



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLUE-RIBBON COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS**

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**



Wednesday, January 12, 2022

6:00 PM

AUDIO FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING (22-0401)

Attachments: [Audio Link](#)

Call to Order. (22-0097)

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Co-Chair Sarah Dusseault, Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH).

Present: Co-Chair Sarah Dusseault,
Co-Chair Christian Horvath,
Commissioner Theane Evangelis,
Commissioner Wendy Greuel,
Commissioner LaCheryl Porter,
Commissioner Marcel Rodarte (joined the meeting at 7:13 p.m.)
Commissioner Vanessa Sedano,
Commissioner Becky A. Shevlin

I. AB 361 STATEMENT RE BROWN ACT MEETINGS

1. Continuation of Commission Meetings by Teleconference in Compliance with AB 361. (22-0096)

Ms. Mary Wickham, Executive Director, BRCH, provided that, pursuant to action by the Board of Supervisors, the BRCH would continue meeting virtually due to the ongoing emergency.

Dr. Geneviève Clavreul addressed the BRCH.

On motion of Co-Chair Horvath, seconded by Commissioner Shevlin, and duly carried by the following vote, the BRCH received the information presented:

Ayes: 7 – Commissioner Evangelis, Commissioner Greuel,
Commissioner Porter, Commissioner Sedano
Commissioner Shevlin, Co-Chair Dusseault,
Co-Chair Horvath

Absent: 1 – Commissioner Rodarte

Attachments: [Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

II. RECOMMENDATION

2. Recommendation: Receive and file all presentations and the survey tool that will be presented on Wednesday, January 12, 2022. (22-0024)

No members of the public commented on this item.

On motion of Commissioner Shevlin, seconded by Commissioner Greuel, and duly carried by the following vote, the BRCH received and filed the presentations, Item Nos. 3 through 8; and Item No. 9, the survey tool:

Ayes: 7 – Commissioner Evangelis, Commissioner Greuel,
Commissioner Porter, Commissioner Sedano
Commissioner Shevlin, Co-Chair Dusseault,
Co-Chair Horvath

Absent: 1 – Commissioner Rodarte

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III. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

3. Presentation by Department of Mental Health: Jonathan E. Sherin, M.D., Ph.D., Director. (22-0032)

Dr. Jonathan E. Sherin presented on the Department of Mental Health's (DMH) investments and strategies in combatting homelessness.

Commissioner Greuel inquired about DMH's HOME (Homeless Outreach Mobile Engagement) teams and countywide coordination. Co-Chair Horvath inquired about clinician outreach with and without an emergency, public-safety response. Commissioner Shevlin inquired about desired legislative changes. Co-Chair Dusseault inquired about responsibility for outcome-setting and data collection. Commissioner Evangelis inquired about DMH's relationship with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA).

Dr. Geneviève Clavreul, Ms. Chris Rowe, Mr. Derek Gordon, and Ms. Reba Stevens addressed the BRCH.

Attachments: [Department of Mental Health Presentation Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

4. Presentation and discussion on the role of LAHSA and LAHSA's governance: Brandon D. Young, Partner, Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP. (Continued from the meeting of 01-05-22.) (21-4880)

Mr. Brandon D. Young presented on how decisions could be made to serve persons experiencing homelessness.

Commissioner Porter inquired about the authority and accountability of a proposed, centralized County entity coordinating homeless services. Co-Chair Horvath inquired about options with greater regionalization and decentralization. Commissioner Rodarte commented on the need for flexible spending of Measure H funding. Commissioner Greuel commented on the need to ensure adequate regional representation and fair distribution of services. Commissioner Shevlin commented on the importance of including cities and councils of government. Co-Chair Dusseault commented on the importance of what values to consider in evaluating recommendations and potential concerns about funding obligations.

Ms. Chris Rowe and Ms. Adriana addressed the BRCH and interested persons submitted written testimony.

Attachments: [County, City, and LAHSA Roles and Governance Presentation Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

5. Presentation by Department of Public Works: Rossana D'Antonio, Deputy Director. (22-0033)

Ms. Rossana D'Antonio presented on the Department of Public Works' initiatives and projects related to homelessness.

Co-Chair Horvath inquired about project placement on County and non-County land and projects with cities and councils of governments.

Ms. Chris Rowe and Ms. Adriana addressed the BRCH.

Attachments: [Department of Public Works Presentation](#)
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

6. Presentation by Peggy Edwards, Consultant, Population Change Institute; Board Member, Bridge to Home; and Board Member, Measure H Citizens' Oversight Advisory Board. (22-0034)

Ms. Peggy Edwards presented on concerns regarding contract administration. Ms. Edwards suggested recommendations to the homelessness system.

No member of the public commented on this item.

Attachments: [Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

7. Presentation by Hacienda Heights Improvement Association: Scott Martin, President. (22-0042)

Mr. Scott Martin presented on recommendations from the Hacienda Heights Improvement Association related to homeless services in Hacienda Heights, a community in the unincorporated areas of the County.

No member of the public commented on this item.

Attachments: [Hacienda Heights Improvement Association Presentation](#)
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

8. Presentation by the City of South El Monte: Rachel Barbosa, City Manager. (22-0045)

Ms. Rachel Barbosa presented on the City of South El Monte's work on homelessness, including the Mid Valley Collaborative on Homelessness, and recommendations.

Commissioner Rodarte commented on ongoing funding for cities and on multi-city, sub-regional partnerships. Co-Chair Horvath inquired about recommendations for a decentralized homeless system structure.

Commissioner Greuel commented on ongoing funding concerns throughout the homeless services system.

Ms. Chris Rowe and Ms. Reba Stevens addressed the BRCH.

Attachments: [City of South El Monte Presentation](#)
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

9. Discussion on survey tool to solicit top two governance issues that the following groups would like the Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness to address:
 - a. Racial Equity, including the LAHSA Ad Hoc Committee on Black People Experiencing Homelessness,
 - b. Lived Experience, including LAHSA's Lived Experience Advisory Board and the Homeless Youth Forum of Los Angeles, and
 - c. Councils of Governments. (22-0247)

Commissioner Shevlin commented on the need to educate survey participants to solicit useful responses to the open-ended questions. Co-Chair Dusseault inquired about council of government representation in the Antelope Valley.

No member of the public commented on this item.

Attachments: [BRCH Survey Tool](#)
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

10. Recommendation: Approval of the January 5, 2021, regular meeting minutes. (21-4661)

This item was continued to the next meeting.

Attachments: [January 5, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes](#)
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

V. MISCELLANEOUS

MATTERS NOT POSTED

11. Matters not posted on the agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation, or because of an emergency situation, or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (21-4719)

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

12. Opportunity for members of the public to address the BRCH on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the BRCH.

You may submit public comment by email to BRCH@brch.lacounty.gov.

Written public comment or documentation must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. the day before the scheduled meeting. Please include the agenda item and meeting date in your correspondence. Correspondence received shall become part of the official record. (21-4720)

Ms. Chris Rowe and Ms. Reba Stevens addressed the BRCH and interested persons submitted written testimony.

Attachments: [Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

ADJOURNMENT

13. Adjournment for the January 12, 2021, meeting. (21-4721)

Co-Chair Dusseault adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m. The next meeting of the Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness will be on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.