



Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

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MINUTES OF THE

SPECIAL MEETING

LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY COMMISSION

Held November 21, 2011

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority Commission meeting, held in the LAHSA office, located at 811 Wilshire Blvd, 6th Floor, Los Angeles, California, was called to order at 3:25 p.m. by Commissioner Newcomer.

Attendance:

LAHSA Commissioners Present:

Owen Newcomer, Chair
 Elise Buik, Vice Chair
 Flora Gil Krisiloff
 Kerry Morrison
 Cecil L. Murray
 Michael Neely

LAHSA Commissioners Absent:

Larry Adamson
 Antonio Manning
 Louisa Ollague
 Ramona Ripston

Attorneys Present:

Aleen Langton, County Counsel

LAHSA Staff:

Steve Andryszewski, Chief Financial Officer
 Michael Arnold, Executive Director
 Erin Hollander, Board Liaison

Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum

Roll was called and quorum was established at 3:25 p.m.

1.0 Review and approve minutes from Special Commission Meeting held on October 17, 2011.

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

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

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

2.0 Consent Calendar

2.1 Authorize the Executive Director to enter into two County-funded agency contracts beginning December 1, 2011 as listed in the attachment. In the event that funding to LAHSA for this period is reduced or not forthcoming, authorize the Executive Director to reduce the amount of compensation or the number of contracts.

Item 2.1 was pulled from the consent calendar.

Item 2.1 authorizes the Executive Director to enter into two County-funded agency contracts: L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center and Upward Bound House. Commissioner Krisiloff recused herself from voting on authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center, and as a result, there was a loss of quorum to approve the action to enter into a contract with the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center. After discussion, it was determined that the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center contract approval could be deferred to the next Commission Meeting.

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

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Neely and seconded by Commissioner Murray to authorize the Executive Director to enter into agency contract with Upward Bound House as listed in the attachment.

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

3.0 Executive Director's Report

This item was given prior to the establishment of quorum.

4.0 Subject to approval by the City of Los Angeles, authorize the Executive Director to amend contracts listed in the attachment to reprogram Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Program (HPRP) funds to the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) for existing clients. In the event that funding is reduced or not forthcoming, authorize the Executive Director to reduce the amount of funding accordingly.

Steve Andryszewski, Chief Financial Officer, gave the report:

- The HPRP program is one-time funding, allocated for 3 years ending on August 25, 2012. As LAHSA prepares for this one-time program to come to an end, staff has been working with HPRP service providers to solidify client enrollment lists in order to determine the amount of direct client financial assistance necessary to encumber for the remainder of the project. LAHSA and the service providers have worked together to identify savings from all existing salary budgets which can be reallocated to direct financial assistance. This motion requests to reprogram the salary savings that has been identified from individual service provider budgets in order to reallocate those dollars to the direct client financial assistance, managed by HACLA. In addition, the motion includes the retroactive reprogramming of funding to support initiatives to increase client enrollment which were established in December 2010.
- The Board requested that future reports include potential budget and programmatic implications.
- Commissioner Neely requested that staff make every effort to ensure items go to the appropriate Committee for vetting when possible.

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

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Morrison and seconded by Commissioner Murray to authorize the Executive Director to amend contracts listed in the attachment to reprogram Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Program (HPRP) funds to the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) for existing clients. In the event that funding is reduced or not forthcoming, authorize the Executive Director to reduce the amount of funding accordingly.

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

5.0 Report on status of LAHSA agencies placed on probation.

This item was given prior to the establishment of quorum.

6.0 Report on Finance, Contracts & Grants Management Committee Meeting held on November 10, 2011.

This item was given prior to the establishment of quorum.

7.0 Report on Special Policy & Planning Committee Meeting held on Thursday, November 17, 2011.

This item was given prior to the establishment of quorum.

8.0 Report on Special Programs & Evaluation Committee Meeting held on November 18, 2011.

Commissioner Morrison gave the report:

- There was a review of the presentations given at the Programs & Evaluation Committee Meeting, including the LAHSA Dashboard Tool.

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

9.0 Public Participation

There were no requests for public participation.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.