



SGVCOG Homelessness Committee Approved Minutes

Date: May 5, 2021

Time: 8:00 AM

Location: Zoom teleconference

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 8:01 AM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Members Present

A. Verlato, Arcadia
M. Carrillo; Baldwin Park
J. Leano, Claremont
J. Schulz, Duarte
K. Davis, Glendora
M. Ortiz, Irwindale
B. Shevlin, Monrovia
W. Huang, Pasadena
D. Holley, Pomona
M. Clark, Rosemead

Members Absent

West Covina
LA County Dist. 1

Guests

C. Todoroff, Homeless Initiative
M. Berkson, LAHSA
T. Egan, SGVCOG Lobbyist

SGVCOG Staff

M. Creter
S. Matthews
C. Sims
A. Bordallo
B. Acevedo
K. Ward
S. Pedersen
P. Hubler

4. Public Comment: A. Hall, a representative of Rhino Insurance Agency, provided information on Rhino which provides security deposit insurance as an alternative to lump-sum security deposits.
5. Changes to Agenda Order: Agenda items 8 and 9 will be switched in order to accommodate presenter's schedule.

CONSENT CALENDAR

6. Homelessness Committee Meeting Minutes – 04/07/21
Recommended Action: Approve.

There was a motion to approve consent calendar items 6 M/S: (M. Ortiz/A. Verlato)

[Motion Passed]

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

PRESENTATIONS

- 7.** Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative (HI)
C. Todoroff introduced herself to the Committee and provided a brief overview of funding and strategy updates that will be implemented in the coming months. Congratulations were extended to C. Todoroff on her appointment as Interim Executive Director of HI.

- 8.** LAHSA Updates on Project Roomkey (PRK), Project Homekey (PHK), & COVID-19 Recovery
M. Berkson, LAHSA's Director of Policy and Systems highlighted several PRK extensions, expansions, and placements. She shared that 1,260 COVID-vulnerable people experiencing homelessness from SPA 3 have participated in PRK. The discussion transitioned to PHK updates as the sites are now being turned into permanent supportive housing sites. An additional round of PHK funding from the state is expected to further increase supply of supportive housing in Los Angeles County.

UPDATE ITEM

- 9.** LAHSA White Paper/Reform
R. Cole provided updates and led a discussion on the progress LAHSA reform is making at the County and the City of Los Angeles levels. Context was given around the types of frustrations Cities in the San Gabriel Valley have had in working with LAHSA. He concluded that we are waiting for the County to grasp the need for change.

- 10.** Tiny Home Emergency Pilot Shelter Program
B. Acevedo, San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) Administrator provided a general overview of the program and highlighted updates on shelter vendor selection and upcoming RFPs.

- 11.** FY 21-22 Measure H Funding Recommendations
S. Matthews gave updates on the HI draft FY 21-22 Measure H funding recommendations, which would provide funding to the SGVCOG for housing and homelessness programs beginning in January 2022. Cities were encouraged to submit letters of support to the County for the draft Funding Recommendations.

- 12. State Budget and Legislative Updates**

P. Hubler provided an update on expected upcoming State bills and budget allocations related to homelessness, the state budget, and when the legislature will decide which bills will be taken up during this session. He provided an update on SB 15 (Portantino), which is intended to incentivize the conversion of vacant commercial properties into affordable or workforce housing by providing grants to cities. The SGVCOG met with Senator Portantino's staff and bill sponsors to request changes to the bill, particularly on shifting the 7-year window of funding eligibility to allow for better participation. P. Hubler and T. Egan also provided updates on the SGVRHT state and federal budget allocation requests. Senator Rubio has requested a \$15 million State budget earmark for the RHT, and the RHT has requested a \$10 million federal budget earmark from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) annual appropriation. Cities were encouraged to submit letters of support for these requests.
- 13. Mental Health Legislative Updates**

S. Pederson announced that the agenda packet included an update on the eight bills SGVCOG staff is tracking during the current legislative session. An update on AB 988 was given verbally as it was not previously included in the agenda packet.
- 14. LA Alliance for Human Rights et al. v. City of Los Angeles et al.**

S. Matthews provide an update on the case in which Judge Carter granted an injunction ordering the City of Los Angeles and the County to offer housing or shelter to all people experiencing homelessness in Skid Row. The order also called for the City of LA to put \$1 billion into an escrow account. Both the City and County announced that they will be appealing the order, and sought a stay of the order, which would delay it from going into effect and would freeze the order until the appeal is decided. On April 25, Judge Carter denied the request for a stay of the order to offer housing or shelter but agreed to stay the order targeting the money and instead gave the City 60 days to develop a plan showing how the \$1 billion would be spent.

LIAISON REPORTS

- 15.** Liaison reports from San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust and San Gabriel Valley Consortium on Homelessness were included in an email to the Committee.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair B. Shevlin commended the new 8:00 AM start time and closed with comments highlighting the importance partnerships and regional coordination with and between agencies to tackle the issue of homelessness.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.