

A low-angle, upward-looking photograph of a modern building with a curved facade. The building features large, circular windows with white frames and a grid of vertical white lines. The sky is overcast and grey. A semi-transparent white banner is overlaid on the lower half of the image, containing the title and meeting information.

Homeless Services Bureau Staff Report

Homeless Services Advisory Committee Meeting

November 3, 2021

Long Beach 2022 Homeless Count

- The 2022 PIT Count will take place on the morning of **Tuesday, January 25** with a staggered deployment due to COVID-19
- Requests for volunteers and marketing to go out in early November
- **Updates to the Count that Staff are exploring:**
 - Transition to full use of mobile app for count and surveys
 - Visual counts of vehicular homelessness
 - Incorporation of Youth survey into PIT Count
 - Virtual volunteer trainings and videos

Long Beach 2022 Homeless Count

Requests for HSAC Members:

- Volunteers for the count and logistics
 - Field Team Volunteers and Leads
 - Volunteer Check-in and Coordination
 - Parking coordination
- Donations for count incentives, such as gift cards, hygiene kit supplies, socks, etc.
- Donations for volunteers, such as food or drink
- Marketing of volunteer opportunity through networks

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October 2021:

- 103 recorded contacts
- 86 visits to locations throughout the City
- 75 contacts accepted services such as hygiene, emergency shelter, or case management
- 20 contacts through Tidelands and Weekend Outreach
- 70 requests for outreach

Outreach Hot Spot Locations

- LA River
- 710 between 20th and Gale
- Mac Arthur Park
- 405 at Lakewood
- San Gabriel Riverbed from Willow to PCH
- Granada Lot
- Anaheim Corridor
- 14th st Park
- Harvey Milk

Participant Engagement Outcomes

- 154 individuals accessed the MSC for the first time
- 611 individuals in active case management
- 47 individuals at Project Roomkey (on average)
- 112 individuals at Project Homekey (on average)
- 62 individuals at Winter/Cold Weather Shelter (on average)
- 69 individuals at Atlantic Bridge Housing Community (on average)
- 76 households stabilized in a motel

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Operations Update

Bureau Updates

Staffing

- Jessica Villalobos promoted to Administrative Analyst III
- Health Educator II: Sally Hay (Starting the 8th)
- MSC Coordinator: Tyler Ahntonen (Starting the 15th)
- REACH Mental Health Clinician: Lauren Feiring (Starting the 29th)
- 8 people are within the background and screening process
- Currently in interview stage: Health Educator II Outreach and Libraries
- Currently in recruitment: Homeless Services Program Officer, Public Health Nurse, Admin Analyst II, LBRA Coordinator, Data Analyst, Clerk Typist III

Winter Shelter

- Winter Shelter has been extended to operate in November at its current location
- Working to finalize the move to a new location starting in December

Intensive Case Management Services

- Intensive case management service contracts recommendations will be going to City Council on November 9th
- Anticipated start date for getting some of the services is December 1st

- The Bureau is working to finalize the CoC application to HUD for next years funding, which will be submitted before November 16th
- Efforts include conducting a procurement for new funding opportunities to include in the larger competition with HUD. The following will be included for new programs.
 - 1 DV Bonus project which includes a RRH-TH project and the creation of a coordinated entry project for households fleeing DV
 - 1 Bonus Project that would expand an existing project to add an additional 25 slots of PSH
 - 1 Expansion Project of an existing Youth RRH program that would add an ability to serve 2 more youth
- The application include renewal project profiles for our existing 21 CoC project grants as well as the CoC Planning and UFA grants

Emergency Housing Vouchers

- Over 350 people have been matched to vouchers at this point
- Approximately 150 vouchers have been issued and are now on the street
- 7 lease ups as of October 29th, with multiple people who are in process

Pandemic Response Updates

- There is a continued downward trend in positivity rates for people experiencing homelessness, with only 3 newly reported cases in October
- The most recent State and Federal Health Orders require that persons working within medical settings are vaccinated or received a waiver exemption. This may have impact on staffing for some of the programs that fall into this category. Areas that would fall under this requirement are:
 - Any site that has a medical facility located within it, such as the MSC
 - Any site serving persons who have been identified as medically vulnerable, such as PRK/PHK
- The City is working with shelter providers to have the mobile clinic go to all sites to provide opportunity for the booster vaccine. This will occur later this month.



Thank you

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