

A low-angle, upward-looking photograph of a modern building with a glass and metal facade. The building features large, circular windows and a series of vertical white columns. The sky is overcast and grey. A semi-transparent white banner is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the title and date. A solid blue horizontal bar is at the bottom of the page.

Homeless Services Bureau Staff Report

Homeless Services Advisory Committee

September 6, 2023

A nighttime photograph of a city skyline, likely Long Beach, with various illuminated buildings and palm trees. The lights are reflected in a body of water in the foreground. A semi-transparent white banner is overlaid across the middle of the image.

Homeless Emergency Proclamation Update

Emergency Proclamation 6 Month Update

- A 6-month update report will be given to Council on September 12th. The report will be substantial and will cover actions to date as well as what is planned for the future.
- It will be difficult to recreate the information that is provided within the report so it is recommended that if HSAC members are interested in the report that members either attend or watch the recording of the presentation.

Progress on Goals

Increase access to services

- The Mobile Access Center (MAC) schedule for August was released and will operate Monday through Friday with varied hours and locations (<https://longbeach.gov/homelessness/homeless-services/>)
- Staff continue to provide case management services at the Queensway Safe Parking program Monday through Friday from 5-8pm

Mondays	9 a.m. - noon	Mark Twain Neighborhood Library (1401 E. Anaheim St.) parking lot.
	1:30 - 4 p.m.	Traffic Circle, in the area of Ximeno Avenue and East Atherton Street
Tuesdays	9 a.m. - noon	East Village, Christian Outreach in Action (515 E. 3 rd St.), parked on Linden Avenue.
	1:30 - 4 p.m.	Houghton Park (6301 Myrtle Ave.), Atlantic Avenue side of park.
Wednesdays	9 a.m. - noon	Billie Jean King Main Library (200 W. Broadway), Pacific Avenue side of Library
	1:30 - 4 p.m.	6 th Street & Long Beach Boulevard, on 6 th Street between Long Beach Boulevard & Elm Avenue
Thursdays	9 a.m. - noon	Drake/Chavez Soccer Fields (903-999 Fairbanks Ave.) Van will be parked facing Los Angeles River near the parking lot located on De Forest Avenue just south of the soccer fields.
	9 a.m. - noon	Alamitos Beach Parking Lot near the south end of the parking lot, parking lot of Shoreline Drive and Beach Access Rd.

Progress on Goals

Increase access to services (cont.)

- Hosted the fifth Donation Drive on July 29 at the Health Department for the Multi Service Center (MSC) with more than 2,000 items donated.
- Convened a subgroup of the Interdepartmental Team to address the specific needs for outreach and cleanup around Lincoln Park and the Billie Jean King Library.
- Increased outreach with the Interdepartmental team to the downtown area, focusing on various cleanups and outreach with LA County Public Works.
- Initiated more frequent and focused outreach and engagement at Houghton Park.



Progress on Goals

Engage Community in data, planning and assistance



- Refreshed data on Homelessness Emergency Dashboard on August 3rd.
- Continuing to collect data focused on coordinated outreach and participation of other agencies through the Interdepartmental team.
- Joined the Community Solutions Built For Zero movement. The City will focus on decreasing chronic homelessness and working towards a functional end to chronic homelessness.
- Updated the City's Resource Guide and worked to categorize the areas of focus for the Community Champions through the Community Engagement and Community Outreach workgroups.
- LA River emergency action cleanup began from Ocean to PCH on August 1.

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- Continued to research strategies and recommendations for homelessness prevention policies and programs through the Intergovernmental Workgroup.
- Received commitment from the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services to fund supportive services if Long Beach is awarded additional rental assistance through the annual Continuum of Care competition.
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Focus Areas over the Past Four Weeks

Focus For Past Four Weeks

Increase access to services

- Launch the second Mobile Access Center (MAC) by mid to late August.
- Continue partnership conversations with Health Services Los Angeles County and Los Angeles Homelessness Services Authority.
- Continue to provide case management services at the Queensway Safe Parking program Monday through Friday from 5-8 pm.
- Continue working to update the Housing Authority Housing Choice Voucher List.
- Coordinate outreach to RV's in the West Side businesses areas near the LA River and the Magnolia Industrial Group (MIG).
- Initiate outreach and engagement after hours at Lincoln Park on August 16.

Focus For Past Four Weeks

Engage Community in Data, Planning and Assistance

- Complete and launch a timeline of the emergency to be posted on the website to further educate people to the work of the emergency.
- Launch an initiative to better support water access during hot weather for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness. Initiative will work to provide water to community volunteers to distribute.
- Finalize an infographic document on who to contact for support when seeing someone experiencing homelessness.

Focus For Past Four Weeks

Build Capacity to Address the Homelessness Crisis

- Convene a larger meeting in October to connect and brainstorm with Community Champions who are supporting homeless related services across the City.
- Finalize Luxury Inn outreach and data collection plan; initiate outreach.
- Continue evaluating Port of Long Beach and other properties that can support additional homelessness services.
- Continue to work to commence construction activities on City-led capital improvements at the Multi-Service Center (Tiny Homes), Navigation Center, Best Western, and Luxury Inn.
- Continue researching policies related to preventing homelessness, coordinating with the appropriate subject matter experts, and drafting policy considerations.

Focus For Past Four Weeks

Increase Interim and Long-term Housing Access

- Finalize contracts with Rescue Mission for the 702 W. Anaheim Site for the long-term interim shelter.
- Homeless Services Bureau will be completing the annual renewal of Continuum of Care projects as well as identifying new projects to include within the Notice of Funding Opportunity.

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Data Updates

Data

2023 Homeless Count Comparison				
California Region	2022 Count	2023 Count	Difference	
			#	%
Long Beach CoC:	3,296	3,447	+151	+4.6
Los Angeles County:	69,144	75,518	+6,374	+9.2
Northern California CoCs (9):	20,969	20,370	-599	-2.9
Central California CoCs (4):	4,087	4,431	+344	+8.4
Southern California CoCs (11):	91,090	101,281	+10,191	+11.2
Total (24):	116,146	126,082	+9,936	+8.6

- Looking at the service areas adjacent to Long Beach the South Bay saw an increase of 2,031 (+46%) people experiencing homelessness and East Los Angeles saw an increase of 1,730 (+36%) people experiencing homelessness

Data

- Data demonstrate a rise in families becoming homeless since mid-2022, with a significant increase as eviction moratoriums ended earlier this year.

New Family Enrollees				
Month	2023	2022	2021	2020
Jan	92	18	23	49
Feb	57	17	24	38
Mar	166	15	18	37
Apr	89	30	14	13
May	86	31	33	24
Jun	98	23	26	23
Jul	66	52	22	48
Aug		50	15	57
Sep		42	15	56
Oct		41	28	39
Nov		56	17	34
Dec		61	17	51

* Family data is total number of person within all households

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Operations Update

August Outreach / MSC Numbers

Outreach	Outcomes
Requests for Outreach	452
# of People Newly Enrolled in Outreach	220
Tidelands / Weekend Outreach	
# of Outreach Services Provided	960

Multi-Service Center	Outcomes
First Time Visitors	434
Total MSC Visits	3,559
Average Daily Visits	155
Phone Calls Answered	N/A
Mobile Access Center Enrollments	

August 2023 Shelter Numbers

Shelter Site	Occupancy
Project Homekey – 1725 Long Beach	99 (100%)
Atlantic Bridge Community	116 (92%)
Motel Voucher Program	
Safe Parking	18
Encampment Resolution Program	29
702 W. Anaheim St.	77 (95%)

Staffing Updates

- Karina Martinez, Patricia Cruz and Lizbeth Cosio who joined the bureau as reassignments have been hired permanently.
- Somatra Church is no longer with the bureau as of 9/1
- HSB has 3 positions that are currently in the background process waiting for clearance for start dates.
- Positions that are in recruitment/interview phase: Health Educator II, Counselor II, Public Health Professional I & III (Hilton), CalAIM Coordinator,
- Recruitments that will begin in the near future: Outreach Coordinator, Administrative Analyst, Community Program Specialist I, IV & V, Homeless Services Program Officers (2), Encampment Resolution positions.

Operations Update

- Long Beach has received a notice for its Encampment Resolution Funding Round 2 grant proposal. The grant will provide \$5.3 million over 2 years to serve 160 people in the downtown area. The HSB team will be working over the next 2 months to get things into place to begin serving people with shelter and permanent housing resources.
- The HSB team has been working to get this years HUD Notices of Funding Opportunity renewals, new projects and collaborative application completed. The application is due at the end of this month.
- The City received over 100 applications for the Lived Experience Advisory Board. Staff are reviewing and having conversations with applicants to select board members.
- The City has received an initial draft of its FY23-24 Measure H statement of work and are reviewing now.

Operations Update Cont.

- In partnership with AADAP and a number of other community organizations the MSC hosted an inaugural Overdose Awareness Day event on August 30th. Well over 50 people attended with educational presentations, resource information and give aways.
- Homeless Court funding has been renewed from the County in partnership with the City Prosecutors Office. HSB will be adding a homeless court counselor to increase support for the program.
- HSB is planning to launch the 2nd Mobile Access Center on September 18th and will add 8 additional locations per week.
- The City has begun the process for distribution of water bottles to community groups who are interested in distributing to unsheltered persons.
- The 2024 Homeless Count planning efforts have begun

Hurricane Hillary Response

- To support unsheltered persons with safety through the storm HSB mobilized quickly to provide the following:
 - Additional outreach along the riverbeds to engage and ensure people were aware of the storm as well as available shelter opportunities.
 - Opened 70 beds at the MSC on Saturday and Sunday
 - Added an additional 20 beds at 702 W. Anaheim
 - Public Health Emergency Management set up a 30-bed overflow shelter if needed
 - Additional motel vouchers were made available if needed
- The Long Beach Rescue Mission made an additional 22 beds available within their space.
- Over the weekend process there were 105 beds utilized across the efforts

The background of the slide is a composite image. The top half features a night sky filled with various colorful fireworks, including green, yellow, and white bursts. The bottom half shows a large, brightly lit ship, likely a cruise ship, at night, with its lights reflecting on the water. To the right of the ship, several yellow construction cranes are visible against the dark sky.

Thank you

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