

**LONG BEACH CONTINUUM OF CARE  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 13, 2021  
2:45 PM – 4:15 PM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting via teleconference called to order at 2:48 PM by Co-Chair Steve Be Cotte.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Roll call taken by Secretary Natalie Swit.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Allison Kripp (Homeless Services Advisory Committee), Steve Be Cotte (Downtown Long Beach Alliance), Natalie Swit (National Council of Jewish Women-Long Beach), Brandon Washington (Person With Lived Experience), Dianka Lohay (Long Beach Community College), Edward Arnold, (Apartment Association of CA So. Cities), Erin Simon (Long Beach Unified School District), James Howat (Community Advocate), Jamies Shuford, (Skidrow Advocacy Group Inc.), Jennifer Swan (Long Beach Veterans Affairs), Jina Lawler (The Children's Clinic), Jordan Wynne (Los Angeles Department of Health Services), Kimberly Wee (Century Villages at Cabrillo), Luther Richert (Mental Health America Los Angeles)

**GENERAL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mary Ellen Mitchell (WomenShelter of Long Beach), Betty Zamost (Community Partner), Nikki Amick (Community Partner), Sharon Wie (Interval House), Shari Weaver (Harbor Interfaith Services), Jerry Arceo (Community Partner), Andrew Hyvonen (People Assisting The Homeless), Michael Nguyen (U.S. Veterans Initiative Long Beach), Erik Miller (U.S. Veterans Initiative Long Beach)

**CITY OF LONG BEACH STAFF PRESENT:** Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Officer; Alvin Teng, Special Projects Coordinator; Michelle Lim, Community Program Technician; Kristian Castro, Community Program Specialist; Ariel Dianzon, Contracts and Grants Specialist; Kari Faithful, Housing Authority; Somatra Church, Pandemic Response Coordinator; Joel Reynoza, Homeless Resource Coordinator; Christian Artizada, Coordinated Entry Systems Matcher; DeMario Johnson, Management Assistant; Chris Kau, HMIS Data & Performance Specialist; Yesenia Belloso, Community Program Specialist; Luwam Gebremichael, Public Health Nurse;

**III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD ON APRIL 13, 2021**

Motion to approve the minutes as submitted made by Co-Chair Allison Kripp and seconded by Board Member Edward Arnold. Motion passes.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD ON JUNE 8, 2021**

Motion to approve the minutes as submitted made by Co-Chair Allison Kripp and seconded by Board Member Erin Simon. Motion passes.

#### IV. **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Update on Homeless Services Division Operations**

- Paul Duncan provided an update on the following:
- Bureau Manager interviews have started
- Update on current and upcoming RFPs
- Technology Updates
- Project Homekey / Roomkey Updates
- Safe Parking will be operating at the MSC while getting out a new RFP
- Long Beach Housing Authority received 582 Emergency Housing Vouchers

Board Member Jina Lawler Board arrives at 2:55 PM

Board Member Brandon Washington arrives at 3:03 PM

Board Member Jim Howat arrives at 3:14 PM

Board Member Dianka Lohay arrives at 3:35 PM

- **Intensive Case Management Services RFP**

- Paul Duncan provided an overview and requested for volunteers for the Ad Hoc Review Committee for the ICMS RFP
- The following Board Members volunteered to serve on the Ad Hoc Review Committee: Steve Be Cotte, Jamies Shuford. Secretary Natalie Swit volunteered as an alternate.

- **CoC Governance**

- Co-Chair Allison Kripp expressed interest in discussing Board Member attendance in a future meeting

- **Lived Experience of Homelessness Advisory Board**

- Paul Duncan provided an overview
- Discussion ensued among the Board Members
- Board members provided feedback on developing the Advisory Board
- Staff will review feedback and provide an update

- **2022 Point-in-Time Homeless Count**

- Paul Duncan provided an overview on Homeless Count planning
- Discussion ensued among the Board Members
- Paul Duncan requested for volunteers for the Ad Hoc Committee for Homeless Count Planning
- The following Board Members volunteered to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee: Steve Be Cotte, Luther Richert, Natalie Swit, Jina Lawler. Co-Chair Allison Kripp volunteered as an alternate.

#### V. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Board Member Natalie Swit requested an update on CD 5 Town Hall on July 14, 2021.  
Board Member Allison Kripp provided an update on a meeting regarding HAP funding.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**VIII. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Policies and Standards Subcommittee: August 5, 2021  
Coordinated Entry System Subcommittee: August 5, 2021  
Quality, Data, and Performance Subcommittee: August 10, 2021  
General: September 14, 2021  
Board: September 14, 2021

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**IX. MEETING ADJOURNED**

Co-Chair Steve Be Cotte adjourned the meeting at 3:45 PM.