

**LONG BEACH CONTINUUM OF CARE  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 10, 2019  
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM**

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 1:10 pm by Steve Be Cotte.

II. **WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Steve Be Cotte (Downtown Long Beach Alliance), Ben Espitia (Goodwill SOLAC), Sharon Wie (Interval House), Edward Arnold (Apartment Association of CA So. Cities), Jina Lawler (The Children’s Clinic), Natalie Swit (National Council of Jewish Women-Long Beach), Luther Richert (Mental Health America Los Angeles), Erin Simon (Long Beach Unified School District), Jordan Wynne (United Way, Everyone In LA), Christopher Jimenez (Alliance for Housing and Healing), Linda Venema (U.S. Veterans Initiative Long Beach), Nancy Longaza (Lutheran Social Services), Martha Rangel (Interval House), Nishchal Chaudhary (City of Long Beach), Dianka Lohay (Long Beach Community College), Paul Kaminski (Long Beach Community College), Yamilet Mejia (1736 Family Crisis Center), Thenia Enriquez (Skid Row Advocacy), James Shuford (Skid Row Advocacy), Shreya Sharon (City of Long Beach, City Manager Office), Shari Weaver (Harbor Interfaith Services), Caitlyn Caldwell (Mental Health America Los Angeles), Celia Guerrero (Urban Community Outreach), Franne Valle (The Children’s Clinic), Lindsay Sheets (Student), Ana Guillen (Catholic Charities of Long Angeles), Jessica Johnson (Alliance for Housing and Healing), Mireya Amador (Alliance for Housing and Healing), Jaylene Westfall (Century Villages at Cabrillo), Pablo Escobar (1736 Family Crisis Center), Marjorie Solorzano (Mental Health America Los Angeles)

**CITY OF LONG BEACH STAFF PRESENT:** Shannon Parker, Homeless Services Officer; Elsa Ramos, Special Projects Coordinator; Michelle Mel-Duch, Homeless Services Administrative Coordinator; Ariel Dianzon, Contracts and Grants Specialist; Jesse Navarrette, HMIS Administrator; Chris Kau, HMIS Data & Performance Specialist; Felene An, HMIS Support Technician; Michelle Lim, Community Program Technician; Christian Artizada, Coordinated Entry Systems Matcher; Antoinette Miller, Housing & Retention Specialist

III. **UPDATES**

**Continuum of Care Board Elections**

Board Member Steve Be Cotte and Elsa Ramos provided an update. There are 4 vacant seats. A total of one (1) professional biography was submitted. The application was submitted after the deadline and will be reviewed during the next election. The Governance Subcommittee reported that elections will be extended until the next board meeting on March 10, 2020. Interested members may send their professional biography to [HomelessServices@longbeach.gov](mailto:HomelessServices@longbeach.gov).

Discussion ensued among the general membership.

## **Program Updates:**

### **Continuum of Care (CoC)**

Michelle Mel-Duch provided an overview of the 2019 Long Beach Continuum of Care Project Priority Listing handout which was distributed.

Discussion ensued among the general membership.

### **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)**

Michelle Mel-Duch provided an overview.

### **California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH)**

Michelle Mel-Duch provided an overview.

### **Homelessness Emergency Aid Program (HEAP)**

Elsa Ramos provided an overview.

Discussion ensued among the general membership.

### **Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP)**

Elsa Ramos provided an overview.

Discussion ensued among the general membership.

### **Winter Shelter and Year-round Shelter Update**

Shannon Parker provided an overview.

Discussion ensued among the general membership.

### **Homeless Count, January 2020**

Elsa Ramos provided an overview.

Discussion ensued among the general membership.

## **IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jordan Wynne provided information on the Everyone In Campaign Community Training.

Shreya Sharon provided information on the City Manager Office's Map of Homelessness project.

A representative from US Veterans Initiative Long Beach provided flyers for Veteran Homeless Prevention.

Antionette Miller from Homeless Services provided information on a community partner meeting for Housing Support.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**VI. FUTURE MEETINGS**

June 9, 2020

**VII. MEETING ADJOURNED**

Co-Chair Steve Be Cotte adjourned the meeting at 2:25 PM.