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Jennifer Swan, Member
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Luther Richert, Member

LONG BEACH CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD MEETING

FINISHED AGENDA AND MINUTES

Members Present: Washington, Simien, Lohay, Arnold, Weithers, Howat, Shuford, Swan, Lawler, Wynne, Wee, Richert, Hoover, Topolewski and Guerrero

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting via teleconference called to order at 2:45 PM by Co-Chair Kimberly Wee.

ROLL CALL

Roll call taken by Secretary Dianka Lohay.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kimberly Wee (Century Villages at Cabrillo), Dianka Lohay (Long Beach Community College), Brandon Washington (Person With Lived Experience), Darrell Simien (Habitat for Humanity Greater Los Angeles), Edward Arnold (Apartment Association of CA So. Cities), Elizabeth Weithers (Development Services), James Howat (Community Advocate), Jamies Shuford, (Skidrow Advocacy Group Inc.), Jennifer Swan (Long Beach Veterans Affairs), Luther Richert (Mental Health America of Los Angeles)

GENERAL MEMBERS PRESENT: Ashley Tate (Community Partner), Ryan Tate (Community Partner), Ben Espitia (Goodwill SOLAC), Brandi Brown-Shock (House of Haven), Carly Goldblatt (Community Partner), Deby Wolford (Community Partner), Jasmine Booker (Community Partner), Maria Cervantes (Community Partner), Melanie Martins (Long Beach Veterans Affairs), Sharmaine Johnson (Community Partner), Veronique Johnson (Catholic Charities of LA)

CITY OF LONG BEACH STAFF PRESENT: Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Bureau Manager; Alvin Teng, Special Projects Coordinator; Michelle Lim, Contracts and Grants Specialist; Andrew Hyvonen, LBRA Administrative Coordinator; Chris Kau, HMIS Data

Specialist; Joel Reynoza, Resource Coordinator; Stephanie Sosa, Contracts and Grants Associate;

Members Present: Washington, Simien, Lohay, Arnold, Weithers, Howat, Shuford, Swan, Wee and Richert

Members Excused: Lawler and Topolewski

Members Absent: Wynne, Hoover and Guerrero

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[22-077HS](#)

Recommendation to review and approve minutes from the CoC Board meeting on June 14, 2022.

Attachments: [CoC Board Minutes 20220614.pdf](#)

Recommendation to approve minutes from the Continuum of Care Board meeting on June 14, 2022.

A motion was made by Board Member James Howat, seconded by Board Member Jamies Shuford, to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Washington, Simien, Lohay, Arnold, Weithers, Howat, Shuford, Wee and Richert

Abstain: 1 - Swan

Excused: 2 - Lawler and Topolewski

Absent: 3 - Wynne, Hoover and Guerrero

REGULAR AGENDA

CoC Governance

Paul Duncan provided an update and encouraged anyone in attendance interested in joining the CoC Board to apply.

[22-078HS](#)

Recommendation to vote on CoC Priorities: HUD and Local Priorities.

Attachments: [CoC NOFO Priorities.pdf](#)

Paul Duncan provided an overview. Each year the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) release an annual competition for CoC Funding. As part of the annual competition each CoC must make decisions around prioritizing how funding is utilized, and programs are ranked for future funding. Each year HUD releases policy priorities that they want to see each CoC pursuing and incorporating into their ranking and any new projects that they are proposing. HSB is fairly certain that the following priorities will be included in the coming NOFO: System Performance, Focusing on Permanent Housing, Providing Assistance on Tribal Grounds, Involving a Broad Array of Stakeholders, Advancing Equity and Housing First Approach. Local priorities will be utilized in setting performance reviews and ranking. These include ensuring ongoing funding for Homeless Management and Information Systems (HMIS) and Coordinated Entry System (CES), focus on permanent housing outcomes for all programs aside of HMIS, a focus on equity, housing first approach and cost-effective, holistic programming. The Board will vote on local priorities after release of NOFO.

[22-079HS](#)

Discuss CoC Reallocation.

Attachments: [Long Beach CoC Reallocation Policy_r20210914.pdf](#)

Paul Duncan provided an overview. No presentation, however, HSB has made available reallocation information from past competitions. Once NOFO is released, HSB will be examining reallocation policy based on agency performance and utilization of all funding. Updates to come. HSB currently engaged in conversations with agencies who return funding, year after year. HSB will bring recommendations to Board and is open to suggestions regarding reallocation policy. Discussion ensued among the Board Members.

[22-080HS](#)

Discuss Unsheltered Homelessness Notice of Funding Opportunity.

Attachments: [Unsheltered NOFO 7-12-2022.pdf](#)

Paul Duncan provided an overview. On June 22, 2022 HUD released the supplemental Unsheltered / Rural Homelessness Notice of Funding Opportunity. The NOFO is a response to increasing rates of unsheltered homelessness throughout the country and the difficulty of navigating services in rural areas. HUD has set aside 267,500,000 for unsheltered homelessness and 54,500,000 for rural homelessness with applications due on October 20th, 2022.

Long Beach CoC is registered as an eligible bidder through the usual annual registration process.

NOFO competition process is largely aligned with the requirement and process for the annual competition. Awarded programs will be included into the larger FY-22 NOFO process for programs. Long Beach is eligible to be awarded up to \$5,193,648. The initial grant term for projects will be 3 years, and then may be extended. A maximum of 10 CoC's per state can be awarded funding.

Collaborative process must be conducted in creating and submitting proposals as part of this NOFO.

Homeless Services Bureau staff will begin setting up community listening sessions and workgroups to engage people interested in the planning process. Ad Hoc group members and Review Panel members will be identified. Plan to address unsheltered homelessness will be constructed building of the recent plan created for the HHAP Round 3 funding. Discussion ensued among the Board Members.

Year-Round Shelter RFP Update

Board Member Brandon Washington and Paul Duncan provided an overview. An Ad Hoc committee was created to discuss the Long Beach Department of Health & Human Services RFP seeking an agency to provide services for the Year-Round Shelter at Atlantic Farms Bridge Housing Community (ABC). First to Serve submitted a proposal. This agency has 2 decades of experience in providing homeless services, operating sites and extensive experience developing subsidized housing, supportive housing, running winter shelters, crisis beds as well as COVID 19 emergency response trailers. They currently have 916 beds across 15 sites in Los Angeles County. The RFP required agencies to address organizational capacity, experience, project design, coordination and collaboration, racial equity as well as budget and cost-effectiveness. The Ad Hoc committee is in support of accepting the proposal. First to Serve, Inc. was selected as the operator.

[22-081HS](#)

Lived Experience Advisory Board Next Steps.

Attachments: [LEAB Next Steps.pdf](#)

Alvin Teng provided an update. At the last CoC meeting on June 14th, UCLA MPP Students provided an in-depth report on the creation of a homelessness Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB). HSB Staff recommend creating the LEAB as a subcommittee of the CoC. Member recruitment to begin in late August with a focus on representation and inclusivity of people with diverse lived experiences. Over the next few weeks, HSB will be creating a charter for creating the LEAB including appointing a homeless services liaison,

compensation, processes and procedures. Discussion ensued among the Board Members.

[22-082HS](#)

2022 Homeless Count Overview.

Attachments: [Homeless Services Update - 2022 Point-in-Time Homeless 2022 Homeless Count Presentation Final 7.12.22.pdf](#)

Paul Duncan provided an overview. Long Beach City/Continuum of Care conducts an annual Point In Time (PIT) Count to inform the development of strategies and policies to address homelessness. Both the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the State of California require a homeless count be conducted to receive funding. The annual PIT Count includes both a sheltered and unsheltered count. The unsheltered count was conducted on the morning of February 24th, comprising 250 volunteers covering over 50 maps. Volunteers receive training to conduct surveys or make a visual count for each person identified.

Long Beach did not conduct a 2021 PIT Count due to the COVID pandemic and requested to move the 2022 Count back one month due to a surge in cases during January 2022. A complex combination of personal, social and economic factors lead to the increase, and the pandemic exacerbated the following factors: Accessibility of services, Increase in unemployment, Reductions of jails/prisons, Family disruption and domestic violence, Increasing rents and inflation. Overview of 2022 PIT Count Report. Discussion ensued among the Board Members.

[22-083HS](#)

Homeless Services Bureau Operations Report.

Attachments: [CoC Staff Presentation 7-12-2022.pdf](#)

The meeting ran over time, thus, Paul Duncan encouraged those interested in the Bureau Operational Updates to view it on the [Long Beach CoC website.](#)
<<https://www.longbeach.gov/health/services/directory/homeless-services/coc-meetings/>>

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Unsheltered Homelessness Notice of Funding Opportunity Update
Lived Experience Advisory Board Update
CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were brought forward.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Special Board Meeting: August 2022 (TBA)

Policies and Standards Subcommittee: August 4, 2022

Coordinated Entry System Subcommittee: August 4, 2022

Quality, Data, and Performance Subcommittee: August 9, 2022

General and Board: September 13, 2022

For more information, please visit the [Long Beach CoC website](https://www.longbeach.gov/health/services/directory/homeless-services/coc-meetings/)
<<https://www.longbeach.gov/health/services/directory/homeless-services/coc-meetings/>>.

ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chair Kimberly Wee adjourned the meeting at 4:36 PM.

DL:ML