



Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

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MICHAEL ARNOLD APPOINTED NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LAHSA

(Los Angeles, CA) The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) Commission today announced the appointment of Michael Arnold as its new Executive Director.

Mr. Arnold has served as LAHSA's Chief Operating Officer since 2007. In this capacity, he played an integral role in transforming the formerly troubled agency into an effective and efficient organization. To date, Mr. Arnold's accomplishments at LAHSA include significantly shortening the funding turnaround for agencies, implementing performance outcome targets, and re-engineering the implementation strategy for our region's Homeless Management Information System.

"Mike Arnold has been an essential and unswerving partner in the work to improve and expand LAHSA's capacity," said Rebecca Isaacs, LAHSA's Executive Director since 2006. "Mike's commitment to LAHSA's work and mission has been a key factor in our success."

Mr. Arnold is an accomplished senior executive with over 30 years of administrative and fiscal management experience in public sector governmental, non-profit and for-profit entities. His experience includes management consulting in Los Angeles and Seattle, as well as senior management and financial positions at the Institute for Systems Biology, Evergreen Healthcare, Caremark RX, and the University of California at Los Angeles. His career has incorporated all aspects of organizational management, including contract administration, finance, human resources, information technology, intellectual property administration, and policy and strategic planning.

"Mike Arnold is uniquely qualified to lead LAHSA," said LAHSA Commission Chair Doug Mirell. "His extraordinarily impressive fiscal and management background, his deep knowledge of LAHSA's personnel and systems, and his strong relationships with City & County officials, policymakers, funders, agency providers and stakeholders will secure our current standing and enhance our future development."

"During these distressing economic times, we are fortunate to have leaders like Mike Arnold," said Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. "Addressing homelessness is about envisioning a solution to a complex problem and following through, and Mike's management and strategic planning expertise will continue to be invaluable to the City and County's most vulnerable populations."

"Homelessness remains one of the City & County's most pressing problems," said Don Knabe, Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. "Mike has helped focus our efforts on constructive strategies that break the homelessness cycle—increasing affordable housing, focusing on tangible outcomes, creating systems that work. His leadership is invaluable in our continued efforts to support and protect all Angelenos."

Mr. Arnold will oversee LAHSA's organizational budget of \$73 million and 100 full-time staff, encompassing a broad range of duties including outreach, contracts and grants management, fiscal monitoring, evaluation, and policy and planning. Additionally, LAHSA partners with both the City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles to integrate services and housing opportunities to ensure wide distribution of service and housing options throughout the Los Angeles Continuum of Care.

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The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) is a joint powers authority of the City and County of Los Angeles, created in 1993 to address the problems of homelessness in Los Angeles County. LAHSA plans, funds and administers programs that assist homeless individuals and families in their transition to permanent housing. LAHSA is the lead agency in the HUD-funded Los Angeles Continuum of Care, and coordinates and manages over \$70 million annually in federal, state, county and city funds for programs providing shelter, housing and services to homeless persons. Additionally, LAHSA partners with the city and the county to integrate services and housing opportunities to ensure wide distribution of service and housing options. LAHSA funds agencies that address many underserved homeless populations including survivors of domestic violence and their children, persons struggling with chronic homelessness, veterans, youth transitioning from foster care, and individuals with mental health needs. For more information, please see <http://www.lahsa.org>