



Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

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MINUTES OF THE

LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY POLICY & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Held Friday, April 16, 2010

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 9:48 a.m. by Commissioner Newcomer.

ATTENDANCE

LAHSA Commissioners Present:

Cecil Murray
Owen Newcomer

LAHSA Commissioners Absent:

Louisa Ollague

LAHSA Staff:

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

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Roll was called and a quorum was established at 9:48 a.m.

1.0 Review and approve minutes of meeting held February 19, 2010.

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 Federal, State and local policy updates.

2.1 Federal

- a. Report on United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) Federal 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness.

Lisa Snyder, Senior Policy & Planning Analyst, gave the report:

- The USICH developed a framework for the Federal 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness, and LAHSA submitted a letter of recommendation focusing on 12 priority goals. There was a presentation and brief discussion regarding LAHSA's recommendations.
- The final draft of the Federal 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness will be prepared for Congress on May 20, 2010.

2.2 State

a. Overview of the California 10-Year Chronic Homelessness Action Plan, adopted on February 9, 2010. Mark Silverbush, Policy & Planning Analyst, gave the report:

- Staff provided a general overview, discussion of goals, strategies, key action items and open issues of the California 10-Year Chronic Homeless Action Plan.
- LAHSA staff is drafting a letter to the State with recommendations on assignment of responsibility and timelines for accomplishment.

b. Report on Assembly Bill 2706 on the civil rights of homeless persons.

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

- Staff provided a presentation and discussion of LAHSA's letter of support for Assembly Bill 2706, which specifies that homeless persons, as defined, are entitled to the rights set forth under existing law, and would provide that a homeless person has the right to be free from violence or intimidation by threat of violence directed against that person on the basis of that person's status as a homeless person.

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

3.1 Update on completion of 2010 United States Census Homeless Count.

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

- Staff provided an overview of the U.S. Census Homeless Count. This year, the City and County 'Be Counted' Events estimated an increase of approximately 2000 homeless persons over the previous years of the US Census Homeless Count. The accuracy of this Count may translate into more funding directed towards anti-poverty programs.
- The City and County were able to ensure that there were 1300 trained workers who worked seven hour shifts for the outdoor Count.

3.2 Update on the status of the new SuperNOFA Funding Priorities by SPA and recommendations on the Funding Guiding Principles for the Los Angeles Continuum of Care (CoC).

Clementina Verjan, Planning Manager, gave the report:

- Staff provided an update of work on the Funding Principles and Project Selection Criteria for the Los Angeles CoC.
- There was a review of the five guiding principles: (1) Focus on outcomes-based programs to end homelessness. (2) Promote fair share funding to help solve local community homelessness. (3) Incentivize community and Continuum integration. (4) Build and increase capacity at program and CoC level. (5) Align with funding requirements.
- Coalitions around the CoC provided input and comments in developing the principles and criteria.

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

4.0 **Report on status of specific policy and planning projects.**

4.1 Presentation of 2011 Homeless Count Opt-In Program.

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

- The 2011 Homeless Count Opt-In Program enables jurisdictions to get complete street counts for their areas as a whole and at the census tract level.
- There was a brief presentation on the Opt-In participant city's responsibilities and LAHSA's responsibilities.
- There was a suggestion to add testimonials from cities in the Los Angeles CoC that participated in the 2009 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count in the presentation materials.

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

5.0 **Public Participation**

There were no requests for public participation.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.