



## **SGVCOG Homelessness Committee Approved Minutes**

Date: July 3, 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**

J. Leone, Claremont  
T. Paras-Caracci, Duarte  
K. Davis, Glendora  
F. Briones, LA County District 1  
B. Shevlin, Monrovia  
B. DeFrank, Pomona  
L. Johnson, West Covina

#### **Homeless Committee Members Absent**

A. Andreade-Stadler, Alhambra  
Y. Ruizesparza, Baldwin Park  
M. Ortiz, Irwindale  
M. Clark, Rosemead

#### **Ex Officio Members Present**

B. Huang, Pasadena

#### **Ex Officio Members Absent**

J. Lyons, SGV Consortium on Homelessness

#### **Guests**

Victoria Rocha, Duarte  
Armando Hegdahl, Irwindale  
Leticia Colchado, LA County HI  
Taylor Valmores, Assm. Blanca Rubio  
Ann Garcia, San Dimas  
Danika Mendoza, Sen. Susan Rubio  
Scott Chamberlain, SGV Consortium  
Anne Miskey, Union Station Homeless Svcs.

Sandra Maravilla, Supervisor K. Barger  
Debbie Lopez, Glendora  
Daniella Alcedo, LAHSA  
Cruz Baca, LA Voice  
Rene Romero, Assm. Ed Chau  
Dominic Lopez, W LA VA Outreach, SPA3  
Lee Kane, SGV Consortium  
Linda Logan, Field of Valor, Covina Rotary

#### **SGVCOG Staff**

J. Cicco

K. Ward

3. Public Comment: Scott Chamberlain thanked attendees for participating in the Consortium's Homelessness Summit and noted that the next meeting of the Consortium will take place on Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. Jed Leano noted that there were 900 hits on the Consortium's tweeter feed. Daniella Alcedo announced that LAHSA is working on homeless count data adjustments.
4. Changes to Agenda Order: There were no changes to the agenda order.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**[Motion Passed]**

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

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

6. SB 1045 (Weiner, Stern) - Conservatorship: Serious Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorders  
Connie Draxler, Deputy Director, Office of the Public Guardian, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health provided information on this measure before the State Legislature. The law establishes a procedure, for the County of Los Angeles, the County of San Diego, and the City and County of San Francisco, to appointment a conservator for a person who is incapable of caring for the person's own health and well-being due to a serious mental illness and substance use disorder. Although initially intended to allow cities piloting AB 1275 to help more people with serious mental illnesses through conservatorships, the bill has been so encumbered with restrictions that it fails in this effort.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

7. Veteran Homelessness and Solutions  
Dominic Lopez, Community Care Outreach, VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System; Linda Logan, West Covina Rotary Field of Valor Project; and Joe Leal, Founder, Vet Hunters Project provided information on resources available for successful outreach to homeless and at-risk veterans and their families. The speakers demonstrated ways in which the VA, the West Covina Rotary and Vet Hunters work together to identify need and provide appropriate interventions with minimal "red tape" to veterans and their families. The presenters embodied an example of how a government agency, a community service group and a nonprofit agency can work together to fulfill their mutual missions and serve those in need.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

8. AB 1275 (Santiago) – Mental Health Services: County Pilot Program  
Staff provided information about this bill, which requires County action for implementation. AB 1275 was set to be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee on July 8, 2019. This bill goes hand-in-glove with SB 40: Conservatorship: Serious mental illness and substance use disorder, which was amended by the author and re-referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. The amended language gathers data to make the case for excessive use of conservatorship under this measure and prejudicial use of this chapter for certain demographics of the population. Further, numerous reporting requirements with tight timeframes may result in a denial of conservatorship. San Francisco estimates that measure may result 50 people in that city receiving conservator protections. It is unknown whether it may be possible to translate that estimate proportionately communities with larger populations homeless people in the other demonstration Counties. Appropriation for implementation has been removed from this measure.

**There was a motion to recommend a letter of support for AB 1275 with subsequent appropriation from the SGVCOG Governing Board (M/S: K. Davis/ L. Johnson)**

**[Motion Passed]**

<b>AYES:</b>	Claremont, Duarte, Glendora, Supervisorial District 1, Monrovia, Pomona, West Covina
<b>NOES:</b>	
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	
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#### **COMMITTEE MEMBER ITEMS**

**9. RHTF Working Group**

Due to time constraints, the Working Group will submit its report in writing to the Homelessness Committee at a future date.

#### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

**10. Solicitation of presentation topics**

B. Shevlin noted the success of the Summit. The Committee wants to connect and bringing everyone together. She noted that it is important to be able to pick up the phone and get help. W. Huang requested a report from the County and the Continuum of Care on the Homeless Aid Planning and Shelter Program. Staff was directed to send out a doodle poll to determine if there will be an August meeting. J. Leano requested a future meeting on tenant protection measures. Members requested a presentation from Everyone In. Supervisorial District 1 will follow-up on the requested Everyone In presentation. The San Gabriel Valley Tribune article regarding \$5,200,000 in State funds that will come to the San Gabriel Valley through Senator Rubio's budget advocacy was noted. Senator Rubio will be at the Azusa library on July 13<sup>th</sup> for a community talk.

#### **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM