

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

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2022
VIA TELECONFERENCE
1301 W. 12TH STREET, CONFERENCE ROOM,
3:30 PM**

Julie Lie, Chair
Desiree Rew, Vice Chair
Diego Castaneda, Member
Sylvia Guerrero, Member
James Howat, Member



S. Jolene Hui, Member
Jeffrey Johnson, Member
Ray Morquecho, Member
Susana Sngiem, Member

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

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Sylvia Guerrero, James Howat, S. Jolene Hui, Jeffrey Johnson,
Present: Ray Morquecho, Susana Sngiem, Desiree Rew and Julie Lie
Commissioners Diego Castaneda
Absent:

REGULAR AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1 [22-116HS](#) Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Homeless Services Advisory Committee meeting on Wednesday, September 7, 2022.

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

Yes: 7 - Sylvia Guerrero, James Howat, S. Jolene Hui, Jeffrey Johnson, Ray Morquecho, Desiree Rew and Julie Lie

Abstain: 1 - Susana Sngiem

Absent: 1 - Diego Castaneda

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

. None

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

Mayor's Fund Subcommittee Update

- Member Howat provided an update
 - The subcommittee met on Monday, October 3rd and reviewed the Mayor's Fund applications that have been forwarded to the Committee. They did have a few follow up questions that they hope to answer later in the agenda.
 - Other discussion items included the fundraising portion of the Mayor's Fund. Member Howat would like to know how many constituents receive their utility bills in the mail and other member's thought on how to increase awareness for the Fund.
 - Chair Julie Lie, shared with Member Howat that the Mayor's Fund Flyer had been provided to him and edits could be made. There has also been discussion about sharing the flyer to their respective Councilmember's office to be included in their newsletter. Member Guerrero advised that she has gotten in contact with her Council office that has agreed to share the final flyer in their upcoming newsletter once it has been completed.

Policy Subcommittee Update

- Vice- Chair Desiree Rew provided an update
 - The Policy Subcommittee met on Wednesday, September 19th and they discussed their current "Ask" of their Councilmembers. They have requested that all HSAC members start their check-ins, share the final Values and Priorities document by which HSAC looks and works towards, she also reiterated that the priority be placed on alternative housing models.

Continuum of Care Update

- Member Sylvia Guerrero provided the update.
 - There was a CoC Board meeting on September 13th, during the meeting there was a presentation from Allison Klurfied, a consultant representing LA Care, regarding the Housing and Homeless Incentive Program (HHIP).

- 2 [22-117HS](#) Recommendation to receive and file all subcommittee updates.

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

Yes: 8 - Sylvia Guerrero, James Howat, S. Jolene Hui, Jeffrey Johnson, Ray Morquecho, Susana Sngiem, Desiree Rew and Julie Lie

Absent: 1 - Diego Castaneda

2023 POINT IN TIME HOMELESS COUNT UPDATE

Alvin Teng, Special Projects Coordinator presented

- The Point-In-Time Count is an annual assessment of the overall state of homelessness at a given point in time. It is a census to enumerate how many people are experiencing homelessness within a Continuum of Care.
- Long Beach has its Continuum of Care and is required to conduct a count by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- The count itself has four components,
 - A street-based portion utilizing community volunteers.
 - A specialized count includes hard-to-reach areas like riverbeds, train tracks, etc., done with the help of outreach and public safety staff.
 - A service-based count is done at the access centers with their staff.
 - A count that includes housing inventory, shelters, transitional housing, and other residential programs, the night of the count.
- This year, a new mobile application will make tracking and data analysis easier.
- Volunteers and donations are now being accepted.

- 3 [22-119HS](#) Recommendation to receive and file the presentation on the updates for the 2023 Point in Time Count

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

Yes: 8 - Sylvia Guerrero, James Howat, S. Jolene Hui, Jeffrey Johnson, Ray Morquecho, Susana Sngiem, Desiree Rew and Julie Lie

Absent: 1 - Diego Castaneda

MAYOR'S FUND UPDATE

Member Jim Howat provided the update.

- There are 4 applications that will be reviewed today, with the recommendation from staff it would be best to break them up individually to be reviewed and discussed.
 - Christian Outreach Appeal
 - Anaheim Orange Corridor 7 (AOC7)
 - Holliday Helping Hands
 - Serenity Recuperative Care

Member Jim Howat provided the update.

- Christian Outreach Appeal is requesting \$10,000. They have been funded before and he included the breakdown of the proposed budget.
- There was no discussion held

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

Yes-7: - Vice-Chair Desiree Rew, Susana Sngiem, S. Jolene Hui, James Howat, Sylvia Guerrero, Jeffrey Johnson, Raymond Morquecho

Abstain-1: Chair Julie Lie

Member Jim Howat provided the update.

- Anaheim Orange Corridor 7 is requesting \$5,000. They have been funded before and he included the breakdown of the proposed budget.
- There was no discussion held

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

Yes-7: - Vice-Chair Desiree Rew, Susana Sngiem, S. Jolene Hui, James Howat, Sylvia Guerrero, Jeffrey Johnson, Raymond Morquecho

Abstain-1: Chair Julie Lie

Member Jim Howat provided the update.

- Holliday Helping Hands is requesting \$10,000. The organization is currently operating one of the Project Home Keys sites and he included the breakdown of the proposed budget.
- Member Sylvia Guerrero and Chair Julie Lie had some questions regarding more of what the program does and why did they feel the need to secure outside funding for security deposit assistance if the Long Beach Housing Authority offered that.
- Applicant Katina Holliday answered, they are currently running the 135-bed Project Home Key site at the Holliday Inn. They have partnered with a housing site in Long Beach where they have residents that they will be assisting with securing housing and the security deposits, and additional furnishing. She shared they currently 3 Long Beach program residents that are awaiting their vouchers. Some of the program residents are not able to get the same assistance since there different factors that go into housing eligibility.
- There were two requests made by Member Howat and Member Guerrero that funding go specifically for the Long Beach clients and for reimbursement paperwork, the Long Beach lease agreement be sent over.
- Applicant agreed.

A motion was made by Member Howat, seconded by Member S. Jolene Hui, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes-6: - Vice-Chair Desiree Rew, Susana Sngiem, S. Jolene Hui, James Howat, Sylvia Guerrero, Jeffrey Johnson, Raymond Morquecho

Abstain-2: Chair Julie Lie, Sylvia Guerrero

Member Jim Howat provided the update.

- Serenity Recuperative Care is requesting \$10,000. This organization has the same leadership and is like the other application with a similar program, he provided the proposed budget.
- There were two requests made by Member Howat and Member Guerrero that funding go specifically for the Long Beach clients and for reimbursement paperwork, the Long Beach lease agreement be sent over.
- Applicant agreed.
- Chair Julie Lie, questioned the difference between the organizations and the foundations if they do the exact same thing.
- Applicant responded that the initial intent for the foundations differed as Holliday Helping Hands was created to specifically help families and Serenity Recuperative

Care was intended to be individuals.

A motion was made by Member Howat, seconded by S. Jolene Hui, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes-6: - Vice-Chair Desiree Rew, Susana Sngiem, S. Jolene Hui, James Howat, Sylvia Guerrero, Jeffrey Johnson, Raymond Morquecho

Abstain-2: Chair Julie Lie, Sylvia Guerrero

- 4 [22-118HS](#) Recommendation to receive and file the application(s) for the Mayor's Fund

This HS-Agenda Item was separated and voted on separately.

ANAHEIM ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION PROJECT PRESENTATION

Joel Reynoza, Homeless Resource Coordinator, presented

- The presentation includes an overview on the Encampment Resolution Project and its goals of increasing collaboration, wellness, and the safety of encampment residents, that will create innovative and replicable efforts and encourage data informed, coordinated approaches for future encampment programs.
- The program was created to support homeless individuals that are living in encampments as they search and move into stable housing as well as restore public parks and spaces.
- The financials, total funding available was \$47.5 million, 1.3 million was awarded to the City of Long Beach. The HSB received \$883,000, LBPD- Quality of Life Officer \$81,000, Public Works \$183,000 and Parks, Recreation and Marine \$112,478.
- The MSC will serve as the primary operating site for the HSB since it houses 12 public and private partner organizations working collectively on housing and is 1 of 2 coordinated entry sites in the City.
- The reason this location was chosen unlike it being a “typical” encampment was due to its long history of residents, on the average 40 individuals that moves among the Anaheim Street Corridor.
- Outreach staff along with Quality-of-Life officers will be reviewing records to ensure that the referred individuals fit the qualifying criteria.
- The program consists immediate access to a non-congregate shelter (NCS) stay at local motels for a period of 6 months. Within that time, program participants will work with a case manager on their permanent housing goals, including documents, HOP referrals, EHV applications, housing location assistance. There will be resource connections available to health care, job services, income access and support from the REACH team with a dedicated mental health clinician (oncoming).
- Following the housing first model, there will be no preconditions for stay in NCS if they meet the program criteria.
- Currently there are 38 participants.
- Member Howat had questions about available services to those individuals in the corridor that chose to not participate in the program itself.

- 5 [22-120HS](#) Recommendation to receive and file the presentation on the Anaheim Encampment Resolution Project.

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

Yes: 8 - Sylvia Guerrero, James Howat, S. Jolene Hui, Jeffrey Johnson, Ray Morquecho, Susana Sngiem, Desiree Rew and Julie Lie

Absent: 1 - Diego Castaneda

HOMELESS SERVICES STAFF REPORT

Joel Reynoza, the Homeless Resource Coordinator, provided an update on Outreach

- Outreach direct phone number, 562-470-4672(4MSC) is live and taking calls
 - 217 requests for Outreach,
 - 249 recorded contacts
 - 23 tidelands/weekend outreach
 - 582 first-time visitors to the MSC
 - 3950 total visits in August
 - 188 average daily visits and have decreased from the month before
 - 737 phone calls answered

Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Program Officer, provided an update

- Project Roomkey located at the Days Inn sunset on September 30th, it was a challenging process as there were people that had been at this site for 2 years.
- First To Serve has fully operated the ABC shelter for the last month and they have begun the recompression of beds. Currently they have 105 bed available the goal is to go up to 125 beds.
- Staff is looking to identify options for the 2022 Winter Shelter season
- Sign-ups for the 2023 Homeless Count will be posted next week
- Long Beach CoC submitted its FY-2022 Annual NOFO application that includes 21 renewal projects and 1 new DV bonus project. It is currently working on the Special NOFO that will include 8 new projects.
- Emergency housing vouchers and its progress:
 - 582 Emergency Housing Vouchers available
 - 713 vouchers currently issued.
 - Currently 487 are active and searching
 - 226 have secured leases
- People with a Long Beach housing voucher can now go to the City of Los Angeles and use the voucher there.

- 6 [22-121HS](#) Recommendation to receive and file the Homeless Services Bureau Staff Report.

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

Yes: 7 - Sylvia Guerrero, James Howat, S. Jolene Hui, Jeffrey Johnson, Ray Morquecho, Desiree Rew and Julie Lie

Abstain: 1 - Susana Sngiem

Absent: 1 - Diego Castaneda

CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR REPORT

- Vice-Chair Desiree Rew is looking from a discussion standpoint into the IHSS program, a training program that could be helpful and once she has gathered more information she will bring it to the committee
- Chair Julie Lie, presented the Mayor's Fund flyer and requested any helpful edits.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Mary Simmons, from AOC7, wanted to get assistance from Joel Reynoza regarding someone located at MacArthur Park trying to be admitted into the Encampment Resolution Program.
- Katina Holliday, wanted to remind everyone that November has a national day of giving.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- City of Torrance has a tiny home village that is operated by Harbor Interfaith Services, she would like to have Harbor Interfaith present on that housing model.
- Request for an in-person meeting at least once a quarter.
- Follow up on a presentation regarding safety measures.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- None

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:27 p.m. Chair Julie Lie adjourned the meeting.