



Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

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****SPECIAL MEETING****

MINUTES OF THE

LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY COMMISSION

Held June 24, 2011

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority Commission meeting, held in the LAHSA office, located at 811 Wilshire Blvd, 6th Floor, Los Angeles, California, was called to order at 11:45 a.m. by Commissioner Ripston, Chair.

Attendance:

LAHSA Commissioners Present:

Ramona Ripston, Chair
 Owen Newcomer, Vice Chair
 Larry Adamson
 Elise Buik
 Howard Katz
 Cecil L. Murray
 Michael Neely
 Louisa Ollague

LAHSA Commissioners Absent:

Antonio Manning

Attorneys Present:

Aleen Langton, County Counsel

LAHSA Staff:

Steve Andryszewski, Chief Financial Officer
 Michael Arnold, Executive Director
 Beth Stokes, Director of Programs

Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum

Roll was called and quorum was established at 11:45 a.m.

1.0 Authorize the Executive Director to reprogram Year Round Emergency Shelter individual and family beds relinquished by EIMAGO for program year 2011-12.

Beth Stokes, Director of Programs, gave the report:

- On June 20, 2011, LAHSA received formal notification from EIMAGO and its parent organization Union Rescue Mission (URM) that EIMAGO would be relinquishing all contracts for LAHSA administered programs for the upcoming fiscal year.
- LAHSA staff presented a recommended reprogramming plan to ensure no service gaps or immediate bed reductions to these programs. There was a review of the recommendations to reprogram the 33 Year Round Emergency Shelter Program beds for single women to SRO Housing and MJB Transitional, and to reprogram the 27 Year Round Emergency Shelter beds for families to WLCAC.

Public Participation: Reverend Eugene Williams, Regional Congregations and Neighborhood Organizations Training Center (RCNO)

Reverend Williams advocated that the beds remain in SPA 6.

Public Participation: Kevin McCarthay, Partner with CMB
Mr. McCarthay advocated that the beds remain in SPA 6.

Public Participation: David Fuller, Chief Operating Officer, CMB
Mr. Fuller stated that he is in support of keeping the beds in the SPA 6 area.

Public Participation: Brenda Wilson, Executive Director, New Image Emergency Shelter
Ms. Wilson agreed that the beds need to stay in SPA 6. She also noted that New Image Emergency Shelter is beyond capacity, especially with a strong increase in the number of homeless women. New Image has added a permanent housing department, but Ms. Wilson expressed concern regarding the closures of People Helping People and EIMAGO.

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Katz and seconded by Commissioner Newcomer to authorize the Executive Director to reprogram Year Round Emergency Shelter individual and family beds relinquished by EIMAGO for program year 2011-12.

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

2.0 Public Participation

There were no requests for public participation.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.