



**Meeting Summary
Tuesday, October 9, 2018
1:00PM – 4:00PM**

**Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)
811 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90017**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Alexis Podesta, Council Chair and Secretary of Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency calls the meeting to order at 1:01PM.

Council Members Present:

- Alexis Podesta, Council Chair and Secretary of the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency
- Russell Atterberry, Vice Chair and Undersecretary of the Department of Veteran Affairs
- Amy Anderson, Executive Director, PATH Ventures
- Gina Buccieri- Harrington, Assistant Director Grants Management, Victim Services Program, Governor's Office of Emergency Services
- Donald Cavier, Chief Deputy Director, California Housing Finance Agency
- Gail Gilman, Chief Executive Officer, Community Housing Partnership
- Jody Ketcheside, Deputy Regional Director, Turning Point of Central California, Inc.
- Gary McCoy, Community Member and Congressional Aide, District Office of House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi
- Ben Metcalf, Director, Department of Housing and Community Development
- Mark Stivers, Executive Director, California Tax Credit Allocation Committee
- Alicia Sutton, Chief of Housing, Homelessness and Civil Rights Branch, Department of Social Services
- Joseph Uchishiba, Police Officer, City of Fairfield
- Stephanie Welch, Executive Officer, Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Absent:

- Alexis Barries, Community Member and Consultant, John Burton Advocates for Youth
- Laurie Berman, Director, Department of Transportation
- Marianne Cantwell, Chief Deputy Director of Health Care Programs, Department of Health Care Services
- Jennifer Loving, Executive Director, Destination: Homes
- Emilio Ramirez, Deputy Director of Community and Economic Development, City of Riverside

Opening Remarks

Council Chair Podesta thanked the Councilmembers and the public for their participation and extended a special thanks to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) for hosting us.

Council Chair Podesta announced two new Councilmembers who have been appointed: Laurie Berman, Director of the Department of Transportation; and Alexis Barries, who is a college student and consultant for John Burton Advocates for Youth and Aspiranet, and a young adult with lived experience.

Council Chair introduced the five Homeless Coordinating and Financing (HCFC) staff who have been hired:

- Ginny Puddefoot, Executive Officer
- Danny Castillo, Grant Manager for the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP)
- Lahela Mattox, Local Government Liaison for HEAP
- Kelly Joy, Research and Policy Specialist for the Council
- Nathalie Nguyen, Council Specialist

Finally, Council Chair Podesta discussed SB 918, the [Homeless Youth Act of 2018](#), which was signed by the Governor in late September. This bill gives the Council additional responsibilities to develop a coordinated response to address the needs of youth and young adults who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. It represents an important addition to the work of the Council and brings a segment of the homeless population that has been often overlooked and not well understood.

II. Adoption of the meeting summary from July 11, 2018 HCFC meeting

The Council approved the previous [meeting summary](#) from the July 11, 2018 meeting.

There were no public comments.

III. Adoption of Changes to the HCFC Governance Guidelines

Council Chair Podesta stated that [SB 850](#) made several important changes to the Council, including moving the Council from the Department of Housing and Community Development to the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency. These changes mean the Council to needs review and update the [current governance guidelines](#).

The Council adopted the following recommendation:

- The Governance Subcommittee will be convened to review the current governance guidelines and provide recommendations for updating them. The recommendations will be presented to the Council at the January 2019 meeting.

There were no public comments.

IV. Council Updates

Resources on Funding Opportunities

Ginny Puddefoot, Executive Officer of the Council, described two recent publications issued by the Council on the various funding programs currently available to address homelessness in California. The publications, "[State Resources to Address California's Homeless Crisis](#)" and "[California State Homelessness Funding Programs](#)" have been posted on the Council's website.

Ms. Puddefoot thanked HCD and staff for their hard work in preparing the draft publications, and the members of the Interagency Working Group, who contributed their department's program and funding information and reviewed the documents to ensure their accuracy.

The Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP)

Ms. Puddefoot provided an update on the program. On September 5, the NOFA and applications for both the Large City and Continuum of Care (CoC) programs were issued. As of October 4, the following cities and CoCs have been awarded funds:

- City of Oakland – for \$8,671,117
- City of San Diego – for \$14,110,397
- City of Los Angeles – for \$85,013,607
- City of Long Beach – for \$2,869,833
- Bakersfield/Kern Continuum of Care – for \$2,604,226

These awards represent almost 25% of the \$500 million HEAP allocation.

California Homeless Data Integration System (CHDIS), including the Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS)

Ms. Puddefoot provided a brief overview of the team’s progress in exploring the development of a state CHDIS. A Request for Information (RFI) has been released that invites vendors to provide their proposed solutions to meet the goals of a possible CHDIS and the ballpark cost estimate of their solution.

Next steps could include the convening of a Council working group comprised of state department staff, local CoC and HMIS staff, and others with interest or expertise in assisting the Council as it continues exploring the potential development of a CHDIS.

There were no public comments.

V. Review and Adopt Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Housing First Assessment and Recommendations Regarding the Extent to which DHCS programs employ the Housing First Approach

At the [April 10, 2018 Council meeting](#), members adopted the Housing First Checklist to be used by state agencies to assess their homelessness-related programs and make recommendations on any changes required to bring their programs into alignment with Housing First [statute](#).

Brian Hansen, a Health Care Program Specialist II at DHCS presented the [DHCS Housing First assessment](#) and recommendations for those changes to bring DHCS programs into compliance.

The Council voted to keep this item open until the next Council meeting.

There were no public comments.

VI. Youth and Young Adult Homelessness Panel

Focus on Youth and Young Adult Homelessness

Panelists:

- Shahera Hyatt, Director of the [California Homeless Youth Project](#)
- Sherilyn Adams, Executive Director of [Larkin Street Youth Services](#)
- Simon Costello, Director of Children and Youth Services, [Los Angeles LGBT Center](#)
- Andrea Marchetti, Executive Director of [Jovenes](#)
- Daley Moore, Subject Matter Expert from the [National Youth Forum on Homelessness](#)
- Kim Lewis, Legislative Advocate for the [California Coalition for Youth](#)

The panel provided background, research, lessons learned, and policy recommendations for the Council to consider in its work to address youth homelessness. Among other things, panelists emphasized the importance of investing in programs that will decrease the number of youth experiencing homelessness and outlined effective strategies to engage youth directly in policy and program development.

Youth Homelessness Funding Opportunities

Wendy Tully, Chief of the Human Trafficking and Children's Division in the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) presented the current [funding opportunities](#) available from OES to address youth homelessness. OES currently has five homeless/at-risk youth programs:

- Homeless Youth and Exploitation
- Youth Emergency Telephone Referral Network
- Homeless Youth Emergency Services Pilot
- Homeless Youth Emergency Services and Housing
- Homeless Youth Innovative Services

Public Comment

- *Helene Schneider, US Interagency Council on Homelessness*, thanked the Council for its work.
- *Karla Chalif Barrow, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority*, thanked the Council for its work and urged members to continue to focus on finding solutions to assist the homeless. She also urged the Council to consider the disproportionate numbers of homeless African Americans.
- *Ben Avey, Sacramento Steps Forward* thanked the Council for its work, especially fast implementation of HEAP, and stated that the Sacramento CoC will be submitting its HEAP application soon.
- *Krista Etebal, YMCA, San Diego*, asked the Council to dig deeper into homeless youth issues by recognizing the differences between adult and youth homelessness and strategizing appropriate responses.
- *Jevon Wilkes, California Coalition for Youth*, shared his experience as a formerly homeless youth and emphasized the need to have prevention measures in place. He recommended the Council should focus on youth because intervening at this age is critical to prevent and decrease the numbers of chronically homeless adults in California.
- *Dora Loranzo, College of Canyons*, encouraged the Council to consider the role of higher education in addressing youth homelessness since many students do not have a safe and stable place to sleep at night. She stressed the importance of having an education advocate at the Council table, so homeless students receive the support they need to stay in school and become successful young adults.
- *Sarah Dusseault, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority* thanked the panel and the Council. She commented that HEAP will come at a very critical time to help close the funding gap. She encouraged the Council to look at ways to expand services beyond the traditional methods, such as increasing programs' operating hours.

VII. Other matters not on the agenda for consideration at future meetings

Councilmember Metcalf suggested that other state departments on the Council be given the opportunity to provide updates on their programs and funding opportunities at the next Council meeting.

Council Chair Podesta requested a panel on the role of education in addressing homelessness at a future Council meeting.

There were no public comments.

VIII. Public Comments on items not on the agenda and next steps

There were no public comments.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:47pm.