

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Homeless Services Task Force

Wednesday, September 4, 2019

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Meeting Notes *(submitted by Chandler Sheilds)*

Welcome & Introductions

Elected officials/representatives in attendance: Councilmember Christian Horvath (Redondo Beach), Councilmember Alex Montero (Hawthorne), Councilmember Hildy Stern (Manhattan Beach), Councilmember George Chen (Torrance), Steacy Trinidad (Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi), Giovanni Zuniga (Assemblymember Mike Gipson), Janet Turner (Congressmember Ted Lieu), Jennifer LaMarque (LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn)

Others in attendance: Jim Latta (Beverly Hills), Keith Bennett (Carson), Dan Kim (El Segundo), Jackie Coppa (Gardena), Brenda Williams and Von Norris (Hawthorne), Cinder Eller (Inglewood), Kyle Shea (Palos Verdes Estates PD), Jon Naylor and Wayne Windman (Redondo Beach PD), Jeannie Naughton (Rolling Hills Estates), John LaRock (Redondo Beach), Deborah A. (Redondo Beach resident); Katie Wand and Cindy Scotto (Torrance), Steve Kim (Torrance PD), Denise Fiedler (Torrance Library), Steven Yu and Sabrina DeSantiago (LAHSA), Courtney Reed (PATH), Breanna Jaijairam and Jazmin Johnson (Harbor Interfaith Services), Nancy Wilcox (South Bay Coalition to End Homelessness), Tom Haberkorn (SHARE!), Grace Farwell and Chandler Sheilds (SBCCOG)

Redondo Beach Councilmember Christian Horvath opened the meeting.

July 10, 2019 meeting notes – Received and filed

SHARE! Collaborative Housing – Tom Haberkorn, Housing Specialist, SHARE! the Self Help & Recovery Exchange

- Housing provider looking to expand program
- SPA 7 & 8 has 27 shared houses (houses in Gardena, Torrance, Hawthorne)
- Utilize existing single-family homes (partnering with people who own homes), requisite is 3 bedrooms
- Look for homeowners with rentals
- Reputation of being able to house people in the same day or in 48 hours
- \$450,000 is cost to build one unit of supportive housing
- 45% of people experiencing homelessness are getting some form of income
- Set up phone call/interview with applicant and homeowner to explore initial possibility
- No minimum or maximum amount of time required for housing duration (not temporary housing)
- Goal is to open 250 houses (currently at 55)
- Individuals that participate in this program are required to be a “good neighbor”

- Pair 2 people per room in housing to help deal with potential conflict, sudden “flight” proclivity, and build relationships
- Housing requirements serve to give individuals “pride” in their new living situation
- “Peer bridgers” are specialists employed to help individuals in new living situations establish goals and maintain rapport to serve as models of recovery and success
- Provide tangible social support, encouraging individuals to re-integrate into society (e.g. job application, self-help groups, etc.)
- “Residents” pay homeowner rent directly (not through SHARE!)
- Closest walk-in facility is near LAX for those looking to get placed in housing
- Link to presentation [here](#) and additional handout [here](#)

LAHSA’s Faith-based Initiative – Steven Yu, Supervisor, Community Engagement, LAHSA

- Partnership began in 2017 with a faith summit
- Goal is to coordinate efforts and overlapping services between faith-based organizations (FBO) and coordinated entry systems (CES)
- Performed extensive outreach w/service providers, universities, government orgs, etc.
- FBOs have a misconception that they cannot apply for public funding because of their status
- Help develop a roadmap for FBOs so they know where they can send homeless for resources and how they can help directly
- Capacity Building Grant can help FBOs become compliant (e.g. ADA requirements for churches/buildings to finance handicap access into facility)
 - \$50,000 – \$150,000 available
- Going to survey faith leaders in LA County to understand needs for addressing homelessness
- If an agency is partnered with a city, the agency would not have to apply for RFSQ if they are acting as a subcontractor; the proposal/contract would be with the government entity
- Link to presentation [here](#)

Update of PATH Services – Courtney Reed, Associate Regional Director, PATH

- 13 LA-HOP requests (up from 11 since last meeting)
- Link to presentation [here](#)

Update of CES Activities – Breanna Jajairam, Regional Coordinator for Adults, SPA 8, Harbor Interfaith Services

- Partnering with the City of Carson, PATH & SBCCOG for Carson Homeless Resource Fair
 - This will take place on Wednesday, 10/23/2019 from 9am-1pm
 - Resources such as DMV, DPH and DPSS will be on hand
- New SPA 8 Regional Outreach Coordinator, Jazmin Johnson
- New LAUSD rep is present at Harbor Interfaith Services – Lawrence

- Lawrence can help youth with or without dependents and is located at Harbor Interfaith on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday and Sanctuary of Hope Wednesday and Thursday
- Success story (Redondo Beach)
 - HIS Redondo Beach Outreach/Housing Navigator worked with a client for over two years to obtain housing with HACLA CoC certificate
 - Client and his partner are well known to Redondo Beach PD, and have been referred to the outreach/housing navigator by PD
 - Client started with obtaining the clients identifying documents in order to apply for a CoC certificate
 - Once identifying docs were obtained, staff supported client in going to court dates and medical appointments to ensure that he would remain in compliance for housing
 - Client found a landlord that was willing to give him a second chance at housing
 - Client's landlord accepted HACLA rent offer on 9/4/2019 and client can move in today
- CES Goal Attainment (Individuals) 7/1/19-8/31/2019
 - Number of households assessed - 140
 - Number of households housed in RRH – 13 (Placement Log matches Clarity on this one!)
 - RRH Retention Rate – 96% (Taken from the CPR, same as retained housing for Prevention below)
 - Number of chronically homeless single adults placed via HN – 12 (8 from Clarity, 4 from the Placement log that haven't been exited yet.)
 - Number of households who have retained housing in Prevention – 100%, 7/7 Households who exited more than 6 months ago and were housed on Exit did not enroll in a new program
- CES Goal Attainment (TAY) 7/1/19-8/31/19
 - Number of households assessed: 26
 - Number of households housed in RRH: 8
 - RRH Retention Rate: 100%
 - Number of households who have retained housing through Prevention One Youth Family.
- CES Goal Attainment (Family) 7/1/19-8/31/2019
 - Number of households assessed - 108
 - Number of households housed in RRH - 31
 - RRH Retention Rate 95%
 - Number of households that retained housing through Prevention - 23

Spotlight on a South Bay City

Hawthorne Implementation Grant – Von Norris, Director of Recreation and Community Services and Brenda Williams, Assistant Recreation Supervisor, City of Hawthorne

- Participated with local church to conduct 2019 homeless count
- \$30,000 issued to the City to develop homeless plan

- Created Homeless Task Force overseen by Recreation and Community Services Department
- Hosted outreach events to serve targeted populations (e.g. seniors) to provide clothes and food donation opportunities while establishing relationships with homeless residents
- Hoping to develop 18 single-family units for temporary and transitional housing designated for homeless in Cordary Housing Project (development to begin in 2020)
- Link to presentation [here](#)

Climate Change and At-Risk Populations; Update of SBCCOG Homeless Coordination Work – Grace Farwell, SBCCOG

- Homeless communities are particularly vulnerable to projected climate change impacts
- Increase in occurrences of extreme heat is a fatal threat for homeless, mentally ill, seniors, etc.
- Link to presentation [here](#)
- LAHSA is going to offer policy summits in the coming months regarding Measure H funding for upcoming 3-year cycle
- Cities are encouraged to think about questions and provide feedback for Measure H funding issues

Next Steps and Follow-up Actions

- Weekend to End Homelessness in partnership with City of Gardena, October 5th

Adjournment