



SGVCOG Special Homelessness Committee Approved Minutes

Date: September 29, 2021

Time: 8:00 AM

Location: Zoom teleconference

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 8:01 AM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Members Present

A. Verlato, Arcadia
R. Gonzales, Azusa
Y. Esparza, Baldwin Park
J. Leano, Claremont
J. Schulz, Duarte
K. Davis, Glendora
M. Ortiz, Irwindale
B. Shevlin, Monrovia
W. Huang, Pasadena
M. Clark, Rosemead
R. Corral, South El Monte
M. Cacciotti, South Pasadena
J. Santana, Upper District
R. Diaz, West Covina
F. Briones, LA County Dist. 1

Members Absent

Guests

M. Brown, DMH
L. Boyd, DMH

SGVCOG Staff

M. Creter
C. Sims
B. Acevedo
T. Lott
V. Urenia
S. Pedersen

4. Public Comment
No request for public comment.

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. Homelessness Committee Meeting Minutes – 09/01/21
Recommended Action: Approve.

There was a motion to approve consent calendar items 6 and 7 M/S: (K. Davis/A. Verlato)

[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Arcadia; Baldwin Park; Claremont; Glendora; Irwindale; Monrovia; Rosemead; South El Monte; South Pasadena; Upper District; LA County District 1
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	Azusa; Pomona
ABSENT:	Duarte; Pasadena; West Covina

ACTION ITEMS

6. Measure H 2022-2023 City Program Applications
 C. Sims provided a presentation on staff’s recommendations to fund City Programs based on Measure H applications received by the SGVCOG. The recommendations included \$350,000 in funding for City Programs and a direction for staff to continue to work with Baldwin Park on the viability of a resource hub program.

There was a motion to recommend that the Governing Board take the following actions:

1) approve the following Measure H 2022-2023 City Programs:

City/Cohort	Project	Not-to-Exceed Award Amount
Claremont/La Verne/Pomona Cohort	Community Navigation with Tri-City Mental Health & Interm Housing	\$200,000
Montebello	Montebello Community Assistance Program (MCAP)	\$50,000
Monrovia	Family and Advocate Support Services (FASS) for the Housing Displacement Response Plan (HDRP)	\$50,000
Azusa	Prevention/Diversion/Voucher Program for Azusa Neighborhood Connections Program	\$50,000

- 2) Direct staff to work with the City of Baldwin Park to determine the viability of a reduced funding award and provide an update to the Homelessness Committee at a future meeting. M/S: (M. Cacciotti/A. Verlato).**

[Motion Passed]

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NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	

PRESENTATIONS

LA County Department of Mental Health (DMH)

Deputy Director of Emergency Outreach and Triage Division at LA County DMH M. Brown, provided information on the broad range of crisis response programs the County offers. Particular focus was given to the following: Psychiatric Mobile Response Team (PMRT), Therapeutic Transportation Teams (TTT), and Mobile Engagement Teams (MET). The Committee was interested in getting data specific to SPA 3 and directed staff to coordinate M. Brown on collecting that as well as facilitating a PMRT ride-along.

7. Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) – Laura’s Law
Program Manager at LA County DMH, L. Boyd provided context regarding Laura’s Law and how it’s being implemented in California. L. Boyd highlighted Full-Service Partnership (FSP) models which meets clients where they are and Enriched Residential Services (ERS) which provides a live-in environment. Referrals to AOT are made by family, roommate, courts, hospitals, mental health providers, peace officers etc. As of July 2021, the AOT Program transitioned from a pilot program to a fully implemented “opt-out” program across the state. The Committee made a request for getting additional SPA 3 specific data from L. Boyd.

UPDATE ITEM

8. LA County Homelessness Governance Reform and Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness
Chair B. Shevlin provided updates on the initial Blue-Ribbon Commission meetings and encouraged committee members to contact SGVCOG staff and herself directly to ensure our regional concerns are expressed at this forum.
9. Federal and State Budget and Legislative Updates
V. Urenia provided the Federal and State Budget and Legislative Updates. SB 15 has become a 2-year bill. SB 679 is still a 2-year bill but is effectively dead. AB 816 has been passed by the legislature and presented to the governor. AB 1220 has been passed by the legislature and presented to the governor. AB 1331 has passed the legislature and presented to the governor.
10. LA Alliance for Human Rights et al. v. City of Los Angeles et al.
S. Pedersen presented updates from the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals which reversed Judge Carters injunction requiring \$1 billion be held in escrow to address homelessness and offer housing to all unhoused individuals on Skid Row within 180 days. The case will likely continue but plaintiff’s now face significant hurdles to overcome. The reversal is generally good news for cities and the county because

if upheld, it may have created previously non-existent affirmative duties to provide housing and other aid to people who experiencing homelessness.

LIAISON REPORTS

11. San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust
J. Leano shared that at the September 8 the SGVRHT governing board meeting the following allocations were made:
 - \$4 million for homeless housing pilot programs
 - \$8 million for funding pipeline projects
 - \$8 million for a revolving loan fund to assist with acquisition for development
14. San Gabriel Valley Consortium on Homelessness
15. LA County Homeless Initiative
16. United Way Everyone In
17. Union Station Homeless Services
18. Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)

Liaison reports from San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust and the San Gabriel Valley Consortium were provided in the agenda packet.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Shevlin, adjourned the meeting by sharing how pervasive substance abuse and mental health issues are in our unhoused population and lamented how the need far outweighs the resources and services available. Chair Shelvin thanked the presenters M. Brown and L. Boyd for shedding light on this complicated issue and encouraged members to reach out to make testimony at the Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.