



Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

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MINUTES OF THE

LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Held April 8, 2011

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority Executive Committee meeting held LAHSA, located at 811 Wilshire Blvd., 6th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017, was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Commissioner Ripston, Chair.

Attendance

LAHSA Commissioners Present:

Cecil L. Murray
Ramona Ripston

LAHSA Commissioners Absent:

Owen Newcomer

LAHSA Staff:

Steve Andryszewski, Chief Financial Officer
Stephani Hardy, Director of Policy & Planning
Erin Hollander, Board Liaison

Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum

Roll was called and quorum was established at 9:00 a.m.

1.0 Review and approve Executive Committee minutes from March 16, 2010.

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

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

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

2.0 Authorize the Executive Director to submit an application to the local Board of the Emergency Housing and Assistance Program (EHAP) for EHAP16 funding to support the 2011-12 Winter Shelter Program (WSP).

Steve Andryszewski, Chief Financial Officer, gave the report:

- The EHAP Request For Proposals released in March, 2011 made available up to \$207,760 in funding for rent expenses related to operating countywide winter shelter facilities.
- EHAP funding has traditionally provided for the cost of renting four State Military Department armories during the WSP. Due to state budget cuts, EHAP funding has not been available for the past two WSP seasons and LAHSA has relied on City and County ESG savings to cover armory costs. Reinstated EHAP funding for the 2011-12 WSP will allow LAHSA to cover armory costs and redirect any potential ESG savings to other priority emergency needs.

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

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Ripston and seconded by Commissioner Murray to authorize the Executive Director to submit an application to the local EHAP Board for EHAP16 funding to support the 2011-12 WSP.

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

3.0 Report and discussion on the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)'s Continuum of Care (CoC) check-up and technical assistance process for priority communities.

Stephani Hardy, Director of Policy & Planning, gave the report:

- HUD notified LAHSA that the Los Angeles CoC has been identified as a Priority Community based on significant annual rates of homelessness and local conditions that negatively affect efforts to prevent, reduce and ultimately end homelessness.
- HUD has started a program to address technical assistance issues that affect some of the larger CoC's around the country. LAHSA has been invited to participate in this assistance process by engaging 20 community stakeholders to complete a self assessment tool which HUD will use to provide technical assistance based on this feedback.
- There was a review of the categories from which the stakeholders were selected.
 - CoC Lead Agency
 - Homelessness Management Information Systems (HMIS) Lead
 - HPRP/ESG Grantees
 - CoC Providers
 - CoC Consumers
 - Other Community Stakeholders
- LAHSA staff made recommendations for participation in the self assessment process.
 - CoC Lead Agency – G. Michael Arnold, Executive Director
 - HMIS Lead – Aamir Shaikh, Director HMIS
 - HPRP/ESG Grantees – LA County Community Development Commission, City of LA Housing Department, Palmdale, Pomona, South Gate
 - CoC Providers – New Directions, LA Family Housing, A Community of Friends, Ocean Park Community Center, Penny Lane, SRO Housing
 - Consumers – Ivan Mason, Director, U.S. Vets LA & formerly homeless veteran and Orlando Ward, Midnight Mission Staff and formerly homeless.
 - Other Community Stakeholders – Matt Karatz, Mayor Viaraigosa's Office, City of Los Angeles, Libby Boyce, CEO's Office, County of Los Angeles, United Way and UHHP.
- Should any of the recommended stakeholders be unable to complete the survey by HUD's deadline, LAHSA's leadership team will select an alternate provider using the criteria presented.

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

Public Speaker: Ben Gibson, Vice President with Overcomers Shelter Stationed in Los Angeles and wants to improve our service.

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- Mr. Gibson introduced himself as representative of Overcomers Shelter, a Los Angeles-based shelter. Mr. Gibson noted that his agency is eager to connect with the LAHSA Commission and the Continuum of Care to provide service for the homeless community.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.