

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Homeless Services Task Force

Wednesday, March 04, 2020

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Meeting Notes *(submitted by Laurie Jacobs)*

Welcome & Introductions

Elected officials/representatives in attendance: Councilmember Christian Horvath (Redondo Beach), Councilmember Olivia Valentine (Hawthorne), Jennifer LaMarque (Supervisor Janice Hahn), Isabella Blue (Councilmember Joe Buscaino, Los Angeles), Jeanette Christian (U.S. Senator Diane Feinstein), Janet Turner (Representative Ted Lieu)

Others in attendance: Keith Bennett (Carson), Jackie Coppa-Arcos (Gardena), Kimberly Mack, Kywana Bowie, Von Norris (Hawthorne), Nico DeAnda-Scaia (Hermosa Beach), Lori Jones (Inglewood), Cinder Eller (Inglewood PD), Michael Reyes (Lawndale), George Gabriel (Manhattan Beach), John LaRock (Redondo Beach), Wayne Windman (Redondo Beach PD), Domenica Megerdichian (Torrance), Saira Cooper (LAHSA), Courtney Reed (PATH), Breanna Jaijairam, Karli Dreizler (Harbor Interfaith Services), Steven Steinberg and Dan Hoffman (LA County presenters), Kiran Magiawala (Hawthorne resident), Teri Neustaedter (League of Women Voters Beach Cities), Renee El-Khoury (DHS Harbor UCLA), Tim McCune, Jacki Bacharach, Grace Farwell, and Laurie Jacobs (SBCCOG)

Redondo Beach Councilmember Christian Horvath opened the meeting.

January 8, 2020 meeting notes – Received and filed

LA County Interactive Planning Tool Map: Innovation in increasing Housing Capacity to Prevent and Combat Homelessness – Daniel Hoffman, GISP, LA County Dept of Regional Planning and Steven J. Steinberg, PhD, GISP, Geographic Information Officer, LA County Department of Internal Services

- Presented new LA County Homelessness & Housing Map program, a work in progress
- Discussed goal to provide “real time” mapping of available housing, not there yet
- Data comes from many agencies in different formats so very labor intensive to present in a standardized format
- Continuing to identify tools to have data truly meet the needs of service providers and other organizations to ensure data is useful
- Discussed public facing story maps and what is missing that is not available to the public; moving towards making data available to non-public government agencies but first need to implement confidentiality safeguards
- Supportive housing is color coded showing before 2017 and after to measure programs before and after receiving H funds
- Organizations can request a “custom” map from Dr. Steinberg

- Data can be grouped by specific areas, municipalities, government agencies, etc. Easy to gather by government boundaries such as congressional districts
- 2020 Homeless Count numbers should be available in May
- Suggestions made to include option for organizations to send updated data via a web-based entry form
- <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/400d7b75f18747c4ae1ad22d662781a3>

Spotlight on a South Bay City – Domenica Megerdichian, Management Associate, Office of the City Manager, City of Torrance

- Torrance, the largest city in the South Bay is currently working on three tasks:
 1. Create internal Homeless Task Force
 2. Hire a homelessness plan consultant
 3. Develop a Safe Parking pilot program in partnership with PATH; vetted 12 – 15 properties but only 1 – 2 are viable
 - a. Issues with parked RV's dumping sewage, sanitation issues
- Looking for funding for the implementation of these three tasks
- Created business cards with "Where to find Help" resources
- Torrance computer system was cyber attacked so very difficult at present to conduct day-to-day business

Update of PATH Services – Courtney Reed, Associate Director South Bay, PATH

- Of 30 LA-HOP requests, 20 were from Torrance; reviewed requests by city breakdown
- Introduced the three outreach teams: Region's Outreach Coordinator triages requests to appropriate outreach team
- Discussed challenges and solutions
- Discussed "problem solving" as a diversion method to reduce the number of people who enter the homeless services system through creative alternatives
- Courtney attended National Alliance to End Homelessness Conference which covered racial equity, utilizing people with lived expertise, utilizing private funding to secure housing and pay for subsidies, and pallet shelters
- [Link](#) to presentation Path Update

Update of CES Activities – Breanna Jaijairam, Regional Coordinator for Adults, SPA 8, Harbor Interfaith Services (HIS)

- Harbor Interfaith Services Interim Housing site in San Pedro opened March 2nd
 - a. SD4 to give an update as well.
 - b. 40 men and women's beds, accommodates pets, mobile showers
- Campus Peer Navigator at El Camino, LA Harbor College, & Long Beach City College
 - a. Works primarily with TAY, but meets other populations and refers into CES
- Next Housing & Health Fair Wednesday, April 8th at GTrans in Gardena from 10am-2pm. Working on flyer and confirming vendors in order to distribute communication about this.
- HIS is working with the Beach Cities of Redondo, Manhattan & Hermosa Beach and hosting a discussion regarding the Beach Cities Homelessness Plan on Thursday, 3/19/2020 at the Joslyn Community Center in Manhattan Beach from 7pm-9pm

- **CES Goal Attainment (Individuals) 7/1/19-2/29/2020**
 - a. Number of households assessed - **397**
 - b. Number of households housed in RRH – **50**
 - c. RRH Retention Rate – **98%**
 - d. Number of chronically homeless single adults placed via HN – **61**
 - e. Number of households who have retained housing in Prevention – **34**
- **CES Goal Attainment (TAY) 7/1/19-2/29/2020**
 - a. Number of households assessed - **72**
 - b. Number of households housed in RRH - **33**
 - c. RRH Retention Rate **100%**
 - d. Number of households who have retained housing through Prevention- **8**
- **CES Goal Attainment 7/1/19-2/29/2020**
 - a. Number of households assessed - **327**
 - b. Number of households housed in RRH - **150**
 - c. RRH Retention Rate – **95%**
 - d. Number of households who have retained housing through Prevention - **55**

SD 4 Update: Homeless Shelter 8th/Beacon in San Pedro - Jennifer LaMarque, South Bay Deputy, Supervisor Janice Hahn

- Opened on March 2nd with housing 19 women & 21 men, partnering with Harbor Interfaith
- Offers 90-day stay with a 30-day extension if needed

Update of SBCCOG Homeless Services Coordination - Grace Farwell and Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG

- Introduced Laurie Jacobs who will assist Grace with implementation of programs under the new Innovation Funds grant
- Working with Saira Cooper from PATH on developing a pilot business and resources guide
- Christian Horvath gave info on March 19th General Assembly; 23 scheduled TED-like speakers on topics covering transportation/mobility, housing/affordability, public safety/homelessness, climate/environment, economic development/technology, etc. and 3 afternoon panels exploring intersections between above sectors, state & local government, and private & public sectors.

Next Steps and Follow-up Actions

- Reminder - March 5, 2020 is the 4th Annual Homeless Initiative Conference in Los Angeles

Adjournment – next meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2020 at the SBCCOG new office in Torrance