



Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

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MINUTES OF THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY PROGRAMS & EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Held Friday, September 17, 2010

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority Commission Programs & Evaluation Committee meeting held at 453 S. Spring Street, 12th Floor, Los Angeles, California was called to order at 9:21 a.m. by Commissioner Ollague.

Attendance

LAHSA Commissioners Present:

Cecil L. Murray
Louisa Ollague

LAHSA Commissioners Absent:

Owen Newcomer

LAHSA Staff:

Monica Guthrie-Davis, Programs Unit Manager
Dan Fisher, Programs Unit Manager
Peter Jun Galindez, Outcomes Specialist
Erin Hollander, Board Liaison
Donald Holt, HCFP/ERT Supervisor
Helen Lee, Funding Manager

Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum

Roll was called and a quorum was established at 9:21 a.m.

1.0 Review and approve minutes of meeting held August 20, 2010.

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

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

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

2.0 Approve release of the 2010 Targeted (Supervisorial District 1) Family Rapid Re-Housing Program Request For Proposals (RFP).

- This item was removed from the agenda per Commissioner Ollague.

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

3.0 Approve threshold evaluation results and hear potential appeals of the 2010 Year-Round Emergency Shelter Program RFP – families.

Helen Lee, Funding Manager, gave the report:

- On July 16, 2010, LAHSA released the 2010 Year-Round Emergency Shelter Program – Families RFP. The RFP made available approximately \$197,100 for 24-Hour family emergency shelters during the program year beginning October 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011.
- In accordance with the motion issued on May 21, 2010 during LAHSA's Programs & Evaluation Commission meeting, this amount was set aside to be re-procured from the full YRESP RFP previously released this year. This RFP's purpose is to relocate the 27 family beds currently contracted in the Skid Row area, to another site outside of downtown Los Angeles, as per the result of the motion passed at LAHSA's Programs & Evaluation Committee meeting.
- In response to the RFP, one proposal was received prior to the final deadline on September 3, 2010. The proposal was reviewed for satisfaction of threshold.

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

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Murray and seconded by Commissioner Ollague to approve the threshold evaluation results of the 2010 Year-Round Emergency Shelter Program RFP for families.

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

4.0 Approve quality evaluation results and hear potential appeals of the 2010 Year-Round Emergency Shelter Program Request For Proposals (RFP) for families and authorize the Executive Director to enter into contracts with select agencies as listed in attachment.

Helen Lee, Funding Manager, gave the report:

- In accordance with the motion issued on May 21, 2010 during LAHSA's Programs & Evaluations Commission Meeting, this amount was set aside to be re-procured from the full YRESP RFP previously released this year. The funding is awarded for the relocation of 27 family beds currently contracted in the Skid Row area, to another site outside of downtown Los Angeles, as per the result of the motion passed at LAHSA's Program & Evaluations Committee.
- In response to the RFP, one proposal was received and reviewed for satisfaction of threshold criteria. The proposal successfully passed threshold review and then was reviewed for quality.
- There was a brief discussion regarding the cost per bed and whether or not there is discretion to change the per bed amount to \$20. Commissioner Ollague requested that staff report back with this information at the meeting of the full Commission on Friday, September 24, 2010.

Public Speaker(s): Carrie Gatlin Siqueiros, EIMAGO

Ms. Gatlin- Siqueiros discussed the success of the EIMAGO program. .

Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Murray and seconded by Commissioner Ollague to approve the quality evaluation results of the 2010 Year-Round Emergency Shelter Program RFP for families with a request for LAHSA staff to report back at the Commission Meeting to be held on Friday, September 24th on potential discretionary per bed amount of \$20.

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

5.0 Report on status of LAHSA's Emergency Response Team's efforts to assist families on Skid Row.

Donald Holt, HCFP/ERT Supervisor, gave the report:

- On December 2, 2009, LAHSA's Emergency Response Team (ERT), in collaboration with the Skid Row Families Assessment Team accelerated efforts in working with the homeless families encountered at the Union Rescue Mission (URM).
- At that time, there were 64 families staying at the URM. Through collaborative efforts with homeless service providers over the past 10 months, families have been assisted with motel vouchers and/or emergency shelter, transitional housing placements and other services. Since January, 271 families have left the mission and 256 new families have arrived. LAHSA is continuing to work on

minimizing the number of families entering Skid Row. LAHSA's goal is to ensure that families can be supported and served in their own communities.

- Commissioner Ollague commended LAHSA staff for the excellent work they are doing on behalf of the families in Skid Row.
- There was a brief discussion regarding the increase in number of families in Skid Row and the number of remaining vouchers available for families.

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

6.0 Report on assessment of homeless access centers in the Los Angeles Continuum of Care (CoC).

Monica Guthrie-Davis, Programs Unit Manager, gave the report:

- Staff presented on services provided by access centers: housing, employment assistance, public assistance benefits, legal, health care services, mental health services and access to basic needs, meals, showers, and laundry through collaborative partnerships with agencies within the Los Angeles Continuum of Care.
- Last year, there were 8,469 individuals served at access centers and drop-in centers in SPAs 3, 4, & 6.
- Staff presented on the demographics of homeless individuals served, as well as types of services and funding sources for the various access centers.
- Commissioner Ollague requested this report be presented on a quarterly basis.

7.0 Report on homeless youth in the Los Angeles Continuum of Care (CoC).

Daniel Fisher, Programs Unit Manager, gave the report:

- The Independent Living Program (ILP) provides transitional housing and services to former foster youth who are at least 18 years old and not yet 21 years old whose foster care services have terminated.
- As of June 30, 2010, 13 ILP programs served 367 youth in the County of Los Angeles. Of the 367 served, 32% were placed into permanent housing. Of the 32% placed, 43% retained their permanent housing status.
- 13 programs were able to place 25% of youth into employment situations.
- Staff presented on factors that contribute to highest performance of the program. There was a brief discussion regarding unfunded youth beds in the continuum. Commissioner Ollague requested that LAHSA staff report back on the number of unfunded youth beds in the Los Angeles CoC and the total cost to get those beds funded. Additionally, Commissioner Ollague requested staff to report back with information regarding case management and monitoring results of the Department of Children and Family Services transitional programs funded by Supportive Housing Program (SHP).

8.0 Report on status of the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Programs (HPRP).

Peter Jun Galindez, Outcomes Specialist, gave the first report:

- Staff presented outcomes based on clients who have utilized HPRP funding from 10/1/09 through 8/31/2010 within the City of Los Angeles. There was a report and brief discussion regarding the HPRP program structure and the demographic trends of clients served by HPRP.
- There was a review of HPRP case studies, common trends and findings.
- The City of Los Angeles and all of its regional coordinating agencies are executing the HPRP consistent with national goals and priorities.
- There was a discussion of the overall amount of HPRP funding spent.

Daniel Fisher, Programs Unit Manager, gave the second report

- Staff reported on the progress of the HPRP Program in the City of Los Angeles as of August 31, 2010 as it relates to total households served, and strategies for program improvements.
- As of August 31, 2010, 1,182 households were served with HPRP funding; 444 of these households were provided homelessness prevention services and 738 households were provided with rapid rehousing and housing stabilization services.
- LAHSA continues to work with service providers to implement outreach strategies to reach the intended target populations to be served by HPRP.

9.0 Public Participation

Vernon Nickerson, Director of Contracts and Quality Assurance, Weingart Center

Mr. Nickerson requested that there be a closer working relationship between LAHSA and providers as data is created for reports such as the access center presentation. He expressed concern that the outcomes did not reflect accurate data.

Rose Ibanez, LA Housing Department

Ms. Ibanez commented on the overall spending of HPRP funding.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 a.m.