental subsidies (project-based vouchers and project-based Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing vouchers.) Eligible populations for special needs units are homeless, chronically homeless, homeless veterans, transition age youth, those with mental illness, developmentally disabled and frequent users of health and/or mental health services. Non-special needs units restricted to those earning at or below 30% area medium income (AMI.) (The same applies to special needs units as well.)

She explained Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles rental subsidies and threshold requirements. She explained that NOFA 23-B which was released in January 2018 has approximately \$25 million available and the NOFA to be released in the Fall features approximately \$90 million. There will also be state funding through the No Place Like Home program which will provide the County with capital funds for the development of affordable housing targeting those experiencing homelessness and mental illness. Councilman Buscaino asked that the SBCCOG receive the term sheet for this funding to distribute to the cities. Ms. Katano showed photos of successful housing developments made possible by use of the funds

she discussed. Councilman Buscaino informed the group that a new supportive housing site is opening in his district near the El Segundo offramp of the 110 freeway and offered a tour.

**Review of Research Report *Evaluation of Housing for Health Permanent Supportive Housing Program* – Sarah Hunter, PhD, RAND Corporation**

Dr. Hunter explained that she was the lead author of the report. She gave an overview of the public health implications of homelessness. She stated that health costs are the largest share of social spending on homelessness. She gave statistics from FY 14-15 that show that 60 percent of spending for homeless adults in LA County went to health-related services, with 10 percent going to law enforcement and 30 percent for other social services. She explained that the County's Housing for Health program, which started in 2012, targets the homeless population with frequent health care use, bundles housing with health care and case management to provide permanent supportive housing. It is a unique partnership between the County Department of Health Services, Brilliant Corners (a nonprofit coordinating community-based partner), and property owners throughout the County creating a flexible housing subsidy pool. She explained the study methodology and results showing that after one year in housing, client County services declined by 60 percent and there was an overall net savings to the County of 20 percent. Client mental health also improved.

**Overview of PATH services – Courtney Reed & Elizabeth Heger**

Ms. Reed and Ms. Heger of PATH gave a Powerpoint presentation and answered questions from attendees. The presentation covered an overview of activities since January and what is happening in the field, statistics, success stories, and barriers/obstacles. 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.
- Numbers were lower in January and February due to staff changes. The outreach team is now fully staffed. Meredith Berkson is no longer with PATH.
- Prevention work stated in April.
- Success story of Linda who became homeless and lived out of her car in Torrance after having to leave her son's home due to him relocating. She was contacted by PATH's outreach team and engaged in services. She was placed in a one-bedroom apartment through Rapid Rehousing.
- PATH staff is participating in city homeless planning meetings.
- Discussion of breakdown of PATH staff relative to SBCCOG contract and separate city contracts.

**Coordinated Entry System (CES) Update and Information on New SPA 8 Access Center– Shari Weaver, and Breanna Jaijairam, Harbor Interfaith Services**

Ms. Weaver reported that Ms. Jaijairam is the new Regional Coordinator for the Coordinated Entry System. Ms. Jaijairam introduced herself and reported on the Housing and Health Fair in Redondo

Beach that served 71 people. She discussed coordination with hospitals that is underway. She gave reported the following CES goal attainment for the 7/1/17-6/30/18 grant period:

**Individuals & Youth**

569 Assessments completed (Goal 240)  
 31 Moved through Rapid Rehousing (RRH) (Goal 15)  
 79 Moved into other Permanent Housing (Goal 50)  
 367 Enrolled through Outreach

**Families**

731 Assessments completed (Goal 450)  
 170 Moved through RRH (Goal 140)  
 63 assisted through Prevention (Goal 40)

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

Ms. LaMarque reported that the SBCCOG is in the third quarter of its contract with the County to provide regional homeless coordination. She reported on a bus tour of affordable and supportive housing sites the SBCCOG helped plan and participated in. She reported that SBCCOG facilitated the participation of the Homeless Court Clinic at the April Housing and Health Fair in Redondo Beach and will be working closely with Harbor Interfaith staff to host additional homeless outreach event in the coming months. A landlord workshop is being planned for Inglewood and business surveys with several South Bay chambers are underway.

**Other Business** – Jacki Bacharach reported that Supervisor Hahn has committed to funding the PATH program for FY 18-19 and that she understands that Supervisor Ridley-Thomas is close to committing. She asked Supervisor Hahn’s Deputy Erika Velazquez to thank Supervisor Hahn for her support of the program.

Discussion of the need for additional housing. Councilman Buscaino reported that each LA City Council District has committed to 222 supportive housing units. He encouraged other cities to build additional housing. Dara Papel of CSH reported that the County will be providing fact sheets for cities regarding housing development funding opportunities. The Everyone In campaign is asking cities to pass resolutions regarding housing.

**Next Steps and Follow-up Actions** – Outreach to developers to help educate them about available funding. Obtain term sheet for NOFA when available.

**Adjournment**

Submitted by Jennifer Zivkovic LaMarque