



Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

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MINUTES OF THE

LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY POLICY & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Held Friday, August 20, 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 9:51 a.m. by Commissioner Ollague.

ATTENDANCE

LAHSA Commissioners Present:

Cecil Murray
Louisa Ollague

LAHSA Commissioners Absent:

Owen Newcomer

LAHSA Staff:

Erin Hollander, Board Liaison
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 9:51 a.m.

1.0 Review and approve minutes of meeting held July 16, 2010.

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

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

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

2.0 Federal, State and local policy updates.

2.1 Federal

a. Update on status of homeless related federal legislation.

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

- Over the last quarter, Congress has been working on appropriations for fiscal year 2011, which begins on October 1.
- **HUD Funding:** On Thursday, July 29, the House passed their FY 2011 appropriations bill allocating funds for HUD. The Senate version has passed the Senate Appropriations Committee and will be considered by the full Senate in the coming months. The House legislation includes \$2.2 billion for HUD's McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants, an 18% increase over the FY 2010 level. The Senate Appropriations Committee has proposed funding at \$2.055 billion.

2.2 State

a. Update on status of homeless related state legislation.

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

- The California State Budget Conference Committee voted to reinstate nearly \$4.2 million in EHAP funding to be used for its originally intended purpose: supporting emergency shelter operations.
- The Budget Conference Committee vote took place along party lines: all Democrats supported the action; however, work remains to convince Governor Schwarzenegger and Republicans to support a budget that includes EHAP funding.

b. Update on status of state budget bills.

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

- AB 2293 would temporarily (until June 2013), lift the freeze on Prop 46 and 1C financing and allow the Department of Housing and Community Development to contract with private lenders to make construction loans.
- The bill now moves to the full Senate and the full Assembly, both of which must vote on it before the end of August. Governor Schwarzenegger will have until the end of September to sign or veto the bill.

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

3.1 Update on status of training with regional community homeless coalitions.

Clementina Verjan, Planning Manager, gave the report:

- Staff reported on the goals of the Federal Strategic Plan to End Homelessness as determined by the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness. LAHSA has scheduled meetings with various SPA planning groups and will present the core values, goals, targets and objectives and action steps of the Federal Strategic Plan.

4.0 Public Participation – Tut Hayes

Mr. Hayes encouraged outreach to homeless veterans.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m.