



SGVCOG Homelessness Committee Approved Minutes

Date: August 5, 2020

Time: 8:30 AM

Location: Zoom teleconference

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 8:31 AM
2. Roll Call

Members Present

A. Verlato, Arcadia
Y. Ruizesparza, Baldwin Park
J. Leano, Claremont
K. Davis, Glendora
M. Ortiz, Irwindale
B. Shevlin, Monrovia
W. Huang, Pasadena
D. Holley, Pomona
M. Clark, Rosemead
J. Lyons, SGV Consortium
F. Birones, LA County Dist. 1

Members Absent

Duarte
West Covina

SGVCOG Staff

M. Creter
C. Sims
S. Matthews

3. Public Comment:
S. Matthews read aloud a public comment submitted via email from the United Way Everyone In Campaign. Everyone In thanked Claremont for the vote on the Baseline Road project for unhoused seniors and thanked Monrovia for extending their eviction moratorium. Everyone In and the United Way encouraged the COG to work with cities to develop homeless plans that de-prioritize encampment sweeps and law enforcement and noted per CDC guidelines, encampment sweeps do pose a threat of spreading COVID-19. Finally, they noted that the Judicial Council of California may lift the Judicial Council Rules 1 and 2 that are preventing new unlawful detainers and foreclosures from being filed.
4. Changes to Agenda Order: No changes to agenda order.

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. Homelessness Meeting Minutes
There was a motion to approve consent calendar item 5 (M/S: J. Leano/A. Verlato)
[Motion Passed]

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

PRESENTATIONS

6. 2020 Greater Los Angeles Point in Time (PIT) Homeless Count – San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (Samantha Matthews)
 S. Matthews provided a presentation on the 2020 PIT Count, which showed 66,433 people in Los Angeles County experiencing homelessness, representing a 12.7% rise from last year’s point-in-time count of 58,936. The city of Los Angeles saw a 14.2% rise to 41,290. The San Gabriel Valley saw a 1% rise from 5,031 to 5,082 people experiencing homelessness. S. Matthews reviewed demographic data from SPA 3 and noted that due to changes in methodology, comparisons of those experiencing chronic homelessness and substance use disorder, as well as family and youth populations, are not accurate and we should consider 2020 as a new baseline. There was a robust discussion on LAHSA’s use of a multiplier to estimate those living in vehicles and how this has created inaccurate homeless counts in the San Gabriel Valley.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. SGVCOG Regional Coordination Program
 S. Matthews reviewed two regional activities to be included in the COG’s Regional Coordination Program program, a Regional Homeless, Mental Health, and Crisis Response Study and a Regional Homeless Services Coordination Program. For the crisis response study, there was feedback on integrating TriCity Mental Health into the study and getting insight from Eugene, Oregon’s CAHOOTS program. There were clarifying questions on who would implement these programs. COG staff confirmed that the COG will undertake a procurement for both programs.

UPDATE ITEMS

8. SGVCOG Homeless Programs
 S. Matthews provided an overview of SGVCOG member cities’ efforts on homeless plan implementation, prevention and diversion, and pilot programs. S. Matthews also provided an update on the COG’s efforts with following programs: Shared Regional Housing Navigation Services, Transition Age Youth (TAY) Workforce Development Pilot Program with LA County, Homeless Plan Development, and Landlord Outreach, Education, and Incentive Program

9. Measure H FY 2020-21 Funding Recommendations
 S. Matthews provided an update on the FY20-21 Measure H funding recommendations. Due to the global pandemic and subsequent economic downturn, Measure H revenue is projected to decrease by \$70.8 million (17%) in Fiscal Year 2020-2021 so the County and its partners have sought to use primarily State HHAP funding and CARES Act ESG-CV funding to sustain essential services. There was a question on the current status of the recommendations and COG staff noted that the Board of Supervisors will consider the

recommendations on September 15, 2020. There was also a comment on how City ESG-CV funding is not confirmed and is subject to negotiations with Cities that receive their own ESG-CV.

10. Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's COVID-19 Recovery Plan and Funding Plan S. Matthews provided an update on LAHSA's COVID-19 Funding Plan that was submitted to the Board on July 2. The Recovery Plan is expected to cost \$806 million over the next 3 fiscal years, of which \$609 million represents new costs. The Funding Plan outlines four key funding sources: \$80 million from Emergency Solutions Grant (Federal CARES Act), \$110 million from Coronavirus Relief Funds (Federal CARES Act), \$65 million from Measure H Rapid Rehousing funds, and \$52.6 million from Medicaid.

LIAISON REPORTS

11. The Chair reviewed the available liaison reports in the meeting agenda packet J. Leano announced that the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) meets after the Homelessness Committee and shared that the first resolution adopted was to establish a pipeline of project so if any Committee members have affordable housing in your Cities that you would like to be included in the project pipeline to let COG staff know. At its last meeting, the SGVRHT board approved a resolution to submit a local trust fund application to HCD for that would fund 3 developments with a match \$1.7 million. J. Lyons announced that the Consortium is looking to improve partnerships with regional organizations. There was a question on why the COG was not applying for the full \$5 million and whether the City of Pasadena could be involved. J. Leano clarified that you can only apply for funds that you can match and the RHT can only match \$1.7 million. C. Sims clarified that a City needs to be a COG member to be a RHT member.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair emphasized the need to share information and work together and not duplicate efforts and announced the Committee is looking forward to learning more about the CAHOOTS program and seeing how Measure H revenues will affect the San Gabriel Valley.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 AM