



SGVCOG Homelessness Committee Approved Minutes

Date: August 11, 2021

Time: 8:00 AM

Location: Zoom teleconference

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 8:02 AM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Members Present

A. Verlato, Arcadia
R. Gonzales, Azusa
M. Carrillo, Baldwin Park
J. Leano, Claremont
J. Schulz, Duarte
K. Davis, Glendora
M. Ortiz, Irwindale
B. Shevlin, Monrovia
R. Salas, South El Monte
F. Briones, LA County Dist. 1
J. Santana, Upper District

Members Absent

W. Huang, Pasadena
D. Holley, Pomona
M. Clark, Rosemead
R. Diaz, West Covina

Guests

J. Binnquist, Alhambra City Manager
V. Valencia, L.A. CADA
O. Chi, Huntington Beach City Manager

SGVCOG Staff

B. Acevedo
M. Creter
S. Matthews
S. Pedersen
C. Sims
B. Logasa
S. Sousa

4. Public Comment
 - J. Lyons – SPA 3 representative on CoC board, made an introduction to HC and offered himself as a resource to the Homelessness Committee.
 - P. De Lara for LAHSA, public agency coordinator wanted to introduce himself to Homelessness Committee. He would like to be included in submitting liaison reports to the committee going forward.
5. Changes to Agenda Order: No changes to agenda order.

CONSENT CALENDAR

6. Homelessness Committee Meeting Minutes – 06/02/21

Recommended Action: Approve.

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

[Motion Passed]

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

PRESENTATIONS

- HOME Team: City of Alhambra, L.A. CADA & DMH – Jessica Binnquist, Alhambra City Manager & V. Valencia, L.A. CADA
 Alhambra City Manager Jessica Binnquist provided context and history of why the HOME (Homeless Outreach and Mental Evaluation) Team was created and introduced the team. V. Valencia described her role and activities as a mental health specialist with L.A. CADA. She went on to explain the various services offered by L.A. CADA which focuses on recovery from substance abuse and operates in SPA 3, 4, 7 and 8. They have various facilities throughout the County including a recovery bridge housing site in Alhambra where clients can stay for up to six months. Alhambra Police Department staff described what a typical outreach day looks like.

Public Comment: J. Lyons asked several guiding questions for the Committee to keep in mind.

- Project H.O.P.E. Mobile Crisis Pilot Program in Huntington Beach – Oliver Chi, Huntington Beach City Manager
 Project H.O.P.E. is a mobile crisis pilot program which just began in August 2021. Huntington Beach City Manager Oliver Chi explained how the mobile program complements a 174 bed Navigation Center that opened in December 2020. Project H.O.P.E. is a CAHOOTS-style program that is operated by the County’s non-profit mental health service, Be Well Orange County. This pilot program created a fourth emergency response tool, in addition to traditional Police, Fire and ambulance responses. A tour of the Be Well OC facilities was offered to the Committee.

ACTION ITEMS

- 2022-2023 Measure H Funding Recommendations
 S. Matthews provided a brief report on staff’s Measure H funding recommendations.
Recommended Actions:

1. *Recommend Governing approve the SGVCOG 2022-2023 Measure H Funding Recommendations; and*
2. *Recommend Governing Board authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with Los Angeles County Homelessness Initiative (HI).*

There was a motion to approve action item 9 M/S: (J. Leano/A. Verlato)
[Motion Passed]

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UPDATE ITEM

10. LA County Board of Supervisors Motions on the LAHSA and LA County Homelessness Governance Reform.
 S. Matthews provided an update on the Blue Ribbon Commission that was created and announced that B. Shevlin was nominated to the Commission. The Blue Ribbon Commission will be meeting twice per month beginning September 7, 2021.

Public Comment: J. Lyons offered congratulations to B. Shevlin on her appointment.

11. SGVCOG Discussion with LA County Department of Mental Health (DMH)
 C. Sims provided an update on the status of conversations with DMH in regard to partnership opportunities between the two agencies. A letter outlining three areas of improvements will be sent to DMH on behalf of the SGVCOG by M. Creter.
12. State Budget and Legislative Updates
 S. Pedersen provided an update on the status of various bills be tracked by SGVCOG in the final stretch of Sacramento’s legislative session. A breakdown of Homeless, Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) Program (AB 140) was provided, which allocates \$1 billion for certain local agencies each year for the next two fiscal years.
13. Project Roomkey & Project Homekey
 Due to time constraints, no verbal update was given.
14. LA Alliance for Human Rights et al. v. City of Los Angeles et al.
 Due to time constraints, no verbal update was given.

CHAIR’S REPORT

Chair B. Shevlin welcomed new staff coming on board at the SGVCOG and

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thanked S. Matthews for her service. Chair B. Shevlin also expressed excitement to be representing the SGVCOG on the Blue Ribbon Commission.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.