

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
HOMELESS SERVICES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2021
VIA TELECONFERENCE, 3:30 PM**

Susana Sngiem, Chair
S. Jolene Hui, Vice Chair
Jeanette Barrera, Member
James Howat, Member
Jeffrey Johnson, Member
Linda Wilson, Member



Allison Kripp, Member
Julie Lie, Member
Eboney Pearson, Member
Desiree Rew, Member
Janine Solano, Member

FINISHED AGENDA AND MINUTES

**HOMELESS SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE
PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 361**

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<http://www.longbeach.gov/homeless-services/hsac/>**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Homeless Services Advisory Committee of the City of Long Beach convened at 3:30 p.m. via teleconference.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Jeanette Barrera, James Howat, Jeffrey Johnson, Allison Kripp,
Present: Eboney Pearson, Linda Wilson, Janine Solano, S. Jolene Hui
and Susana Sngiem

Commissioners Julie Lie
Excused:

Commissioners Desiree Rew

Absent:

Also present: Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Bureau Manager; Alvin Teng, Special Projects Coordinator; Joel Reynoza, Homeless Resource Coordinator; Alejandra Gutierrez, Homeless Services Bureau Secretary; Anita Lakhani, Deputy City Attorney

Chair Sngiem presiding

PUBLIC COMMENT
NONE

REGULAR AGENDA

1. [21-047HS](#) Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Homeless Services Advisory Committee meeting on Wednesday, November 3, 2021.

A motion was made by Member Kripp, seconded by Member Solano, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Jeanette Barrera, James Howat, Jeffrey Johnson, Allison Kripp, Eboney Pearson, Linda Wilson, Janine Solano, S. Jolene Hui and Susana Sngiem

Excused: 1 - Julie Lie

Absent: 1 - Desiree Rew

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

Community Capacity Building Subcommittee Update

- Vice Chair Hui provided an update
 - The CCB Subcommittee and staff is scheduled to meet on December 20 at 1pm to discuss Long Beach Mayor's Fund work flow, rubric, supporting community organizations, and advanced payments

Fundraising Subcommittee Update

- Committee Member Solano provided an update
 - The Fundraising Subcommittee did not meet and does not have any new updates
 - Committee members to share Long Beach Mayor's Fund letter with each councilmember
 - Long Beach Mayor's Fund letter to be sent out to the public via mailed utility bill

HSAC Statement on Sanctioned Encampments

- Committee Member Pearson provided an update
 - Committee Member Pearson presented the HSAC statement on sanctioned encampments
 - Discussion ensued among committee

2. [21-048HS](#) Recommendation to approve HSAC statement on sanctioned encampments

A motion was made by Member Barrera, seconded by Member Pearson, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Jeanette Barrera, Allison Kripp, Eboney Pearson, Janine Solano, S. Jolene Hui and Susana Sngiem

No: 2 - James Howat and Linda Wilson

Excused: 1 - Julie Lie

Absent: 2 - Jeffrey Johnson and Desiree Rew

Continuum of Care Update

- Committee Member Kripp provided an update
 - Policy Standards Subcommittee met on November 4, 2021
 - CES Subcommittee met on November 4, 2021
 - Quality Data and Performance Subcommittee met on November 9, 2021
 - Next General CoC meeting is December 14, 2021

3. [21-049HS](#) Recommendation to receive and file all subcommittee updates.

A motion was made by Member Kripp, seconded by Member Solano, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Jeanette Barrera, James Howat, Allison Kripp, Eboney Pearson, Linda Wilson, Janine Solano, S. Jolene Hui and Susana Sngiem

Excused: 1 - Julie Lie

Absent: 2 - Jeffrey Johnson and Desiree Rew

LONG BEACH COMMUNITY TABLE MAYOR'S FUND APPLICATION

- Special Project Coordinator Alvin Teng provided an update
 - Long Beach Community Table received \$8,000 from the Long Beach Mayor's fund
 - Long Beach Community Table would like to request amendment of the previous MOU from reimbursement-based payment to half advance payment and half reimbursement
 - CCB subcommittee will discuss how to better streamline applications specifically around advance payment requests
- Special Project Coordinator Alvin Teng introduced Kristen Cox, Executive Director from Long Beach Community Table
 - Kristen Cox provided background information about her organization and needs for advanced payment
 - Discussion ensued

4. [21-050HS](#) Recommendation to recommend amendment to the Long Beach Community Table Mayor's Fund Application.

A motion was made by Member Kripp, seconded by Vice Chair Hui, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Jeanette Barrera, James Howat, Allison Kripp, Eboney Pearson, Linda Wilson, Janine Solano, S. Jolene Hui and Susana Sngiem

Excused: 1 - Julie Lie

Absent: 2 - Jeffrey Johnson and Desiree Rew

ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE UPDATE

- Homeless Services Bureau Manager Paul Duncan provided an update
 - Long Beach currently has an alternative response workgroup that is co-chaired by the Office of Equity in the City Manager's office and the Homeless Services Bureau
 - Two REACH teams for alternative response for persons experiencing homelessness are currently operating
 - Discussion ensued

5. [21-051HS](#) Recommendation to receive and file an update on Alternative Response efforts in Long Beach.

A motion was made by Wilson, seconded by Member Howat, to received and filed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Jeanette Barrera, James Howat, Allison Kripp, Eboney Pearson, Linda Wilson, Janine Solano, S. Jolene Hui and Susana Sngiem

Excused: 1 - Julie Lie

Absent: 2 - Jeffrey Johnson and Desiree Rew

MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM IN LONG BEACH

- Homeless Services Bureau Manager Paul Duncan provided an update
 - Vice Mayor Rex Richardson introduced a proposal to explore possibilities for building a more robust mental health system and/or response within Long Beach
 - City Council unanimously approved proposal on November 9, 2021 City Council meeting
 - Listening sessions highlighted needs for additional residential mental health facilities, more internship and training for future social workers and nurses, streamlined program navigation, and more coordination between existing programs
 - City staff are drafting needs to provide a robust feasibility study and analysis of what steps can be taken in the future
 - Discussion ensued

6. [21-052HS](#) Recommendation to receive and file an update on City Council discussion on the mental health system in Long Beach.

A motion was made by Member Solano, seconded by Wilson, to received and filed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Jeanette Barrera, James Howat, Allison Kripp, Eboney Pearson, Linda Wilson, Janine Solano, S. Jolene Hui and Susana Sngiem

Excused: 1 - Julie Lie

Absent: 2 - Jeffrey Johnson and Desiree Rew

HOMELESS SERVICES STAFF REPORT

- Homeless Services Bureau Manager Paul Duncan introduced Dr. Jessica Schumer, the new Deputy Director of the Long Beach Health and Human Services Department
 - Dr. Schumer introduced herself to the Homeless Services Advisory Committee
 - Member Kripp announced this is the last meeting as HSAC Committee Member
- Homeless Resource Coordinator Joel Reynoza provided an Outreach Update
- Homeless Services Bureau Manager Paul Duncan provided an update
- Pandemic Response Coordinator Somatra Church provided an intensive Case Management Services (ICMS) Update
- Special Project Coordinator Alvin Teng provided an update on the 2022 Long Beach Homeless Count

7. [21-053HS](#) Recommendation to receive and file the Homeless Services Bureau Staff Report.

A motion was made by Member Howat, seconded by Wilson, to received and filed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Jeanette Barrera, James Howat, Allison Kripp, Eboney Pearson, Linda Wilson, Janine Solano, S. Jolene Hui and Susana Sngiem

Excused: 1 - Julie Lie

Absent: 2 - Jeffrey Johnson and Desiree Rew

CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR REPORT

- Chair Sngiem provided an update
 - Chair Sngiem congratulated Member Kripp

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Natalie Swit, CoC

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

- New CoC representative

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:35 p.m. Chair Sngiem adjourned the meeting