



Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

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MINUTES OF THE

LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY POLICY & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Held Friday, November 12, 2010

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority Commission Policy and Planning Committee meeting held at 811 Wilshire Blvd, 6th Floor, Los Angeles, California was called to order at 9:50 a.m. by Commissioner Newcomer.

ATTENDANCE

LAHSA Commissioners Present:

Cecil Murray
Owen Newcomer

LAHSA Commissioners Absent:

Louisa Ollague

LAHSA Staff:

Erin Hollander, Board Liaison
Mark Silverbush, Policy & Planning Analyst
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 September 17, 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 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:

- Staff presented the 2010 Legislative Matrix.
- On November 2, 2010, the Department of Health and Human Services approved California's Medical waiver proposal which will bring California state \$10B over five years. The purpose of the waiver is help the state prepare for transitioning to health care reforms that will take place in January 2014. Specifically, there is \$3.3B allocated for investment for California's public hospital safety net, \$2.9B for additional coverage for low income individuals, and \$3.9B for uncompensated care costs. During November, the California State Department of Health Care Services will be conducting a review of the waiver and will release a report in December, at which time, LAHSA staff can report back with specific impacts for the Los Angeles Continuum of Care.
- There was a brief discussion of how this additional federal support will benefit the uninsured homeless population.

2.2 State

a. Update on status of homeless related state legislation.

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

- The state update was heard concurrently with the previous federal update.

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

3.1 Report on the 2010 SuperNOFA application and process.

Clementina Verjan, Planning Manager, gave the report:

- The deadline for the 2010 SuperNOFA is November 18, 2010 and currently LAHSA staff is working towards submitting the application for the Los Angeles Continuum of Care.
- There was a brief discussion regarding the five year plan to end homelessness for veterans and the federal strategic plan.
- Stephani Hardy, Director of Policy & Planning noted that LAHSA has invited United Way to present to the full Commission their plan that looks at how to end homelessness among the chronic and veteran population in the next 5 years. There was a brief discussion regarding the HUD VASH Program.

3.2 Report on the 2011 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count.

Mark Silverbush, Policy & Planning Analyst, gave the report:

- Staff presented new promotional materials for the 2011 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, and there was a request to the Commissioners to place these materials in various community areas.
- LAHSA has hired two Volunteer Coordinators and is in the process of hiring a third. There was a brief discussion regarding the importance of volunteers (estimating 4000) for the Count and the importance of participation by faith groups, business and community groups.
- There was a brief discussion regarding the timing of the Count, which is set for end of January, 2011.
- LAHSA staff invited the Commissioners to attend the Family Stakeholders' Meeting scheduled for November 15, 2010 at LAHSA. One of the top homelessness researchers, Marti Burt and Dr. William Kalsbeek will be on the agenda – both were instrumental in helping to shape LAHSA's methodology to get the best possible homeless estimates. The purpose of the meeting is to explain how we calculate family homelessness in the Count, changes from the past and to solicit input from stakeholders.
- LAHSA will be participating in United Way's HomeWalk event on Saturday, November 13. All funds raised by the walk go to United Way's programs to fight homelessness.

4.0 Public Participation

There were no requests for public participation.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.