



# Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

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## MINUTES OF THE

### LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY POLICY & PLANNING COMMITTEE

HELD FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2009

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority Commission Policy and Planning Committee meeting held at 453 S. Spring Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Los Angeles, California was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Owen Newcomer, Chair.

#### ATTENDANCE

LAHSA Commissioners Present:

Owen Newcomer  
Louisa Ollague  
Cecil Murray

LAHSA Commissioners Absent: None

LAHSA Staff:

Michael Arnold, Executive Director  
Leslie Wise, Director of Policy & Planning  
Keshia Douglas, Director of Administration  
Mark Silverbush, Policy & Planning Analyst  
Erin Hollander, Board Liaison

#### CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Roll was called and a quorum was established at 9:07 a.m.

#### 1.0 REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JUNE 11, 2009

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

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

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

#### 2.0 FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL UPDATES

Leslie Wise, Director of Policy & Planning gave the report:

Federal Legislative Update: McKinney-Vento Reauthorization

- On May 6, 2009, the Senate passed the Helping Families Save Their Homes Act. The approved legislation included an amendment put forth by Senators Reed and Bond to attach the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act, which would reauthorize McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance programs. The new HUD regulations should be implemented in the 2011 funding cycle. There was a brief discussion regarding the impact of the McKinney Vento Reauthorization on the Los Angeles Continuum of Care.

Federal Legislative Update: National Alliance to End Homelessness Conference and Lobby Day Activities

- On July 29-31, 2009, Michael Arnold, LAHSA Executive Director, and staff from the Policy & Planning Department attended the national Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) in Washington, DC. Staff participated in six Lobby Day delegation visits to congressional offices representing the Los Angeles Continuum of Care (CoC), including two with members themselves. There was a brief discussion regarding the 2009 NAEH federal policy requests, the revision of HUD's Homeless Assistance Grants Formula, and LAHSA's co-state captain leadership role.

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

### **3.0 REPORT ON STATUS OF SUB REGIONAL PLANNING ACTIVITIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY UPDATE ON CITY OF LOS ANGELES TEN YEAR IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY TO END HOMELESSNESS**

Leslie Wise gave the report:

- The Mayor requested the development of a 10-Year, Implementation Strategy to End Homelessness, and Deputy Mayor, Helmi Hisserich assigned LAHSA to act as the lead agency to complete the plan in partnership with the Los Angeles Housing Department, Planning Department, Housing Authority, Community Redevelopment Agency and Community Development Department. LAHSA is working with the City and will work to finalize the report with the Mayor in September, 2009.

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

### **4.0 PROJECT SPECIFIC STATUS REPORTS**

Leslie Wise gave the report:

Status of Specific Policy and Planning Projects on Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Program (HPRP): State Funding

Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program: City of Los Angeles

- The American Recovery and Investment Act (ARRA) provides \$1.5 billion to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the HPRP. The HPRP will provide financial assistance and services to individuals and families to either prevent homelessness or help quickly re-house and stabilize those who are experiencing homelessness. The state of California received an allocation of funds that are being prioritized for non-entitlement cities; but entitlement cities are also eligible. The state recently released a \$44 million Request for Proposals (RFP) for programs which will be awarded on September 30, 2009. The City of Los Angeles has applied for \$1.6 million in State HPRP funding. LAHSA will not have a lead administrative role for any programmatic funding but will be working in collaboration with the city of Los Angeles and will be administering a portion of funding to support the data collection and evaluation component (HMIS) should the City be successful in an award from the State..

2009 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count: Survey Methods Presentation

- LAHSA worked directly with consultant Dr. Robert Agans, Study Director, Survey Research Unit at the University of North Carolina to compile and analyze data and to develop a clear communications strategy so the Continuum of Care CoC and other key funders and partners will understand the methodologies of the 2009 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count.
- Dr. Agans reviewed the HC09 survey methodology, sample designs, sampling principles, stratification for the Street Count, the Demographic Survey and the Hidden Homeless Survey.
- There was a discussion regarding the methodology of the HC09 count including the random selection approach to each of the components and the stratification process.
- LAHSA will be releasing the Homeless Count findings immediately following meetings with key stakeholders, funders from City and County, key council members from City of Los Angeles and supervisorial districts from the City and County.

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

### **5.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Loraine Dillard, Executive Director of Essence of Life Transitional Housing Agency asked how LAHSA will support coalition building, specifically how coalitions can be better represented as part of the Continuum of Care (CoC).

There was a brief discussion regarding LAHSA's commitment to to provide guidance in building leadership, to support and empower local organizations to develop goals that are specific to the needs of the people and organizations of those communities.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 am.