



# Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

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## MINUTES OF THE

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

Held Friday, December 10, 2010

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority Commission Policy and Planning Committee meeting held at 811 Wilshire Blvd, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Los Angeles, California was called to order at 10:55 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

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

Roll was called and a quorum was established at 10:55 a.m.

#### 1.0 Review and approve minutes of meeting held November 12, 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.

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

- This week, LAHSA staff advocated for the inclusion of the joint HUD-HHS Housing and Services for Homeless Persons Demonstration Project in the fiscal year 2011 Appropriations bill. Staff communicated with all CoC Congressional Representatives, and Senators Boxer and Feinstein; additionally, Congresswoman Roybal-Allard has been pushing hard to have the Demonstration program included in the House bill.
- On December 8, 2010, the House passed a full-year, stopgap funding measure, known as a Continuing Resolution (CR) that will fund the government at mostly fiscal year 2010 levels through the remainder of fiscal year 2011. The proposed \$85MM in funding for the Demonstration project was not included in the House bill because it is a new program for fiscal year 2011, and efforts to get it added in as an exception to fiscal year 2010 levels were unsuccessful. The Demonstration program would have coupled 10,000 Housing Choice Vouchers with substance use, mental health, Medicaid, TANF, and Department of Education resources for homeless and at-risk families and chronically homeless individuals.
- The House bill contains the following funding for homelessness assistance programs: \$2.055B for McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants; \$75MM for 10,000 new HUD-VA Supplemental Housing (HUD-VASH) vouchers, \$15MM for new Family Unification Program (FUP) vouchers, \$75MM for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Homeless Services program, \$116MM for Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (RHYA) programs.

- The Senate is expected to move forward with its version of the legislation in the next week.
- There was a discussion regarding the impact of fiscal year 2010 funding for Federal Homelessness Programs. Staff noted that a full-year CR with no adjustments would mean that important efforts to prevent and end homelessness locally and nationally will be stalled and/or scaled down.

### **3.0 Report on the 2011 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count.**

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

- LAHSA has hired three Volunteer Coordinators to coordinate the efforts of 4000 people for the 2011 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count taking place on January 25-27.
- There was a brief discussion regarding the importance of volunteer participation; staff solicited the Board's assistance in locating volunteer participants from faith based, business and community groups.

### **4.0 Public Participation**

There were no requests for public participation.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.