



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

**KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**



Wednesday, October 6, 2021

10:00 AM

AUDIO FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING (21-4056)

Attachments: [Audio Link](#)

Call to Order. (21-3879)

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Co-Chair Sarah Dusseault, Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness.

Present: Co-Chair Sarah Dusseault, Co-Chair Christian Horvath, Commissioner Theane Evangelis, Commissioner Wendy Greuel, Commissioner LaCheryl Porter, Commissioner Marcel Rodarte, Commissioner Vanessa Sedano, and Commissioner Becky A. Shevlin

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Continuation of Commission Meetings by Teleconference in Compliance with AB 361. (21-3933)

Ms. Mary Wickham, Executive Director, Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH), provided that, pursuant to action by the Board of Supervisors, the BRCH would continue meeting virtually due to the ongoing emergency.

No members of the public commented on this item.

On motion of Commissioner Shevlin, seconded by Commissioner Porter, and duly carried by the following vote, the BRCH received the information presented:

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

Absent: 1 – Co-Chair Horvath

2. Overview of Website Access and Call-in Instructions during the Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness Meetings. (21-3850)

Ms. Wickham provided that the BHRC website, including information about the meetings and how to provide public comment, is available at brch.lacounty.gov.

No members of the public commented on this item.

On motion of Commissioner Greuel, seconded by Commissioner Sedano, and duly carried by the following vote, the BRCH received the information presented:

Ayes: 8 – Commissioner Evangelis, Commissioner Greuel, Commissioner Porter, Commissioner Rodarte, Commissioner Sedano, Commissioner Shevlin, Co-Chair Dusseault, Co-Chair Horvath

Attachments: [Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

3. Approval of the September 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes. (21-3847)

No members of the public commented on this item.

On motion of Commissioner Greuel, seconded by Commissioner Rodarte, and duly carried by the following vote, the BRCH approved the minutes:

Ayes: 8 – Commissioner Evangelis, Commissioner Greuel, Commissioner Porter, Commissioner Rodarte, Commissioner Sedano, Commissioner Shevlin, Co-Chair Dusseault, Co-Chair Horvath

Attachments: [September 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes](#)
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

II. DISCUSSIONS

5. Overview, Discussion, and Action on the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's Background, Governance, Duties and Functions, and Strengths and Challenges. (21-3851)

- Ms. Heidi Marston, Executive Director, LAHSA
- Ms. Molly Rysman, Chief Programs Officer, LAHSA
- Ms. Kristina Dixon, Chief Financial Officer, LAHSA
- Ms. Jayanthi Daniel, Executive Management Officer, LAHSA
- Ms. Emily Vaughn Henry, Deputy Chief Information Officer, LAHSA
- Ms. La Tina Jackson, Deputy Director, Countywide Engagement Division, Department of Mental Health
- Ms. Libby Boyce, Deputy Director, Housing for Health Program, Department of Health Services
- Ms. Mandy Chapman Semple, Managing Partner, Clutch Consulting Group

Ms. Marston opened the presentation with a land acknowledgement.

Commissioner Rodarte commented that communication between the cities and LAHSA is a concern. Ms. Daniel provided that LAHSA is building up capacity to reach out to each city.

Commissioner Evangelis inquired about the number of LAHSA employees, titles, and roles. She also inquired as to how LAHSA became a system administrator. Ms. Rysman provided that LAHSA developed the system administration role in its strategic planning.

Commissioner Porter inquired about LAHSA's is a system direct outreach services. Ms. Rysman provided that LAHSA's direct services are a part of the health and safety response competency.

Commissioner Sedano inquired about the decision-making authority of the Continuum of Care (CoC) Board and the LAHSA Commission. Ms. Marston provided that LAHSA is still working on how to structure the roles and responsibilities of the boards. Co-Chair Dusseault commented that she was concerned about apparent contradictory information about the advisory and decision-making nature of the CoC Board and the Coordinated Entry System (CES) Policy Council.

Commissioner Shevlin inquired how and from who LAHSA is receiving direction and authority. Ms. Rysman provided that LAHSA is governed by the LAHSA Commission under the terms of the Joint Powers Authority. Commissioner Shevlin requested future discussion.

Co-Chair Dusseault inquired about system gaps, including vacancies in the Department of Mental Health's (DMH) Homeless Outreach and Mobile Engagement (HOME) Team. Ms. Jackson provided that DMH was recently authorized to hire and fill HOME team vacancies and continues to hire full-service partnerships (FSPs) and invest in sub-acute beds.

Commissioner Sedano inquired about the coordination of multi-disciplinary teams (MDTs). Ms. Rysman provided that MDTs are coordinated by the Department of Health Services (DHS) and that street outreach teams all use HMIS (Homeless Management Information System).

Commissioner Greuel requested information on how many beds and how many countywide teams currently exist and how that compares to need.

Commissioner Rodarte requested an item be added to a future agenda about the structure of the LAHSA Commission and the distribution of authority. He also inquired about how LAHSA is working with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD). Ms. Rysman provided that LAHSA has partnerships with LASD and its Homeless Outreach Services Team (HOST).

Commissioner Shevlin requested future discussion on governance, coordination, and equity in consideration of all the cities within the County.

Dr. Geneviève Clavreul addressed the BRCH.

On motion of Commissioner Shevlin, seconded by Commissioner Rodarte, and duly carried by the following vote, the BRCH received and filed the presentation presented:

Ayes: 8 – Commissioner Evangelis, Commissioner Greuel, Commissioner Porter, Commissioner Rodarte, Commissioner Sedano, Commissioner Shevlin, Co-Chair Dusseault, Co-Chair Horvath

Attachments: [LAHSA, BRCH Presentation, October 6, 2021](#)
[Continuum of Care Support Documents](#)
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

6. Presentation by Jonathan E. Sherin, MD, PhD, Director, County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health. (21-3862)

By common consent, there being no objection, this item was continued to a future meeting.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

MATTERS NOT POSTED

7. Matters not posted on the agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the BRCH, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (21-3854)

Co-Chair Dusseault requested a presentation by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs on their housing placements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

8. 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. (21-3849)

No members of the public addressed the BRCH.

Attachments: [Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

ADJOURNMENT

9. Adjournment for the BRCH Meeting of October 6, 2021. (21-3566)

Co-Chair Dusseault adjourned the regular meeting at 12:55 p.m. The next regular meeting of the BRCH will be held on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.