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Homeless Issues Committee Meeting
October 16, 2008 12:30 PM
Santa Monica Main Library

REVISED/APPROVED MEETING NOTES

I. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 12:40 PM by Co-chair Flora Gil Krisiloff

II. Follow-up Announcements: Governing Board Meeting of September 18, 2008

Mrs. Esser noted the Board was advised a proposed advocacy packet and 2008-10 Work Program Items would be forthcoming from the Committee following the Committee's December or February meetings.

III. Continued Discussion and Review of Draft Components of Homeless Issues Advocacy Packet

Co-Chair Gil Krisiloff advised that additional work was necessary to refine the draft advocacy packet and that a revised draft would be available for the Committee's consideration in December.

IV. Report Back – Answer to Questions Raised at August Meeting RE January 2009 Homeless Count

Leslie Wise and Mark Silverbush from LAHSA advised that the Homeless Count and Winter Shelter counts will not be comingled.

Discussion ensued regarding the working geographic boundaries of the COG; Mrs. Esser advised this was a policy issue being addressed by staff from the COG-member cities and that defined boundaries would likely be approved by the Board in January of March 2009.

COG members asked for LSHSA to identify the specific census tracts that were counted in the last Homeless Count. Ms. Wise stated that information would be provided.

Ms Wise and Mr. Silverbush advised that when the COG Board agrees on specifically defined boundaries, LHSA can also provide a list of census tracts within that boundary.

V. Request of Mayor Pro Tem Bloom that the City Council urge the State Legislature and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to Restore Full Funding for the Emergency Housing and Assistance Program (EHAP) to the 2009-2010 State Budget

Stacy Rowe reported on the likely result of EHAP cuts. At the request of Co-chair Bloom, she encouraged all COG-member jurisdictions to send a letter to the Governor requesting restoration of program funding. She also volunteered to draft a letter and send it to all for use/reference.

VI. Presentations by Each Member Jurisdictions RE Current Programs and Services and Resources for Serving Homeless Individuals and Families

Jenn Ma-Pham from Culver City, Julie Kahn from Beverly Hills, Arturo Pina with the City of Los Angeles (CD11); Daphne Dennis from West Hollywood and Stacy Rowe from Santa Monica each gave a presentation regarding their current programs and services directed towards homeless

individuals and families; briefly discussed their respective issues in addressing their homeless populations and strategies for maximizing service/assistance.

VII. Receive and File

- A. Meeting Notes from August 21, 2008 Homeless Issues Committee Meeting
- B. HC09 - 2009 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count dated 10-15-09, prepared and provided by LAHSA
- C. Materials related to member jurisdiction presentations:
 - Culver City Homeless Services, Programs and Initiatives 2008 Power Point dated 10/16/08;
 - City of Los Angeles DC 11 Homeless Projects and Priorities dated 10/16/08;
 - Packet containing West Hollywood Speaks, October 2008, brochure detailing emergency services, a Homeless Services Referral Guide, an info sheet on City of West Hollywood Homeless Issues: Services and Programs and a flier regarding the City of West Hollywood's Homeless Connect Day 10/23/08;
 - Beverly Hills Current Programs and Services and Resources for Serving Homeless Individuals and Families dated October 16, 2008;
 - Santa Monica Action Steps to End Homelessness, dated October 2008.

VIII. Announcements

Council Member Kevin McKeown reported on the Southern California Recovery Summit: housing for people having trouble getting sober. He directed those present to the website www.soberhousing.net for further information including information about housing grants.

Lisa Pinto advised that the US Department of Veteran's Affairs commitment to properly utilize the property at the WLA VA is moving forward. Thanks to the efforts of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, Senator Feinstein and Congressman Waxman, Building #209 is being planned for long-term supportive housing for Veterans. Five expressions of interest from viable service providers were submitted by the deadline. The next step is a community outreach event planned for the week of December 17th. The event will be open to the public. Ms. Pinto noted that there hasn't been a project of this scope in the works for some time.

IX. Public Comment RE Items Not On the Agenda

No one requested to address the Committee.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.

In Attendance:

Committee Members:

Co-Chair:	Flora Gil Krisiloff, Westside Senior Field Deputy representing County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky
Co-Chair:	Micheál O'Leary, Councilmember City of Culver City
Council Member	Kevin McKeown, City of Santa Monica

City Staff:

Beverly Hills:	Julie Kahn
Culver City:	Shelly Wolfberg, Armando Abrego, Jenn Ma-Pham

City of Los Angeles: Arturo Pina (CD!!)
Santa Monica: Stacy Rowe
West Hollywood: Daphne Dennis

Other: Jody Hall Esser, (Executive Director, WSCCOG)

Lisa Pinto (representing Congressman Henry Waxman); Eric Boyd(representing State Senator mark Ridley Thomas)Teresa Acosta (League of CA Cities); Leslie Wise (LAHSA); Mark Silverbush (LAHSA) Jennifer Kolmel (LAHSA); Tracy Roden (Chrysalis); LaRae Bechman (Chrysalis); Toni Reinis (New Directions); Rachel Feldstein (New Directions); Judy Alexander (St. Joseph's Center) ; John Maceri (OPCC)