

A low-angle photograph of a modern building with a glass facade and several large, circular white-framed windows. The sky is overcast and grey. A semi-transparent white banner is overlaid on the lower half of the image.

Continuum of Care Staff Report

Continuum of Care Board Meeting

March 14, 2023

Operations Update

- Welcome to Alexa Dixson-Griggs. Alexa is joining the bureau as the new Homeless Administrative Coordinator. She will oversee the team responsible for HUD funding and will be supporting with the CoC Board and General Membership.
- A homeless data dashboard is in final reviews and will be added to the LongBeach.gov/homelessness website within the next week. The data dashboard will provide a 5-year overview on services and outcomes across the Long Beach system.
- HSB is working with BitFocus on the development of a performance dashboard which would be utilized for reviewing individual program data and providing insights to agencies around areas for improvement and growth as well as to highlight strengths.
- First to Serve has been approved as the operator for the Luxury Inn site once it has undergone renovation and is ready for operations.

Operations Update

- HSB is working through finalizing recommendations and contracting for Prevention and Rapid Rehousing contracts from the RFP that had been released.
- Senator Feinstein has introduced a bill to increase annual federal funding and support. The Bill is called the Fighting Homelessness Through Services and Housing Act and would provide \$1 billion in funding each year.

Winter Shelter Updates

- Winter Shelter at Community Hospital has been consistently at capacity since opening.
- In early February, the City had announced the intent to do a second winter shelter site at the gym in Silverado Park.
- Need for better community engagement and outreach process with emergency proclamation projects as the City goes forward.
- A community information and input meeting was held on 2/23 with the neighborhood association that encompasses Silverado Park.
- With community input and concern around park equity and historical disparities with investments in West Long Beach the City has committed to further review and determine whether to move forward with winter shelter at Silverado Park.

Winter Shelter Updates Cont.

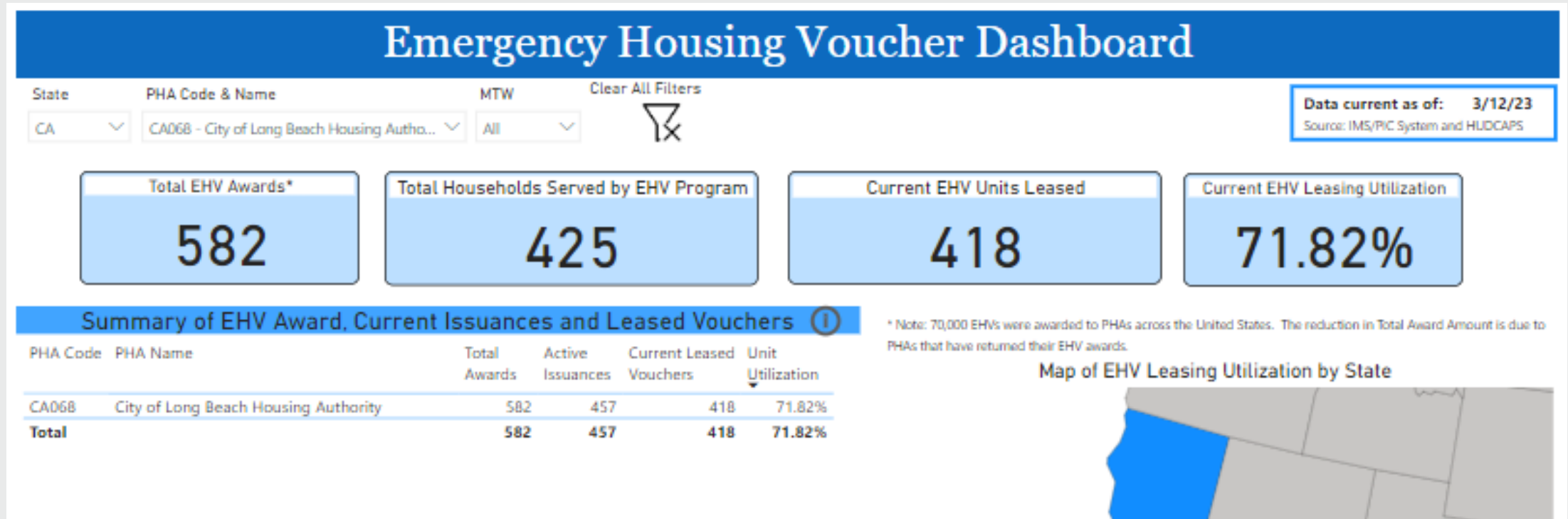
- Due to cold weather with wind and rain a person was found deceased on 2/24 with exposure/hypothermia thought to be a likely contributing factor in the persons death.
- The City has committed to creating additional warming capacity while the weather remains wet/cold. 60 warming beds will be available at the MSC which went through 3/10/23 and for 3/13/23 – 3/15/23. Beds are available between 6pm and 7am.
- The City has called for community groups that are willing and able to come and provide food services for people staying within the program at this time.
- City staff are looking at other potential options for extending winter shelter beds. Staff are looking to maintain at least 80 beds and to continue for the foreseeable future, which may include an extension at Community Hospital.

Encampment Resolution Program Updates

- The City of Long Beach is submitting a plan for the 2nd round of Encampment Resolution Funding which the proposal will focus around providing additional support in the downtown area with focus on Billy Jean King, The Promenade, Metro Station, and Long Beach Blvd.
- ERF 2 programming will focus on providing increased response within the area, non-congregate sheltering support and additional permanent housing resources for people.

Emergency Housing Vouchers

- Long Beach has been allocated 582 Emergency Housing Vouchers
- Significant progress continues to be made in leasing up EHV's
- Long Beach has ceased issuing any additional new vouchers





Thank you

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