



Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

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MINUTES OF THE

LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY PROGRAMS & EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Held Friday, April 16, 2010

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority Commission Programs & Evaluation Committee meeting held at 453 S. Spring Street, 12th Floor, Los Angeles, California was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Commissioner Newcomer.

Attendance

LAHSA Commissioners Present:

Cecil L. Murray
Owen Newcomer

LAHSA Commissioners Absent:

Louisa Ollague

LAHSA Staff:

Michael Arnold, Executive Director
Geoffrey Emery, Director of Programs
Stephen Lytle, Funding Manager
Lisa Lubka, Outcomes Specialist
Erin Hollander, Board Liaison
Jeanette Rowe, Director of Homeless Services

Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum

Roll was called and a quorum was established at 9:03 a.m.

1.0 Review and approve two sets of minutes of meetings held: January 15, 2010 and 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 Report on status of program outcomes – moving families from transitional to permanent housing.

Lisa Lubka, Outcomes Specialist, gave the report:

- There was a presentation on the causes of family homelessness and how homeless families enter the Los Angeles Continuum of Care (CoC) and move into permanent housing.
- The results of the 2009 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count showed that **4,885** members of families (a total number of 1,840 families) are homeless in a given period in the LA CoC and **2,951** families are homeless in the City of Los Angeles.
- A family can become homeless due to a number of factors: (1) 84% of families experiencing homelessness are female-headed single parents – the poorest and most vulnerable group. (2) Homeless mothers often have limited education which affects job prospects. (3) A majority of children in homeless families are under six years of age and child care is unavailable.
- There was an overview of families served in HUD-funded programs, and a presentation on the challenges families face: housing issues, personal obstacles and other issues related to sustaining housing.
- LAHSA continues to work with service providers to provide ways to enhance their programs.

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

3.0 Approve the release of the 2010 Permanent Supportive Housing – Supportive Housing Program (SHP) and Permanent Housing Bonus Request For Proposals (RFP).

Stephen Lytle, Funding Manager, gave the report:

- LAHSA anticipates that the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will issue a Super Notice of Funding Availability (SuperNOFA) for its Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Programs in the next few months. The CoC Assistance Programs include: Supportive Housing Program (SHP), Shelter Plus Care (S+C), and Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation Single Room Occupancy for Homeless Individuals (SRO).
- This RFP is for new SHP projects. Renewal SHP projects need not apply under this RFP as they will be submitted to HUD for funding by the Los Angeles CoC in a separate process as part of the 2010 SuperNOFA.
- There was a brief discussion about the selection process as it relates to the release of the Super-NOFA.

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

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Murray and seconded by Commissioner Newcomer to approve the release of the 2010 Permanent Supportive Housing Program (SHP) and Permanent Housing Bonus RFP.

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

4.0 Approve the threshold evaluation results and hear potential appeals of the 2010 Independent Living Program (ILP) Request For Proposals (RFP).

Stephen Lytle, Funding Manager, gave the report:

- This RFP made available approximately \$1,846,376 in funding from Los Angeles County for transitional housing programs serving former foster youth who are at least 18 years old and not yet 21 years old.
- An insufficient number of proposals were received prior to the deadline; consequently, the deadline for proposal submission was extended to Friday, March 26, 2010. In response to the RFP, a total of 23 proposals were received and reviewed for threshold. Of the 23 proposals submitted, 22 met the eligibility and threshold requirements as stated in the RFP.
- LAHSA staff is recommending that the Commission approve the threshold review results for the 2010 Independent Living Program (ILP) RFP. Pending Commission approval, proposals passing threshold review will move on to quality review.

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

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Murray and seconded by Commissioner Newcomer to approve the threshold evaluation results and hear potential appeals of the 2010 ILP RFP.

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

5.0 Report on status of LAHSA's Emergency Response Team's efforts to assist families on Skid Row.

Jeanette Rowe, Director of Homeless Services, gave the report:

- The Skid Row Families Assessment Team and LAHSA's Emergency Response Team (ERT) continue to work with the homeless families encountered on December 2, 2009 at the Union Rescue Mission (URM).
- On December 2, 2009, there were 64 families staying at the URM. LAHSA collaborated with homeless service providers including Ocean Park Community Center (OPCC), Los Angeles Family Housing (LAFH), Beyond Shelter, and Watts Labor Community Action Center (WLCAC) to assist a total of 26 families with motel vouchers and/or emergency shelter or transitional housing placements.

- There was an overview of services LAHSA provided to families in Skid Row: 132 families have transitioned out of Skid Row through the use of vouchers, placement in shelters and services provided by the Skid Row Families Assessment Team and LAHSA's ERT.
- To date, there are currently 44 families at the Union Rescue Mission.
- LAHSA staff will report back on the success of assisting families on Skid Row on a quarterly basis.

6.0 Public Participation

There were no requests for public participation.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m.