



Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

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MINUTES OF THE

LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY POLICY & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Held Friday, January 15, 2009

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority Commission Policy and Planning Committee meeting held at 453 S. Spring Street, 12th Floor, Los Angeles, California was called to order at 9:37 a.m. by Commissioner Newcomer.

ATTENDANCE

LAHSA Commissioners Present:

Owen Newcomer
Cecil Murray

LAHSA Commissioners Absent:

Louisa Ollague

LAHSA Staff:

Michael Arnold, Executive Director
Clementina Verjan, Planning Manager
Kim Thompson, Director of Communications
Lisa Snyder, Senior Policy Analyst
Mark Silverbush, Policy & Planning Analyst
Erin Hollander, Board Liaison

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Roll was called and a quorum was established at 9:37 a.m.

1.0 Review and approve minutes of meeting held December 11, 2009.

Public Speaker(s): There were no public speakers.

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Murray and seconded by Commissioner Newcomer to approve the minutes.

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

2.0 Report on status of Federal, State and Local policy.

Lisa Snyder, Senior Planning Analyst, gave the report:

Update on Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and Workforce education and training.

- LAHSA staff addressed the question as to whether the MHSA Workforce Education and Training Plan specifically addresses the needs of the homeless services Continuum of Care. The Plan is internal to the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health and thus only addresses the Department's workforce education and training needs.

Public Speaker(s): There were no public speakers.

3.0 Report on status of regional planning activities in Los Angeles County.

Lisa Snyder, Senior Planning Analyst, gave the report:

Update on status of San Gabriel Valley Homeless Services Planning and the creation of a Homeless Services Coordinating Council.

- The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (COG) has completed their Master Plan to prevent and end homelessness in the Valley. The Corporation for Supportive Housing presented the Plan to the Policy & Planning Committee on September 18, 2009.
- The COG's Ad Hoc Housing Committee is now tasked with creating a valley-wide Coordinating Council, comprised of service providers and other Valley stakeholders to implement the Plan. The Coordinating Council will function as a broad-based coalition to develop a unified list of priorities that address the issue of solving homelessness.
- LAHSA and the County will serve in a supportive role throughout the process and after the Coordinating Council is in place.

Public Speaker(s): There were no public speakers.

4.0 Report on status of specific policy and planning projects.**Presentation of 2009 Los Angeles Continuum of Care Housing Inventory Worksheet.**

Mark Silverbush, Policy & Planning Analyst, gave the report:

- LAHSA's inventory of homeless programs has a summary page which details homeless programs throughout the Continuum of Care. Per HUD's request, this list is used to evaluate Continuum participation in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). In addition, this report is a source document that is used to orient City and County leaders regarding their respective homeless programs.
- This document helps LAHSA drive discussions with providers and other government agencies to better understand developing projects; also it supports regional planning efforts in providing the necessary information for Homeless Count planning.

Discussion of draft Funding Principles of the Los Angeles Continuum of Care.

Clementina Verjan, Planning Manager, gave the report:

- The goal is to develop priorities for funding in the Los Angeles Continuum of Care that can be used for any opportunity when funding resources become available. A draft of the funding principles and project selection criteria were presented for the Commissioners' discussion and input.
- There are five guiding principles that are not dependent on the funding source:
 - Focus on outcomes-based programs to end homelessness
 - Promote fair share to solve local community homelessness
 - Incentivize community and continuum integration
 - Build and increase capacity at program and continuum of care level
 - Align with funding requirements
- The following criteria, with approval from the LAHSA Commission, will be incorporated into LAHSA funding processes and protocols, including Requests For Proposals (RFPs):
 - Prioritize permanent supportive housing projects by amount of each project budget that contributes toward housing emphasis
 - Past performance
 - Program Design.
 - Organizational Capacity
 - Continuum Integration
 - Project Eligibility
- There was a brief discussion of each of the criteria as presented and suggestions were made by the Commissioners.
- LAHSA staff will be going out to the various Los Angeles Continuum of Care regional homeless coalitions and planning bodies to make a presentation regarding the funding principles and project selection process and obtain community input from these groups in the next few months.

Public Speaker(s): Carrie Gatlin-Siqueros, EIMAGO, Union Rescue Mission

Ms. Gatlin-Siqueros expressed her concern with respect to the criteria that addresses project eligibility requirements for potential funding. She recommended that the goal be to build and maintain beds within the Continuum of Care and to focus on net increase so that the overall capacity increases rather than supplanting existing services.

5.0 **Public Participation**

There were no requests for public participation.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m.