



Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

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MINUTES OF THE

LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY COMMISSION

Held October 30, 2009

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority Commission meeting held in the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority office, located at 453 S. Spring Street, 12th floor, Los Angeles, California, was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Howard Katz, Chair.

Attendance

LAHSA Commissioners Present:

Howard Katz
 Ramona Ripston
 Douglas Mirell
 Cecil L. Murray
 Owen Newcomer
 Larry Adamson

LAHSA Commissioners Absent:

Louisa Ollague
 Antonio Manning

Attorneys Present:

Aleen Langton, County Counsel

LAHSA Staff:

Michael Arnold, Executive Director
 Stephen Lytle, Funding Manager
 Kim Thompson, Director of Communications
 Geoffrey Emery, Director of Programs
 Elena Fiallo, LAHSA Consultant
 Mark Silverbush, Policy & Planning Analyst
 Erin Hollander, Board Liaison

Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum

Roll was called and quorum was established at 9:11 a.m.

1.0 Consent Calendar

1.1 Review and approve Commission minutes from September 25, 2009.

1.2 Authorize the Executive Director and staff to complete the negotiation and due diligence of CRA owned real property located at 8224 S. Broadway. The final terms and conditions including assessment of any significant remaining items will be reviewed at the next FCGM Committee meeting. It will then be submitted to the Board at the next regularly scheduled Commission Meeting for final approval.

1.3 Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a lease agreement with the CRA and enter into any appropriate sublease agreements for the properties located at 2528-2530 Orange Drive and 2520, 2522, 2522 ½ S. Alsace Avenue to be used as emergency housing for families.

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

MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Newcomer and seconded by Commissioner Ripston to approve the consent calendar.

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

2.0 Executive Director's Report

Michael Arnold, Executive Director, gave the report:

- The Executive Director discussed the elements of the 2009 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count results, Street Count, Shelter Count, Demographic Survey and Hidden Homeless Telephone Survey and the reductions in each category.
- The 2009 count was conducted from January 27-29, 2009 and excludes the cities of Glendale, Long Beach and Pasadena.
- On any given night, an estimated 42,694 people are homeless in Los Angeles' Continuum of Care. The 2009 data represents a 38% decrease in homelessness from 2007 estimates. There was a discussion about possible elements and contributing factors that may have contributed to the decrease.
- There was further discussion around the methodology of the street count, key findings of demographics by subpopulations.

3.0 Approve threshold evaluation results and hear potential appeals of the 2009 Permanent Supportive Housing Request For Proposals (RFP).

Stephen Lytle, Funding Manager gave the report:

- On September 30, 2009, LAHSA released the 2009 SuperNOFA Permanent Supportive Housing Request for Proposals (RFP).
- Under the RFP, approximately \$5.2 million in funding is available for Permanent Supportive Housing Projects for homeless disabled individuals and their families and approximately \$6 million is available in funding for Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus projects serving homeless individuals and/or families, or chronically homeless persons.
- In response to the RFP, 8 proposals were received prior to the deadline on October 15, 2009, were reviewed and met threshold requirements as stated in the RFP.
- LAHSA staff recommends that the Commission approve the threshold results of the 2009 Permanent Supportive Housing RFP.

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

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Katz and seconded by Commissioner Ripston to approve the threshold evaluation results as recommended.

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

4.0 Approve quality evaluation results and hear potential appeals of the 2009 Permanent Supportive Housing Request For Proposals (RFP).

Stephen Lytle, Funding Manager and Elena Fiallo gave the report:

- In response to the RFP, a total of 8 proposals were reviewed for quality to be considered for funding.
- There were three agencies that did not pass the quality evaluation.
- LAHSA staff recommends that the Commission approve the quality evaluation results of the 2009 Supportive Housing RFP as listed in the attachment.
- Award recommendations will be finalized by the LAHSA Commission under a separate agenda item.

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

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Newcomer and seconded by Commissioner Mirell to approve quality evaluation results of the 2009 Permanent Supportive Housing RFP.

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

5.0 Approve the 2009 SuperNOFA Priorities List for new projects and authorize the Executive Director to submit the 2009 SuperNOFA application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on behalf of the Los Angeles Continuum of Care.

Stephen Lytle, Funding Manager and Elena Fiallo gave the report:

- On September 25, 2009, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issued a Super Notice of Funding Availability (SuperNOFA) for its Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Programs.
- A total of 11 projects were ranked by the coordinating council which included: 5 LAHSA projects that scored 75 points or higher in quality review, 5 projects from The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) and 1 project from the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (HACOLA).
- LAHSA staff submitted the 2009 Los Angeles Continuum of Care SuperNOFA application New Project and Rank List for submission to HUD and requests Commission approval and authorization as stated.

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

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Newcomer and seconded by Commissioner Murray to approve the 2009 SuperNOFA priorities list and authorize the Executive Director to submit the 2009 SuperNOFA application to HUD.

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

6.0 Report on Finance, Contracts & Grants Management Committee Meeting of Wednesday, October 21, 2009.

Commissioner Mirell gave the report:

- Accounts Payable: the 90 day past due amount refers to the U.S. Veteran's Initiative contract that has been de-obligated by HUD – an appeal is pending.
- There was a request by the Commission for future discussion regarding LAHSA's role as a property owner.
- There was discussion about the purpose of LAHSA's line of credit. Michael Arnold, Executive Director stated that the line of credit is intended to accommodate timing differences in payroll, essential operating costs and related benefit costs of LAHSA when funds from granting agency have not been received by the pay date or due date.

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

7.0 Report on Programs & Evaluation Committee Meeting of Friday, October 16, 2009.

Commissioner Newcomer gave the report:

- No reportable items at this time.

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

8.0 Report on Policy & Planning Committee meeting of Friday, October 16, 2009.

Commissioner Newcomer gave the report:

- The dollar value of Section 8 vouchers provided by HACLA is increasing, although their budget has not grown to accommodate this increase. As a result, HACLA has projected a \$27 million funding gap for Section 8 vouchers in 2010 unless cost reduction measures are taken. The number of vouchers provided will likely be reduced.
- There was a brief discussion of proposed changes, number of families that will be affected, and HACLA's role in supporting program participants through the adjustments.

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

9.0 Public Participation

There were no requests for public participation.

10.0 Notice of Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

LYDIA ZERNE, ET AL. v. THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY, ET AL.
Case Number: CV 09-05146

This lawsuit arises out of the American With Disabilities Act.

11.0 Notice of Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

BARBARA COLEMAN v. COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, ET AL.
Case Number: BC 421061

This lawsuit arises out of an alleged breach of contract and related tort action.

12.0 Report on Closed Session.

Commissioner Katz, Chair gave the report:

- No reportable action at this time.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.