

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
LONG BEACH CONTINUUM
OF CARE MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022
VIA TELECONFERENCE, 2:45 PM**

Steve Be Cotte, Co-Chair
Natalie Swit, Secretary
Alison King, Member
Brandon Washington, Member
Darrell Simien, Member
Dianka Lohay, Member
Edward Arnold, Member
Kati Hoover, Member



Elizabeth Weithers, Member
James Howat, Member
Jamies Shuford, Member
Jennifer Swan, Member
Jina Lawler, Member
Jordan Wynne, Member
Kimberly Wee, Member
Luther Richert, Member

FINISHED AGENDA AND MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Roll call taken by Secretary Natalie Swit.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Be Cotte (Downtown Long Beach Alliance), Natalie Swit (National Council of Jewish Women-Long Beach), Brandon Washington (Person with Lived Experience), Darrell Simien (Habitat for Humanity Greater Los Angeles), Dianka Lohay (Long Beach Community College), Edward Arnold (Apartment Association of CA So. Cities), Elizabeth Weithers (Development Services, Housing and Neighborhood Services Bureau), James Howat (Community Advocate), Jamies Shuford, (Skidrow Advocacy Group Inc.), Jennifer Swan (Long Beach Veterans Affairs), Jordan Wynne (Los Angeles Department of Health Services), Kati Hoover (Long Beach Unified School District), Kimberly Wee (Century Villages at Cabrillo), Luther Richert (Mental Health America of Los Angeles)

GUESTS PRESENT: Austin Metoyer (Downtown Long Beach Alliance), Ben Espitia (Goodwill SOLAC), Betty Zamost (Community Partner), Broc Coward (Downtown Long Beach Alliance), Jaylene Westfall (Century), Jerry Arceo (Community Partner), Marjorie Solorzano (Mental Health America of Los Angeles), Shari Weaver (Harbor Interfaith)

CITY OF LONG BEACH STAFF PRESENT: Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Bureau Manager; Alvin Teng, Special Projects Coordinator; Kristian Castro, Administrative Coordinator; Michelle Lim, Community Program Technician; Joel Reynoza, Resource

Coordinator; Allison Kripp, Health Educator; Christian Artizada, CES Matcher; Ka Xiong, Contracts and Grants Specialist; Stephanie Sosa, Contracts and Grants Associate;

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

22-007HS

Recommendation to approve minutes from the CoC Board meeting on December 14, 2021

Attachments: [CoC Board Minutes 20211214_Final.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Board Member Kimberly Wee, seconded by Board Member Edward Arnold, to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 12 - Be Cotte, Swit, Washington, Simien, Lohay, Arnold, Weithers, Shuford, Swan, Wynne, Wee and Richert

Abstain: 1 - Howat

Excused: 1 - Hoover

Absent: 2 - King and Lawler

REGULAR AGENDA

CoC Governance

Introduce Appointed Board Member

Paul Duncan reported the Homeless Services Advisory Committee tabled the appointment of a representative until their next meeting.

22-008HS Recommendation to hold CoC Board Co-Chair Election.

Co-Chair Steve Be Cotte provided an update. There is currently one (1) vacant position. Board Member Jordan Wynne and Board Member Kimberly Wee gave a brief introduction. Discussion ensued among the Board Members.

Motion made by Secretary Natalie Swit, seconded by Board Member Dianka Lohay, to nominate Board Member Jordan Wynne as Co-Chair. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 10 - Be Cotte, Swit, Washington, Simien, Lohay, Arnold, Weithers, Shuford, Swan and Richert

Abstain: 3 - Howat, Wynne and Wee

Excused: 1 - Hoover

Absent: 2 - King and Lawler

22-009HS Temporary Lodging RFP Funding Recommendation.

Board Member Shuford provided a brief report on behalf of the Ad Hoc Review Committee. The committee reviewed applications from Aris (Pine), Coast, and Colonial Motels, which are all owned by Yogi Patel. These motels have worked with the City and other local agencies. Shared evaluation feedback on applications. The Ad Hoc Review Committee recommended to fund the Aris (Pine), Coast, and Colonial Motels. Discussion ensued among the Board Members.

Motion made by Board Member Jamies Shuford, seconded by Board Member Dianka Lohay, to approve on the condition that no appeals are submitted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 10 - Be Cotte, Swit, Simien, Lohay, Weithers, Shuford, Swan, Wynne, Wee and Richert

Abstain: 3 - Washington, Arnold and Howat

Excused: 1 - Hoover

Absent: 2 - King and Lawler

22-010HS Update on 2022 Homeless Count

Attachments: [PIT Count Update - 01112022.pdf](#)

Alvin Teng provided an update. The 2022 Long Beach Homeless Count has been rescheduled to February 24th at 5:00 AM. Virtual trainings have been rescheduled. Homeless Services Bureau is looking for about 30 more

volunteers. There will be a Hygiene Kit Assembly Event on February 17th. Staff are continuing to monitor COVID-19 data and are exploring further precautions to mitigate risk to volunteers and survey participants. Homeless Services is still accepting financial and physical item donations.

Board Member Jim Howat arrives to the meeting at 3:20 PM

22-011HS

Homeless Services Bureau Operations Report

Attachments: [CoC Staff Presentation 1-11-2022 \(002\).pdf](#)

Paul Duncan presented an operations report.

Shelter and Project Room Key/Project Home Key: During December shelters in Long Beach were consistently at capacity. With colder weather, rain, and shelters on quarantine within the region, it has led to a situation where getting a bed can be challenging. 30+ people are on the Project Room Key/Project Home Key list waiting for a room to open. Prioritization from the list is based upon medical vulnerability. There has been an availability of 2-3 rooms per week. An Architect has been retained to start design and feasibility process for modular shelters at the MSC. \$5.1 million awarded in PHK funding to convert the 1725 Long Beach Blvd. (Best Western) to permanent housing.

Outreach and Community Engagement Capacity: City of Long Beach applied to the state for Encampment Resolution Funds (ERF). Proposed approach would look to motel voucher a full encampment while working towards housing. As the HSB is in the process of expanding outreach staffing as well as implementing Mobile Outreach Stations HSB has ordered additional vehicles.

Emergency Housing Vouchers: Over 500 people have been matched to vouchers at this point. 219 vouchers issued to date, with 194 that are active and searching. 24 lease ups as of 1/11/2022. 43 households enrolled in ICMS with 20 more planned this week. See EHV Data Dashboard Summary.

Pandemic Response Updates: We are seeing increased transmission across all populations including those experiencing homelessness. Currently ABC is undergoing quarantine protocols. No new intakes until two rounds of testing with no additional positives. Earliest it would be off quarantine is January 19th. Additional staff testing within our access

center, as well as continued availability of rapid testing for participants that are exhibiting symptoms. LA County continues to provide isolation and quarantine for those who have tested positive, however they must have severe symptoms. Working to get a city run Isolation and Quarantine Site (IQS) operational by next week. Coordinating with LA County DHS to provide additional vaccine support to people experiencing homelessness including availability of boosters at both congregate and non-congregate sites.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Member Brandon Washington announced the Dept of Veterans Affairs will host a coat drive and other upcoming events for veterans.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Policies and Standards Subcommittee: February 3, 2022
Coordinated Entry System Subcommittee: February 3, 2022
Quality, Data, and Performance Subcommittee: February 8, 2022
General and Board: March 8, 2022

For more information, please visit the [Long Beach CoC website](https://www.longbeach.gov/health/services/directory/homeless-services/coc-meetings/)
<<https://www.longbeach.gov/health/services/directory/homeless-services/coc-meetings/>>.

ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chair Be Cotte adjourned the meeting at 3:53 PM.

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