



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

AGENDA AND NOTICE

OF **SPECIAL** MEETING OF THE HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 6, 2019, 8:30 AM

**West Covina Council Chambers Meeting Room
1444 W Garvey Ave S, West Covina, CA 91790**

HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE

Chair

Becky Shevlin
City of Monrovia

Vice-Chair

Margaret Clark
City of Rosemead

MEMBERS

Alhambra
Baldwin Park
Claremont
Glendora
Monrovia
Pomona
Rosemead
West Covina
LA County
Supervisorial
District #1

Thank you for participating in today's meeting. The Homelessness Committee encourages public participation and invites you to share your views on agenda items.

MEETINGS: *Regular Meetings of the Homelessness Committee are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 8:30 AM at the ARC at Baldwin Park, 14403 Pacific Ave, Baldwin Park, CA 91706.* The Meeting agenda packet is available at the San Gabriel Valley Council of Government's (SGVCOG) Office, 1000 South Fremont Avenue, Suite 10210, Alhambra, CA, and on the website, www.sgvkog.org. Copies are available via email upon request (sgv@sgvkog.org). Documents distributed to a majority of the Committee after the posting will be available for review in the SGVCOG office and on the SGVCOG website. Your attendance at this public meeting may result in the recording of your voice.

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AGENDA ITEMS: The Agenda contains the regular order of business of the Committee. Items on the Agenda have generally been reviewed and investigated by the staff in advance of the meeting so that the Committee can be fully informed about a matter before making its decision.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Items listed on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be acted upon by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Committee member or citizen so requests. In this event, the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered after the Consent Calendar. If you would like an item on the Consent Calendar discussed, simply tell Staff or a member of the Committee.



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PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment *(If necessary, the Chair may place reasonable time limits on all comments)*
4. Changes to Agenda Order: Identify emergency items arising after agenda posting and requiring action prior to the next regular meeting *(It is anticipated the Committee may take action)*

CONSENT CALENDAR

(It is anticipated the Committee may take action on the following matters)

5. Homeless Committee Meeting Minutes – 2/6/2019
Recommended Action: Approve.

PRESENTATIONS

(It is anticipated the Committee may take action on the following matters)

6. Measure H Citizens Oversight Board
Recommended Action: For information only.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

(It is anticipated the Committee may take action on the following matters)

7. Legislative Priorities
Recommended Action: For discussion and provide direction.
8. 2018 City Implementation RFP Awards
Recommended Action: For discussion.
9. Regional Housing and Land Trust Next Steps
Recommended Action: For discussion.
10. Heap RFP
Recommended Action: For discussion.

CHAIR'S REPORT

11. Solicitation of presentation topics.
Recommended Action: For discussion.

COMMITTEE MEMBER ITEMS

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN



SGVCOG Homelessness Committee Approved Minutes

Date: February 6, 2019

Time: 8:30 AM

Location: The ARC in Baldwin Park, 14403 Pacific Ave, Baldwin Park, CA 91706

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:37 AM

Introductions

2. Roll Call

Members Present

Claremont	J. Leano
Glendora	K. Davis
Monrovia	B. Shevlin
Pomona	B. DeFrank
West Covina	L. Johnson
LA County District 1	F. Briones

Absent

Alhambra	J. Donayre
Baldwin Park	Vacant
Rosemead	M. Clark

COG Staff

J. Cicco

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment

4. Changes to Agenda Order: Identify emergency items arising after agenda posting and requiring action prior to the next regular meeting:

There was no change in agenda order.

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. Homelessness Meeting Minutes

There was a motion to approve consent calendar item 5 (M/S: B.Shevlin/ F.Briones)

[Motion Passed]

AYES:	Monrovia, District 1
NOES:	0
ABSTAIN:	Pomona, West Covina, Claremont, Glendora
ABSENT:	Alhambra, Baldwin Park, Rosemead

PRESENTATIONS

6. Update on Metro’s Homeless Action Plan

The members received information on the Metro’s Homeless Action Plan from Jennifer Loew, Manager, Transit Security Special Projects

CHAIR'S REPORT

7. Solicitation of presentation topics
No new topics were requested.
8. Report back on the RHTF
The committee reached a consensus that the SGVCOG should explore the possibility of starting a Regional Housing Trust Fund.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

9. 2018 City Implementation RFP Awards
M. Creter reported on this item.

COMMITTEE MEMBER ITEMS

There items were brought to the Committee by members.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

No items were brought to the Committee by staff.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 AM

REPORT

DATE: March 6, 2019

TO: SGVCOG Homelessness Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: MEASURE H CITIZENS OVERSIGHT ADVISORY BOARD

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For discussion and direction.

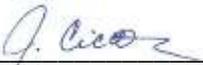
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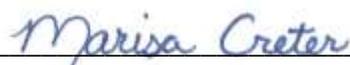
To ensure public accountability regarding the use of Measure H funding, a Citizens' Oversight Advisory Board has been appointed to review all expenditures from the special sales tax, which Los Angeles County voters approved in 2016 to fund a broad-based, 10-year campaign to address the crisis of homelessness. The Board meets quarterly. The Chief Executive Office Homeless Initiative provides quarterly and annual progress reports to the Board. The Board also receives reports from Ad-hoc Committees and LAHSA as well as reports on specific areas of practice that interface with homelessness such as the Criminal Justice System, and County Homeless System, and special needs populations. The Measure H Citizens Oversight Advisory Board has conducted Listening Sessions in Service Planning Area 6 and in the Long Beach Continuum of Care.

The five members of the advisory board were appointed by L.A. County Supervisors to represent each of their districts, each having a wide range of experience in public service and the non-profit sector. They are as follows:

- Mercedes Marquez, appointed by Supervisor Hilda Solis, First District
- Renata Simril, appointed by Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Second District
- Christine Margiotta, appointed by Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, Third District
- Andrew Kerr, Appointed by Supervisor Janice Hahn, Forth District
- Rabbi Marvin Gross, appointed by Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Fifth District

Rabbi Marvin Gross is joined today by Dana Vanderford, Homeless Services Deputy, Fifth District. Rabbi Gross and Ms. Vanderford will engage the SGVCOG Homelessness Committee in a conversation regarding the work of the Measure H Citizens' Oversight Advisory Board.

Prepared by: 
Jan Cicco
Regional Homelessness Coordinator

Approved by: 
Marisa Creter
Executive Director

ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT A: Biography, Rabbi Marvin Gross

ATTACHMENT B: Biography, Dana Vanderford



L.A. COUNTY MEASURE H
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RABBI MARVINGROSS

Appointed by Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Fifth District

Rabbi Marvin Gross has over 40 years of successful experience as a nonprofit executive, congregational rabbi, community and political organizer, fundraiser and social justice advocate.

In 2016, he retired after 21 years as CEO of Union Station Homeless Services, the largest and most comprehensive agency of its kind in the San Gabriel Valley. During his tenure at Union Station, the organization achieved an unprecedented level of growth and service provision. In 2017 he was deeply touched when a new, 20-unit permanent supportive housing facility for formerly homeless families, developed by the City of Pasadena and National Community Renaissance in collaboration with Los Angeles County and Union Station, was opened and named Marv’s Place in his honor.

As a Reform Rabbi, he has served congregations in San Francisco and Glendale, CA. In addition, he was an executive with the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles for nearly a decade. He has mentored and coached numerous emerging leaders and professionals in the nonprofit sector from diverse backgrounds. Among his interests are homelessness and poverty alleviation, leadership development, and organizational growth and sustainability.

Originally from Evanston, IL, Rabbi Gross was educated at Amherst College, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, and Hebrew University in Jerusalem. In addition, he has completed the Stanford University School of Business Executive Program for Nonprofit Leaders as well as the Center for Nonprofit Management International Coach Federation Coach Training.



**Dana Vanderford
Homeless Services Deputy
District 5**

Dana Vanderford serves as L.A. County Supervisor Kathryn Barger’s Homeless Policy Deputy. She is inspired by the diverse communities that compose the Fifth District and has a passion for adapting best practices in housing and service delivery that work in both dense urban environments and more rural settings.

Over the past year, she facilitated the opening of a Winter Shelter and a 100-bed Bridge Housing facility to transition individuals into permanent housing in the Antelope Valley. Dana worked to jumpstart two Coalitions in the Fifth District, which support local providers and strengthen the Coordinated Entry System. She’s also piloted innovative engagement programming, using easy-to-access resources to link individuals to more intensive supportive services.

Previously, Dana was selected for the Coro Fellowship in Public Affairs, where she explored how physical infrastructure impacts public health and equity. While working with Metro, she developed criteria to improve targeted hire programs, connecting historically underemployed populations to sustainable employment opportunities.

DATE: March 6, 2019

TO: Homelessness Committee

FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director

RE: **HOMELESSNESS LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Discuss and provide direction.

BACKGROUND

As part of the SGVCOG Strategic Plan, the Governing Board has identified building relationships and working more closely with the region's State legislators. To support this effort, staff is developing a list of suggested legislative priorities for each of the COG committees. Based on past policy discussion, cities homeless plans, identified regional needs, and the Homelessness Committee's workplan the following areas of consideration have been identified:

- **Allocate State funding directly to cities:** It has been the practice of the State to allocate homeless funds directly to cities with a population of 330,000 or more, Counties, and Continua of Care lead agencies to properly allocate or utilize within their jurisdictions¹. Alternatively, the SGVCOG would like to work with State representatives to develop a funding approach that would allocate funds for local projects directly to cities without regard to city size.
- **Support the establishment of a regional housing trust fund:** Last year, the Governor signed Assembly Bill (AB) 448, which allowed for the formation of the Orange County Housing Finance Trust. This Joint Powers Authority would utilize both private and public funds in the Trust for needed Housing. This Bill is limited in geographic area to Orange County. The SGVCOG Homelessness Committee has expressed interest in exploring the creation of a similar Regional Housing Trust.
- **Amending definition of gravely ill:** Under current law, people can be detained if they are deemed to be a danger to themselves or others, or are "gravely disabled," which is defined primarily as being unable to provide food, clothing or shelter for themselves, or to understand the nature and severity of their illness. Last year, the LA County Supervisors sponsored state legislation, AB 2156 (Chen), amending the state's definition of gravely disabled to enable the county to provide critical medical care for the mentally ill. The SGVCOG supported that legislation. Ab 2156 (Chen) legislation was opposed by civil liberty groups and the California Hospital Association and died in committee. The County is contemplating resubmittal of this legislation this year.

If approved by the Homeless Committee, these legislative priorities would be submitted to the Governing Board as part of a comprehensive State and Federal legislative program.

¹ Homeless Emergency Aid Program, 09/05/2018, SB 850. California ESG Funds, Title 25. Division 1. Chapter 7 Subchapter 20. Homeless Youth and Exploitation Program (HX)k. Housing for a Healthy California (AB 4). Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment Program (HMIOT).

REPORT

Prepared by: _____

Jan Cicco
Regional Homeless Coordinator

Approved by: _____

Marisa Creter
Executive Director

DATE: March 6, 2019
TO: Homelessness Committee
FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director
RE: **2018 CITY IMPLEMENTATION RFP AWARDS**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

On June 13, 2017, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (the Supervisors) approved funding for the Cities' Homelessness Planning Grants. Forty-one city plans, 19 in the San Gabriel Valley, were submitted on June 30, 2018.

On Tuesday, September 4, 2018, the Supervisors approved the recommendation of the Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office (CEO) to allocate \$9,000,000 of Measure H funding to support the successful implementation of the Cities' Homelessness Plans from January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. The Supervisors also approved the request that the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) utilize \$3,000,000 of State Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) funds to support the successful implementation of eligible plan components.

On September 14, 2018, an RFP was released jointly by the CEO and the United Way for cities' plan implementation. On November 7, 2018, 37 proposals were submitted and on January 24, 2019, the United Way released the funding awards. Forty two percent of the available funding was awarded. Cities raised several concerns about the RFP process and the awards including:

- No scoring rubric was provided
- Definition of terms were not provided
- Based upon questions and responses, the review appeared to be highly subjective
- Twenty five of the 37 applications require resubmittal with additional information and work from city staff
- Activities indicated as eligible in the RFP were declined without explanation
- Examples of activities that were deemed "eligible" but require resubmission include the following:
 - Shelter beds/ sleeping mats (in shelters);
 - Motel vouchers;
 - Rapid rehousing/ rental assistance;
 - Safe parking programs;
 - Recuperative care beds;
 - Landlord incentives and outreach;
 - Homeless coordinators/ housing navigators;

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- Safe storage;
- Master leasing apartments/homes for transition-age youth and veterans;
- Diversion; and
- All training and technical assistance requests
- Several innovative programs, applicable to homeless funding and reflective of community needs (e.g. therapeutic ambulance program; community ambassador program, and public awareness campaigns) were deemed ineligible
- Nearly all requests for short-term interventions (e.g. motel vouchers, rental assistance, rapid rehousing, safe parking and outreach coordinators) were denied pending resubmission

In February, the Governing Board directed staff to submit a letter requesting a meeting with Board of Supervisors' staff to discuss the cities' concerns. This meeting is in the process of being scheduled.

Prepared by: 

Jan Cicco
Regional Homeless Coordinator

Approved by: 

Marisa Creter
Executive Director

REPORT

DATE: March 6, 2019
TO: SGVCOG Homelessness Committee
FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director
RE: **REGIONAL HOUSING TRUST FUND**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

This year, nineteen cities in the San Gabriel Valley (SGV) created plans to address homelessness. Several plans included potential development of interim, supportive, and affordable housing in their plans. In November, seventeen SGV cities responded to the 2018 City Implementation RFP, submitting proposals to fund strategies in their homeless plans. An eligible activity listed in the RFP was the development of a Regional Housing Trust Fund (RHTF). Several cities have indicated interest in exploring a RHTF and some of the cities' proposals included requests for funding to help start a RHTF. One joint application was funded to conduct a study on developing a Trust Fund. One city may resubmit the application.

On December 5th, Heather Stratman, Principle Strategic Advisors, provided the Committee with information on establishing a RHTF. On January 24th, it was brought before the Planners TAC. At the February Homelessness Committee, a consensus was reached that the SGVCOG should explore the next steps for creating a RHTF. Key next steps are as follows:

- Set land development outcomes
- Identify funding needs
- Plan what the trust would (and wouldn't) fund
- Identify need
- Create a funding business plan
- Membership
- Trust formation

Because a consultant and associated funding will be needed to pursue these steps, staff is outreaching to the cities that were funded to develop a RHTF to determine their interest in partnering with the COG. Additionally, staff is working with the city that submitted an application that was not funded to determine if it will resubmit.

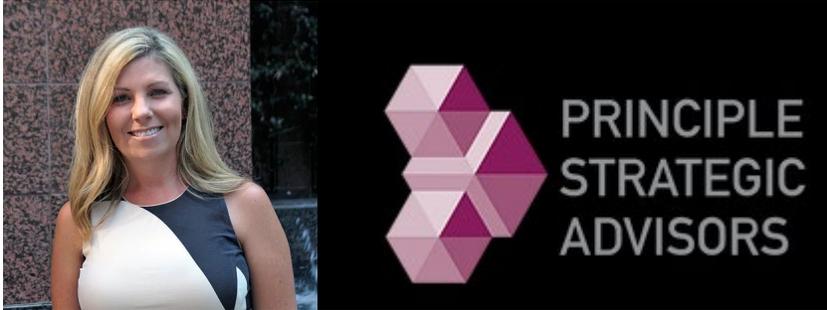
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Regional Homelessness Coordinator

Approved by: Marisa Creter
Marisa Creter
Executive Director



One of the first things is determining if you want to move forward with a formalized process. If so, then we'll need to begin working on the plan for what the Trust would fund (and wouldn't fund) and then back into that with a need (i.e. how much transitional or PSH housing does the San Gabriel area need). Once the need is determined a funding and business plan can be presented to the cities and at that point determination can be made about joining and how formation of the Trust would unfold. We can go into details on this process and the necessary steps as the conversation unfolds. But I would say the most important next steps is putting the plan in place with specific land development outcomes and funding needs. You need something that everyone can buy into and feel like there are achievable outcomes that work against the regional goals.

Let me know if you would like to set up time for a meeting to discuss moving forward.

1. Determine if Cities Funded for the RHTF Exploration Would Work with the COG
2. Determine if Unfunded Applicant Cities Will Reapply and Work with the COG
3. Set meeting to Discuss Moving Forward
4. Conduct Consultant Procurement
5. Set Land Development Outcomes
6. Identify Funding Needs
7. Plan What the Trust Would (and Wouldn't) Fund
8. Identify Need
9. Create a Funding Business Plan
10. Membership
11. Trust Formation

REPORT

DATE: March 6, 2019
TO: SGVCOG Homelessness Committee
FROM: Marisa Creter, Executive Director
RE: **HEAP FUNDING**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

For information only.

BACKGROUND

On June 30, 2018, 41 Cities submitted Homeless plans aligned with the Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative. Nineteen of these plans were submitted by San Gabriel Valley cities.

On September 4, 2018, the LA County Board of Supervisors request the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to utilize \$3,000,000 of the allocated State Homeless Emergency Aid Program funds to support the successful implementation of components from the Plans that enhance effectiveness of County service systems for those experiencing or at-risk of experiencing homelessness and are eligible for such funding under applicable State rules.

On December 14, LAHSA released three RFPs for Access Centers and Access Points, Interim Housing and Rapid Rehousing and Prevention. Each of these RFPs included HEAP funding including that which was intended by the Supervisors to support the cities' homeless plans. The Access Center and the Interim Housing RFPs included bonus points for cities that created homeless plans (2 bonus points) or declared shelter emergencies (8 bonus points). The RFP due dates were February 27th.

On February 20th and 21st, LAHSA released Addendum #2 to the "HEAP" funding for Access Centers and Access Points and Addendum #3 to the HEAP funding for Interim Housing. Several cities were interested in having one or both of these and some were trying to compete with nonprofits that have established relationships with LAHSA. These addenda removed the requirement that applicant agencies must obtain a letter from the host city. Any agency that applied to place an Access Point (AP), Access Center (AC) or Interim Housing (IH - Shelter, Transitional Shelter) in a city that declared a shelter declaration will be credited with the 8 points that was supposed to go to the cities that made this effort and their partners. Two points will be credited to any agency placing an AP, AC or IH in a city with a homeless plan, not just to those cities and their partners. SGVCOG staff notified impacted cities of this issue and provided a draft letter for cities that wished to express concern with the Addenda.

Prepared by: _____


Jan Cicco
Regional Homelessness Coordinator

Approved by: Marisa Creter
Marisa Creter
Executive Director

LAHSA HEAP COMMUNICATIONS AND LA COUNTY SUPERVISORS MOTION

11/15/18 – HEAP FUNDING ACTION REQUIRED; SHELTER DECLARATION: Council Approved Shelter Declaration due to LAHSA ON NOVEMBER 15TH. Please be aware that LAHSA will take the cities Shelter Declarations to the State on the next day. Please submit your Shelter Declaration in PDF with the approved/signed Council resolution via e-mail to Jose Delgado at JDelgado@lahsa.org and Alexander Visotzky at avisotzky@lahsa.org.

From: Alexander Visotzky
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2018 11:21 AM
Cc: Jose Delgado <Jdelgado@lahsa.org>; Elizabeth Ben-Ishai <EBen-Ishai@ceo.lacounty.gov>
Subject: CORRECTION: Homeless Emergency Aid Program: Request for Shelter Crisis Declaration

Dear Partner-

The following letter is being re-sent with the correct contact information provided. Thank you.

From: Jose Delgado
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2018 8:03 PM
Cc: Elizabeth Ben-Ishai <EBen-Ishai@ceo.lacounty.gov>; Alexander Visotzky <avisotzky@lahsa.org>
Subject: Homeless Emergency Aid Program: Request for Shelter Crisis Declaration

Good evening Municipal Partner –

As you know, the Greater Los Angeles Area and State of California are experiencing a homelessness crisis. As a result, the State legislature is allocating one-time funding to CoCs around the state to address emergency needs related to homelessness as part of a new program called the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP).

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), the administrative agency for the Los Angeles Continuum of Care (LA CoC), expects an allocation of approximately \$80 million in HEAP funding. We believe this one-time resource will be critical to address the various and immediate needs as they relate to homelessness, but we need your help to ensure this funding reaches all of our communities across Los Angeles County.

A **Shelter Crisis Declaration** is required to be passed by your respective City Councils in order for HEAP funding to be expended on certain uses within your cities, such as capital and rental assistance in your jurisdiction. **Additionally, a shelter crisis declaration is required in order for any funding to be granted directly to cities.** We are requesting that documentation of declarations be provided by **November 15, 2018.**

I've enclosed a few attachments that contain additional information, guidance on the process, and a sample shelter crisis declaration template provided by the State. Please contact me or Liz Ben-Ishai at the County of Los Angeles Homeless Initiative at EBen-Ishai@ceo.lacounty.gov if you have any questions. Thank you and a have a good evening.

José



Alex Visotzky

Legislative Affairs Supervisor

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Recommendation: Approve \$9,000,000 of Measure H funding to support the successful implementation of Cities' Homelessness Plans (Plans) from January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; approve the Measure H Request for Proposals (RFP) Framework to support implementation of the Plans; authorize the Chief Executive Officer to implement a solicitation process, in conjunction with United Way's Home for Good Funders Collaborative, in accordance with the RFP Framework, and negotiate, execute, and if necessary, amend, reduce or terminate contracts with selected cities; and request the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to utilize \$3,000,000 of the allocated State Homeless Emergency Aid Program funds to support the successful implementation of components from the Plans that enhance effectiveness of County service systems for those experiencing or at-risk of experiencing homelessness and are eligible for such funding under applicable State rules. (Continued from the meeting of 8-14-18) (18-2558) – LA County Board of Supervisors Agenda, September 4, 2018, Item 17.