

City of Los Angeles
Homeless Strategy Committee (HSC)
Thursday, January 26, 2017
11:15 AM

In Attendance:

Yolanda Chavez, Assistant City Administrative Officer, representing Patricia J. Huber, Acting City Administrative Officer.
Sharon Tso, Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA)
Wendy Greuel, Chair, Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority (LAHSA) Commission, Representing the Office of the Mayor

Others Present: See Attachment A

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 AM

2) Public Comment

No public comment

3) Review of Minutes

The Committee approved the minutes of December 22, 2016 on consent.

4) Oral reports on Women's Homelessness

a. 2016 Downtown Women's Needs Assessment – Presentation by Downtown Women's Center

Amy Turk and Sylvia Hernandez, Downtown Women's Center, presented on the Downtown Women's Needs Assessment.

- The Downtown Women's Center is contracting with LAHSA to prepare the Women's Housing Gap Analysis.

b. Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority (LAHSA) Commission Ad Hoc Committee on Women's Homelessness – Presentation by Wendy Greuel, LAHSA Commission Chair, Member of Homeless Strategy Committee

Wendy Greuel, LAHSA Commission Chair and Women's Homelessness AD HOC Committee provided an oral presentation on the goals and logistics of the LAHSA Commission AD HOC Committee on Women's Homelessness

- The Ad Hoc Committee meets monthly to discuss issues such as Domestic Violence, Housing, Budget, and Policy as it relates to Homeless Women.
- They are working on a report on results of outreach to Homeless Women who have experienced domestic violence.
- Ms. Greuel recommended a identifying how funds address women's homelessness in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget.

Public Comment: Eve Sheedy, Domestic Violence Task Force, spoke of their efforts of identifying more funds to get more domestic violence beds for homeless women and the need for domestic violence to be highlighted or taken into to consideration in the implementation of each Strategy in the Comprehensive Homeless Strategy.

5) Comprehensive Homeless Strategy

a. Status of Strategy 3E – Integration with County Health

Sobering Centers, and Update on Downtown Drop-In Center

i. Report from Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority

Christin Doyle, Project Manager for the Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority, provided an update on Strategy 3E – Integration with County Health Sobering Centers and an update on the Downtown Drop-in Center.

- LAHSA will request for \$450,000 for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year budget plus additional ESG funds.
- The average stay in the Sobering Center is 6 to 10 hours
- Yolanda Chavez, Assistant City Administrative Officer, requested data on the ERT hotline calls after 5pm along with a report on the feasibility of operating a 24 hour emergency line service.

Public Comment:

- Louise Mbella, Downtown Women’s Action Community, expressed her gratitude to the Committee for the efforts on women’s homelessness and suggested that the Committee should allow more people with lived experience speak at HSC meetings.
- Mello Desire spoke of her experience being a homeless woman and the mistreatment to homeless people by service provider staff.
- Stella Lopez, Industrial Bid, spoke about an experience she witnessed with a homeless woman and the need for more ERT service providers and shelter beds.

6) Next Meeting – Potential Agenda Items

- Presentation from Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles on the homeless programs
- Comprehensive Homeless Strategy - Strategy 6F Establish Access to Public Restrooms

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Attachment A: Full List of Attendees
Others Present:

C.M. Gong, Bureau of Street Services
James Don, Department of Aging
Colleen Murphy, Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority
Louise Mbella, Downtown Women's Action Committee
Estella Lopez
Claire Bowin, Department of City Planning
Alfred Poirier, Los Angeles Fire Department
Alana Rienerman, Shelter Partnership
Jose A. Alaverz, Los Angeles Port Police
Mello Desire, One Percent
Bill Weeks, Personnel Department
Gonzalo Barriga, Los Angeles Sanitation
Alisa Orduna, Mayor's Office
Rodney Johnson, KDG Construction Consulting
Ann McCall, Downtown Women's Action Committee
John Rodriguez, Depart of Disability
Kelli Pezzelle, Los Angeles Homeless Service Department
Amy Turk, Downtown Women's Center
Nadine Shimoji, Housing and Community Investment Department Los Angeles
Eve Sheedy, Los Angeles Domestic Violence Task Force
Eric Robles, General Services Department
Cally Hardy, Department of City Planning
Carlton Stubbs, Department of Recreation and Parks
Sonya Young-Jimenez, Department of Recreation and Parks
Paul Duncan, Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority
Martin Schlagetter, Council District 14
Ari Simon, Council District 14
Steve Pederson, Los Angeles Sanitation
Ivania Sobalvaro, Chief Legislative Analyst Office