



SGVCOG Homelessness Committee Approved Minutes

Date: August 7, 2019

Time: 8:30 AM

Location: West Covina Council Chambers Meeting Room; 1444 W. Garvey Avenue
South, West Covina, California 91790

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM
2. Roll Call

Homeless Committee Members Present

Y. Ruizesparza, Baldwin Park
J. Leano, Claremont
K. Davis, Glendora
M. Ortiz, Irwindale
F. Briones, LA County District 1
B. Shevlin, Monrovia
B. DeFrank, Pomona

Ex Officio Members Present

J. Lyons, SGV Consortium on Homelessness

Guests

Victoria Rocha, Duarte
Armando Hegdahl, Irwindale
Megan Covarrubias, City of Montebello
Taylor Valmores, Assm. Blanca Rubio
Ann Garcia, San Dimas

Danika Mendoza, Sen. Susan Rubio
Gwene Patten
Elizabeth Ben-Ishai, LA County CEO
Tyron Friend, Hathaway-Sycamores

Alexander Visotzki, LAHSA

SGVCOG Staff

J. Cicco
C. Sims

Homeless Committee Members Absent

Duarte
Rosemead
West Covina

Sandra Maravilla, Supervisor K. Barger
Debbie Lopez, Glendora
Daniella Alcedo, LAHSA
David Kim, Senator Anthony Portantino
Paris Phifer, Union Station Homeless
Services
Lee Kane, SGV Consortium
VOALA, El Monte
Gisel Rubio, City of La Puente
Maria Lopez, Union Station Homeless
Services

M. Creter

3. Public Comment: There was no public comment.
4. Changes to Agenda Order: There were no changes to the agenda order.

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. Homelessness Meeting Minutes
There was a motion to approve consent calendar item 5 (M/S: J. Leano/K. Davis)

[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Baldwin Park, Claremont, Glendora, Monrovia, Pomona, Supervisorial District 1,
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	Irwindale
ABSENT:	Duarte, Rosemead, West Covina

PRESENTATIONS

6. County and Continuum of Care Administration of State Funds – Elizabeth Ben-Ishai, SPA 3 Representative, LA County CEO-HI and Alexander Visotzky, Legislative Affairs Manager at the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority(LAHSAs) provided information on the administration of State Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP), California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program (CESH), and Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAPP) funds. HEAP is \$500,000,000 one-time program funding allocated by the State in the 2018 budget. As the Los Angeles Continuum of Care (LA COC), LAHSA was awarded approximately \$81,000,000 in HEAP funds. LAHSA made the following allocations : \$16,000,000 for preventing and rapidly resolving homelessness, \$8,000,000 for access to the Coordinated Entry System (CES), \$45,000,000 for interim housing enhancements, and \$12,000,000 for rapid rehousing enhancements. In the San Gabriel Valley, CESH CES have been allocated to Volunteers of America (VOA) for the El Monte Access Center and the City of Pomona for the Pomona Access Center. Access Point funding was awarded to BRIDGES, Inc. for an access point in the City of Pomona. Union Station Homeless Services was awarded funding for Access Points in Azusa, South El Monte, and West Covina. The CESH The LA COC was awarded \$10,400,000 in the initial funding round of CESH funding, which is comprised of SB 2 property registration fees. The State allocated one-time funding from the 2019 budget for the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAPP). Once HUD certifies the 2019 Homeless Count numbers (expected in November or December 2019), LAHSA will have its allocation amount and will be responsible for developing its funding application to the State, for submittal by February 15, 2020. Eligible activities include permanent housing, operating subsidies, innovation, Shelter operations, prevention and diversion, navigation centers/shelters, rental assistance rapid re-housing, landlord incentives, outreach and coordination, regional partnerships and systems support.
7. Homeless Prevention Strategies – Alex Devin, Manager, Problem-Solving, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) provided a presentation on the homeless prevention and problem-solving programs at LAHSA. The philosophy of this approach is that families and individuals are provided with the right amount of support to help them move from homelessness, avoid homelessness and remain housed with as much self-reliance and self-solutions as possible. This approach uses creative conversations, active listening, personal empowerment, and ownership to identify, trauma-informed and person-centered solutions. The approach helps effectively assist as many homeless people as possible with limited resources. This program is funded through HEAP and Measure H. LAHSA is providing ongoing training and technical assistance in diversion and problem-solving to homeless providers and system partners. Key homeless systems have hired 80 new problem-solving specialists, and they are looking to train as many people as possible in the problem-solving approach. Access

Centers and Family Solution Centers may request one-time or limited financial assistance from one centralized provider that administers the problem-solving assistance fund.

STAFF REPORTS

8. Regional Housing Trust Fund –

Staff provided a report on the Regional Housing Trust Fund Working Group’s fact-finding efforts. Eight cities – Baldwin Park, Claremont, Duarte, El Monte, Glendora, Monrovia, Pomona, and San Dimas – participated in the work, as did key community partners including Wells Fargo Foundation, Mercy Housing, Everyone In and staff for Congresswoman Napolitano, Senator Rubio, Assembly member Rubio, Assembly member Chau, Congresswoman Chu, and Supervisor Barger. The group engaged in discussions with Principle Strategic Advisors, the Orange County Housing Finance Trust, and the Silicon Valley Housing Trust to inform the development of the SGVRHTF. Initial purposes of the Trust may include supporting property deposit holds, providing vital gap funding, pushing a project over the finish line, and helping nonprofit developers to compete with for profit developers. Next steps include identifying the core city partners, informing the city managers and Governing Board, holding joint powers agreement negotiations, conducting stakeholder engagement efforts, and providing presentations to City Councils to encourage membership. The proposed tentative timeline for the next steps is to identify core partners, inform and conduct outreach (August – September 2019), engage stakeholders and conduct joint powers agreement negotiations (September – November 2019), in preparation for the establishment of the Joint Powers Agency beginning in January 2020.

CHAIR’S REPORT

9. Solicitation of presentation topics.

There was a request for a presentation on programs being effectively implemented in San Gabriel Valley cities.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 AM