CITY OF LONG BEACH
HOMELESS SERVICES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 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

1. 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.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Also present: Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Officer; Alvin Teng, Special Projects Coordinator; Joel Reynoza, Homeless Resource Coordinator; Michelle Lim, Community Program Technician; Chris Kau, HMIS Data and Performance Specialist; Sarah Green, Deputy City Attorney; Kristian Castro, Community Program Specialist

Chair Sngiem presiding.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

21-008HS Recommendation to approve minutes for May 5, 2021

Attachments: HSAC Minutes 5-5-21.pdf

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

Yes: 10 - Jeanette Barrera, James Howat, Jeffrey Johnson, Allison Kripp, Julie Lie, Eboney Pearson, Linda Wilson, Janine Solano, S. Jolene Hui and Susana Sngiem

Abstain: 1 - Desiree Rew

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- Ad Hoc Committee Report:
    - Community Capacity Building
        - Vice Chair Hui gave an update on the Mayor's Fund application process
        - The future review process for applications for funding from the Mayor's Fund to End Homelessness will involve review by City staff, followed by discussion by the Community Capacity Building Ad Hoc Committee who will provide recommendations to HSAC.
        - Since the applications on the agenda today were received before this process was finalized, they will be reviewed by HSAC without CCB input. All applications moving forward will adhere to this process.
        - Chair Sngiem invited members to join the CCB subcommittee for any input on this process.
    - Fundraising for Mayor's Fund
        - Committee Member Howat provided an update.
        - The Ad Hoc Committee met this past month and corresponded with LBCF on fundraising.
        - The Ad Hoc Committee encouraged the gathering of success stories in order to lead to effective fundraising.
        - Committee Member Howat inquired about whether organizations that were denied funding by LBCF should be considered for the Mayor's Fund.
        - Discussion ensued
        - LBCF should direct any organizations they are unable to fund to apply through the existing Mayor's Fund to End Homelessness application process. These organizations are welcome to attach their application to

LBCF, while also filling out the cover letter.

- Committee Member Solano requested feedback from HSAC on the Mayor's Fund MOU, as none has been received.
- Discussion ensued
- Chair Sngiem requested that members provide input on aspects of the MOU, such as whether the City should be able to request funds, who should fill the role of fund advisor, or whether invoices should be assessed monthly or quarterly.
- Committee Member Solano will notify members of the next ad hoc meeting

- Policy Subcommittee
  - Committee Member Pearson provided an update
  - The subcommittee did not meet the prior month
  - The Subcommittee will meet this month to discuss policy support letters for AB 71 and SB 679.

- Annual Report Ad Hoc
  - Committee Member Kripp provided an update
  - The Annual Report Ad Hoc is requesting input from HSAC about challenges and recommendations in addressing homelessness
  - Chair Sngiem recommended highlighting new needs that came out of the pandemic, as well as highlighting any emergency response, usage of CARES Act funds, and the HEART Team transition.
  - Committee Member Kripp suggested that the report should mention how to get involved with HSAC, such as in the subcommittees
  - Chair Sngiem recommended that the report should note who has transitioned in and out of Homeless Services to ensure City Council is aware.
  - Committee Member Barrera requested further input from the Committee about challenges that have come up and recommendations for how to move forward

- Continuum of Care Update
  - Committee Member Kripp provided an update.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- Homeless Court and Priority Access Diversion Presentation by City Prosecutor's Office
  - Presentation by Doug Haubert, Gigi Zanganeh, and Jessica Flores
  - Funded by Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn, the Long Beach Homeless Court Project is a partnership between the Long Beach City Prosecutor's office, the Long Beach Health Department, the Los Angeles County

Public Defender's Office, and social service organizations serving persons experiencing homelessness in Long Beach.
- The goal of the Homeless Court Project is to assist person experiencing homelessness with any outstanding legal needs, while at the same time connecting then to critically important services such as housing, disability benefits, social security, and mental health or substance abuse counseling.
- For more information please visit <https://cityprosecutordoughaubert.com/homeless-court/>

21-011HS Recommendation to receive and file the Homeless Court and Priority Access Diversion presentation.

Attachments: Homeless Court and PAD - HSAC.pdf

Committee Member Wilson moved to receive and file the Homeless Court and Priority Access Diversion presentation, seconded by Committee Member Kripp.

Yes: 10 - Jeanette Barrera, James Howat, Allison Kripp, Julie Lie, Eboney Pearson, Desiree Rew, Linda Wilson, Janine Solano, S. Jolene Hui and Susana Sngiem

Abstain: 1 - Jeffrey Johnson

- Temporary Lodging Services RFP
  - Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Officer, provided an update
  - Staff requested three volunteers and one alternate to assist in reviewing the RFP
  - The anticipated review period will start at the beginning of August
  - Committee Members Lie, Rew, and Solano volunteered to form an ad hoc review committee. Committee Members Kripp and Solano volunteered as alternates.

21-012HS Recommendation to form an ad hoc Temporary Lodging Services RFP Review Committee

Committee Member Howat moved to form an ad hoc Temporary Lodging Services RFP Review Committee, comprised of Committee Members Lie, Rew, and Solano, with Committee Members Kripp and Solano as alternates, seconded by Committee Member Kripp.

Yes: 9 - Jeanette Barrera, James Howat, Allison Kripp, Julie Lie, Desiree Rew, Linda Wilson, Janine Solano, S. Jolene Hui and Susana Sngiem

Abstain: 2 - Jeffrey Johnson and Eboney Pearson

- Mayor's Fund to End Homelessness Applications from Christian Outreach in Action
    - Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Officer, provided an update on the Mayor's Fund balance and staff analysis of both applications.
    - Dixie Dohrmann, Executive Director of Christian Outreach in Action provided an overview of the agency and both fund applications.
    - She prioritized Request B, the request for funding for a walk-in freezer
    - Discussion ensued among the Committee.

21-009HS Mayor's Fund to End Homelessness request from Christian Outreach in Action

Attachments: COA-Mayors Fund Request-A.pdf
COA-Mayors Fund Request-B.pdf
LBMF COA.pdf

A motion was made by Committee Member Kripp, seconded by Committee Member Solano, to approve the COA Application A for the Mayor's Fund to End Homelessness. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - James Howat, Jeffrey Johnson, Allison Kripp, Julie Lie, Desiree Rew, Janine Solano and S. Jolene Hui

No: 4 - Jeanette Barrera, Eboney Pearson, Linda Wilson and Susana Sngiem

A motion was made by Committee Member Lie, seconded by Committee Member Kripp, to approve the COA Application B for the Mayor's Fund to End Homelessness. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Jeanette Barrera, James Howat, Jeffrey Johnson, Allison Kripp, Julie Lie, Eboney Pearson, Desiree Rew, Linda Wilson, Janine Solano, S. Jolene Hui and Susana Sngiem

7. HOMELESS SERVICES STAFF REPORT

- Outreach Update
  - Report by Joel Reynoza, Homeless Resource Coordinator.
  - Discussed hotspot locations, projects, and outreach network group.
- Homeless Services Division Operations Update
  - Report by Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Officer.
  - Discussed updates on Bureau Operations, hiring efforts, operations, and request for proposals.

21-013HS Recommendation to receive and file the Homeless Services Staff Report.

Attachments: HSAC Staff Presentation 06-02-2021.pdf

Committee Member Howat moved to receive and file the Homeless Services Staff Report, seconded by Committee Member Kripp.

Yes: 10 - Jeanette Barrera, James Howat, Jeffrey Johnson, Allison Kripp, Julie Lie, Desiree Rew, Linda Wilson, Janine Solano, S. Jolene Hui and Susana Sngiem

Abstain: 1 - Eboney Pearson

8. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

- Updates from ad hoc subcommittees
- Communications with Council Districts, discussing how to best communicate with council members and community

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:04 p.m. Chair Sngiem adjourned the meeting.

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