

A low-angle photograph of a modern building with a glass facade and large circular windows. The building is white with blue-tinted glass. The sky is overcast and grey.

Homeless Services Bureau Staff Presentation

Long Beach Continuum of Care Board Meeting

September 14, 2021

Updates

RFPs

- Temporary Lodging Services (Motel/Hotel Vouchers)
- Safe Parking (Actively engaging community for interest)
- Intensive Case Management Services (ICMS)
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

Technology Updates

- Working with CobbleStone and Bitfocus to develop performance management and contract management technology

Operations Update

Project Homekey / Roomkey

- Project RoomKey extended through December 31
 - Additional funding coming through FEMA and the State through LA County
- LA County has begun demobilization process for the former Holiday Inn PHK location, multiple month process to ensure that people have a place to go before construction begins
- The City has applied for additional State Homekey funding to convert the Best Western PHK into permanent housing

HUD Racial Equity Demonstration Project

- HUD announced a Racial Equity Demonstration project, which will provide technical assistance. The Homeless Services Bureau met with LAHSA, Pasadena and Glendale about applying as a regional collaborative. LAHSA submitted the application on behalf of the collaborative

Emergency Housing Vouchers

- Approximately 200 individuals matched for EHV's
- Over 60 applications have been submitted to the Housing Authority
- Over 40 vouchers have been issued by the Housing Authority
- Households are beginning to turn in the Request For Tenancy Agreements
- Currently the CES matcher is going through the CES list on Thursdays and matching the current top 35-40 persons on the list

REACH Teams

REACH (Restorative Engagement to Achieve Collective Health) Teams

- Mobile response team focused on urgent community requests and low-level, non-violent calls for service related to people experiencing homelessness
 - Two teams consisting of one public health nurse, one mental health clinician, and two outreach workers
 - One FTE focused on field coordination
 - Alternative response model focused on linking people to services such as interim and permanent housing, mental and physical health services, case management, crisis intervention, and trauma-informed care.
- Reach Teams currently operating on weekdays from 7am-5pm, with further expansion as additional staffing and resources are secured.
 - August – pilot proactive outreach in impacted areas and urgent requests received via MSC Hotline or outreach request email
 - September – live response to MSC hotline

The background of the slide is a composite image. The top half features a dark night sky with several bright, colorful fireworks exploding. The bottom half shows a large, brightly lit ship, likely a cruise ship, at night, with its lights reflecting on the water. The ship has three prominent yellow funnels. To the right of the ship, there are some industrial structures or cranes, also illuminated.

Thank you

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