Meeting Minutes

Attendance
Los Angeles Continuum of Care (LA CoC) Board Members:

Service Planning Area Representatives
X SPA 1 – Antelope Valley          Carol Crabson
X SPA 2 – San Fernando Valley     Kris Freed
SP 3 – San Gabriel Valley        Jan Cicco
X SPA 4 – Metro Los Angeles       Erika Hartman
X SPA 5 – West Los Angeles        Christine Mirasy-Glasco
X SPA 6 – South Los Angeles       Cristina Nieto
X SPA 7 – East LA County          Steve Lytle
X SPA 8 – South Bay/ Harbor       Shari Weaver

At-large Representatives
X University                      Brenda Wiewel
X Advocate                        Paula Lantz
X Funder                          Emily Bradley
X School District                 Melissa Schoonmaker
X Public Housing Agencies         Myk’l Williams
X Lived Experience Advocate       Suzette Shaw
X Service Provider/Rental Property Owner  Josh Decell
Vacant At-large
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Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) Staff: Jessica Reed, Daniel Chae, Sandra Mukasa

Technical Assistance: Ryan Macy-Hurley (Shelter Partnership)

Guests: Eric Rice (USC), Eric Ares (United Way)

Welcome & Roll

I. Review and Approve LA CoC Board Meeting Minutes
   a. Minutes of the LA CoC Board Meeting held on July 8, 2020
      I. J. Decell motioned to approve the Minutes of the meeting. S. Weaver seconded.
         E. Hartman abstained. The motion carried.

II. Public Participation
    a. None
III. Presentation on CES Triage Tool Research and Refinement Project
   a. Presentation: S. Mukasa, E. Rice, and E. Ares presented on the project to review and research the Coordinated Entry System (CES) triage tool known as the Vulnerability Index – Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT). While it is a widely used tool, recommendations by both the Ad Hoc Committee on Black People Experiencing Homelessness and the Ad Hoc Committee on Women and Homelessness included a need to review the VI-SPDAT to determine if it was capturing the full scope of vulnerability for underrepresented populations. After a Request for Proposals (RFP) process, held in partnership with the United Way, a team from the University of Southern California (USC) with representatives from the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), California Policy Lab, Lens Co, as well as others was selected. The research team will review the VI-SPDAT by applying qualitative (e.g., community-based interviews) and quantitative (e.g., statistical methods and predictive modeling) methods. Current activities include establishing a Community Advisory Board and disseminating an online provider survey.

   b. Discussion: Board members discussed the research project and provided guidance on opportunities to engage the community, including connecting with faith-based communities, announcements at SPA meetings, and current Board members. Members also discussed possible impacts between applying equity to CES and its effect on the HUD system outcomes.

IV. Review of LA CoC 2019 System Performance Measures and 2020 Point-in-Time Count
   a. R. Macey-Hurley presented on preliminary reports from the 2020 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count and System Performance Measures (SPM) and how the 2019 results impacted the LA CoC’s final HUD CoC NOFA score. Both 2020 reports have been submitted to HUD and awaiting final HUD certification, leaving space for potential changes. A point-by-point breakdown was provided, including areas that may have been affected due to changes to HUD scoring. The PIT Count report included insights into the specific demographic areas that HUD has targeted, such as Veterans, transition-aged youth, and families. The SPM report included insights into specific community measures, such as length remaining in homelessness, returns to homelessness, income, and housing destinations. Recommended next steps include considering actions to improve data quality in the Homeless Information Management System (HMIS), continued focus on spending and utilization, and analyzing performance evaluation methodology.

   b. Discussion: Board members discussed potential impacts on the 2020 CoC NOFA score based on the 2020 PIT and SPM reports. Members also discussed a need to evaluate year-over-year SPMs.

V. Update on FY 2020 CoC Program Competition (Move to after VI. Public Participation)
   a. J. Reed reported that while HUD has not announced its plans for the 2020 competition HUD has taken the initial administrative step of releasing the Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) for review as it lists all grants that are eligible for renewal in 2020. LAHSA staff is currently working on submitting the GIW, with HUD final approval
expected at the end of September. It was noted that in the past HUD released the NOFA after the final GIW was released, but it is unclear if that will be the case this year.

VI. Public Participation
   a. R. Stevens requested more information on both the research tool and the System Performance Measures.

VII. Update from LA CoC Board Members
   a. P. Lantz updated that SPA 3 is working on a tech infrastructure to improve coordination throughout the SPA.
   b. M. Williams announced several LACDA programs due to COVID-19 were available.

VIII. Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting
   a. J. Reed reported that future agenda items will include updates from Housing Central Command (HCC) and a report on CoC spenddown and utilization.
   b. S. Shaw requested a report on Project Room Key (PRK).

The meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m.