



Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

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MINUTES OF THE

LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY POLICY & PLANNING COMMITTEE

HELD FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2009

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 9:40 a.m. by Commissioner Manning.

ATTENDANCE

LAHSA Commissioners Present:

Cecil Murray
Antonio Manning, Alternate

LAHSA Commissioners Absent:

Owen Newcomer
Louisa Ollague

LAHSA Staff:

Michael Arnold, Executive Director
Leslie Wise, Director of Policy & Planning
Keshia Douglas, Director of Administration
Francesca de la Rosa, Policy & Planning Analyst
Erin Hollander, Board Liaison

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Roll was called and a quorum was established at 9:41 a.m.

1.0 REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AUGUST 21, 2009

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

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

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

2.0 REPORT ON STATUS OF FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL POLICY

Francesca de la Rosa, Policy & Planning Analyst gave the report, outlining the state budget cuts potential impact to county funded programs.

UPDATE ON STATE BUDGET CUTS AND IMPACT ON LOCAL SAFETY NET PROGRAMS

- On July 28, 2009, Governor Schwarzenegger signed a package of bills to reduce a \$23 billion budget shortfall which included a total of \$16 billion in spending cuts. The majority of spending cuts came out of health and human services programs; including the Child Welfare Services Programs, Healthy Families Program and the state's Medi-Cal program.
- LAHSA program that may be impacted by the CalWORKS cuts include: the Homeless CalWORKS Families Program (HCFP), an outreach program for homeless CalWORKS families; Emergency Shelter and Services a voucher program for CalWORKS families; additionally Department of Children and Families Services (DCFS) will take a 10% cut to their administration budget. Through DCFS, LASHA administers the Independent Living Program (ILP). This program focuses on transitional aged youth who have aged out of the foster care system. It is unclear how these budget cuts will impact LAHSA administered programs, but the Policy and Planning Department and the Fiscal Department will be monitoring this closely.

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

3.0 REPORT ON STATUS OF SUB REGIONAL PLANNING ACTIVITIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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

LAHSA is working with the coalition groups in the Los Angeles Continuum of Care (CoC). LAHSA's role is to help guide planning efforts, communicate funding opportunities and engage the CoC in policy and advocacy. LAHSA will be working with the following Councils of Government/regions to monitor and assist with the implementation of the two important homeless plans.

UPDATE ON SAN GABRIEL VALLEY HOMELESS PLAN AS PRESENTED BY CORPORATION FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING (CSH)

David Howden, CSH, gave the report:

In April 2009, the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) was presented with the San Gabriel Valley Regional Homeless Services Strategy, which was developed by CSH, Shelter Partnership, Urban Initiatives and McDermott Consulting. After conducting a preliminary population identification study and needs assessment, this Strategy was developed to address homelessness in the San Gabriel Valley. The 29 cities in the San Gabriel Valley were divided into four clusters, in which priority service and housing needs were identified. Spearheaded by the newly created Valley-wide Coordinating Council, the Strategy calls for the following:

- Education and involvement of elected officials, providers and community stakeholders to ensure successful implementation
- Development and expansion of provider capacity and services
- Development of an information and referral sharing system
- Increased and maximized financial commitments from local municipalities for housing production in the form of:
 - Leveraging of capital investments, operating subsidies and funding for PSH
 - Negotiation of supportive housing set-asides with affordable housing developers
- Acquire additional funding (including ARRA funds,) and housing vouchers
- Creation of more access centers, emergency shelter and transitional housing beds and permanent supportive housing (PSH) units, as well as increased rapid re-housing placements. The goals around this are as follows:
 - 1 additional access center
 - 150 emergency shelter beds for homeless individuals over the next 5 years
 - 300 transitional housing beds for homeless individuals over the next 5 years
 - 588 PSH units over the next 5 years
 - 100 scattered site rapid re-housing for families placements per year

UPDATE ON GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (GCCOG) HOMELESS PLAN AS PRESENTED BY PEOPLE ASSISTING THE HOMELESS (PATH)

Margaret Willis, PATH, gave the report:

In July 2008, the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG), in partnership with PATH Partners and CSH, with the support of the County of Los Angeles, performed a needs assessment and developed the Gateway Cities Homeless Strategy to address homelessness among the 27 cities and the County unincorporated areas in its region. The Strategy will be locally driven, with multi-sector stakeholder engagement, outcomes based objectives and the use of strategic partnerships. The 27 cities in the region were divided into four Local Planning Areas, in which priority service and housing needs, underserved regions and special challenges were identified. Spearheaded by a regional leadership entity and in collaboration with a homeless liaison in each city, the Strategy calls for the following:

- Coordination of local stakeholders to engage the community and educate the public
- Enhanced governmental collaboration to increase funding, potentially including leveraging the already-committed County HPI \$1.2 million, acquiring ARRA funds and applying for additional funds as a more competitive multi-city collaboration
- Implementation steps that will vary according to each city's unique needs, but will involve varying degrees of the following:

- Homeless prevention services, including at least 2 new programs over the next year, with a goal of creating a total of 4 new programs over the next 3-5 years. Each program will serve 500 unduplicated individuals annually.
- Outreach services, providing at least 2 new teams over the next year, with a goal of creating a total of 4 new teams over the next 3-5 years. Each team will engage 80 new and unduplicated clients.
- Rapid re-housing programs, including a minimum of 2 new programs that will provide a total of 60-80 beds over the next year, with a goal of creating a total of 4 new programs over the next 3-5 years. Each program will serve 100 unduplicated homeless individuals annually.
- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) planning, with the proposed goals of creating 665 new units by 2014 and acquiring further rental vouchers and/or creating additional subsidized housing.

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

4.0 REPORT ON STATUS OF SPECIFIC POLICY AND PLANNING PROJECTS

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

UPDATE ON 2009 GREATER LOS ANGELES HOMELESS COUNT

- In August, LAHSA provided an overview on the methodology of the 2009 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count.
- Currently, LAHSA staff is meeting with the City and County of Los Angeles, key stakeholders and the CoC membership body to present the methodology so there is a level of understanding around the components of the Homeless Count.
- 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

There were no public requests for participation.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.