



Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

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MINUTES OF THE

LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY PROGRAMS & EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Held Friday, August 20, 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 9:02 a.m. by Commissioner Ollague.

Attendance

LAHSA Commissioners Present:

Cecil L. Murray
Louisa Ollague

LAHSA Commissioners Absent:

Owen Newcomer

LAHSA Staff:

Michael Arnold, Executive Director
Steve Andryszewski, Chief Financial Officer
Dan Fisher, Programs Unit Manager
Erin Hollander, Board Liaison
Helen Lee, Funding Manager
Jeanette Rowe, Director of Homeless Services
Aamir Shaikh, Director of IT/HMIS

Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum

Roll was called and a quorum was established at 9:02 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 Update on status of the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Program (HPRP).

Dan Fisher, Programs Unit Manager, gave the report:

- Staff reported on the progress of the HPRP program in the City of Los Angeles, households served by the program, ongoing development of HPRP assistance, policy oversight and governance of the program, and strategies for program improvements.
- As of July 31, 2010, the HPRP program has served 1,113 households in the City of Los Angeles, 364 of which were provided with homelessness prevention services including case management, legal counseling and representation for households facing eviction, and financial assistance to prevent eviction. 749 of these households were provided with rapid re-housing and housing stabilization services.
- There was a review of household demographics that received services and a brief discussion of the HPRP program in a national context.

Public Speaker: Tut Hayes

Mr. Hayes requested support in stopping the Transitional Housing Participant Misconduct Act.

3.0 Update 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:

- On December 2, 2009, LAHSA's Emergency Response Team (ERT), in collaboration with the Skid Row Families Assessment Team accelerated efforts in working with the homeless families encountered at the Union Rescue Mission (URM).
- At that time, there were 64 families staying at the URM. Through collaborative efforts with homeless service providers over the past 9 months, families have been assisted with motel vouchers and/or emergency shelter, transitional housing placements and other services. Since January, 230 families have left the mission and 211 new families have arrived. LAHSA is continuing to work on minimizing the number of families entering Skid Row that have been referred by agencies and 211. LAHSA's goal is to ensure that families can be supported and served in their own communities.
- Commissioner Ollague commended LAHSA staff for the excellent work they are doing on behalf of the families in Skid Row.

Public Speaker: Tut Hayes

Mr. Hayes discussed the importance of creating new possibilities for housing the homeless.

4.0 Update on status of 2010 Supportive Housing Program New Project Quality Review Process.

Helen Lee, Funding Manager, gave the report:

- Per the Program & Evaluations (P&E) Committee's motion on July 16th, LAHSA staff was authorized to defer the scoring of the HMIS criteria of the Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) quality review results until up to 24 hours prior to the meeting of the Continuum's Coordinating Council, at which point, all PSH proposals affected by the City of Santa Monica's success in data integration would be re-scored. On August 6th, LAHSA HMIS staff determined that 100% of all valid records were successfully integrated into the HMIS system. Communication or data migration between the two systems was deemed successful.
- LAHSA staff recommends rescoring the City of Santa Monica's HMIS scores for proposal numbers 11 (Step Up on Second) and 13 (Santa Monica Housing Authority). Under the HMIS Scoring Guide, these two proposals will now move from an HMIS score of 0 to 5 points.
- LAHSA HMIS staff will continue to partner with City of Santa Monica staff to monitor the quality of data received by the HMIS system. Technical assistance sessions are being scheduled to ensure the continued success of participation of the City of Santa Monica in the HMIS system.

Public Speaker – Barbara Collins, Housing Manager, City of Santa Monica

Ms. Collins thanked LAHSA and the Commission for their assistance in the completion of the HMIS integration issue.

5.0 Public Participation**Public Speaker – Tut Hayes**

Mr. Hayes appealed to the Board for assistance in stopping the Transitional Housing Participant Misconduct Act.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 a.m.