



**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, February 2, 2022

9:00 AM



AUDIO FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING (22-0506)

Attachments: [Audio Link](#)

Call to Order. (22-0506)

**The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Co-Chair Sarah Dusseault,
Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH).**

Present: Co-Chair Sarah Dusseault,
Co-Chair Christian Horvath,
Commissioner Wendy Greuel,
Commissioner LaCheryl Porter,
Commissioner Marcel Rodarte (left at 12:00 noon),
Commissioner Vanessa Sedano (left at 11:54 a.m.),
Commissioner Becky A. Shevlin

Absent: Commissioner Theane Evangelis,

I. RECOMMENDATION

1. Recommendation: Receive and file all presentations that will be presented on Wednesday, February 2, 2022. (22-0507)

No members of the public commented on this item.

On motion of Commissioner Rodarte, seconded by Commissioner Shevlin, and duly carried by the following vote, the BRCH approved to receive and file the recommendation, Item Nos. 2 through 6:

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

Absent: 1 Commissioner Evangelis

Attachments: [Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

II. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

2. Presentation by the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS):
- Antonia Jiménez, Director;
 - La Shonda Diggs, Division Chief, CalFresh and General Relief; and
 - Luther Evans, Jr., Division Chief, CalWorks. (22-0499)

Ms. Antonia Jiménez presented on the Department of Public Social Services and its work with people experiencing homelessness.

Co-Chair Dusseault inquired about responsibility for program evaluation and year-to-year funding decisions. Commissioner Shevlin inquired about DPSS’s relationship with LAHSA and County organization and infrastructure. Commissioner Rodarte inquired about potential recommendations to changes to LAHSA and year-to-year funding issues. Commissioner Greuel inquired about funding flexibility and points of entry for clients. Co-Chair Dusseault inquired about authority to change policy and funding requirements. Commissioner Rodarte commented on the importance of a County authority to make Measure H policy and funding decisions.

No member of the public commented on this item.

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

3. Presentation by the Department of Health Services:
- Sarah Mahin, Director, Housing for Health;
 - Heidi Behfourouz, Medical Director, Housing for Health;
 - Libby Boyce, Senior Director of Programs, Housing for Health;
 - Leepi Shimkhada, Senior Director of Housing and Services, Housing for Health; and
 - Rohini Khanna, Co-Deputy Director, Office of Diversion and Reentry. (22-0500)

Ms. Sarah Mahin presented on the Department of Health Services, Housing for Health Program (HfH).

Commissioner Greuel inquired about what distinguishes HfH and LAHSA's programs. Commissioner Shevlin inquired about Measure H funding, including continued future funding, streamlining the homeless system overall, and who assigns a specific acuity level to a client. Commissioner Porter inquired about outreach coordination, LAHSA outreach services, and collaboration between HfH and LAHSA for permanent housing development. Co-Chair Dusseault inquired about County policy-making authority.

Ms. Rohini Khanna presented on the Department of Health Services, Office of Diversion and Reentry (ODR).

Co-Chair Dusseault inquired about legal obligations to house ODR clients and the policymaking around allocating housing.

Ms. Alexis, Dr. Geneviève Clavreul, and Ms. Reba Stevens addressed the BRCH. Interested person(s) submitted written testimony.

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

4. Presentation by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD): William Snow, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs. (22-0501)

Mr. William Snow presented on the federal regulatory framework for continuums of care (CoCs).

Co-Chair Horvath inquired about sub-regionalization within CoCs and CoC models and best practice. Commissioner Shevlin inquired about funding availability for CoCs and the time expectations of CoC reformation. Commissioner Rodarte inquired about CoCs that also manage local funding. Co-Chair Dusseault inquired about the role and structure of the numerous boards and commissions and homelessness numbers.

No member of the public commented on this item.

Attachments: [U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Presentation Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

5. Presentation by the Los Angeles LGBT Center: Kiera Pollock, MSW, Director of Senior Services. (22-0502)

Ms. Kiera Pollock presented on the work of the Los Angeles LGBT Center and its recommendations to the BRCH.

Dr. Geneviève Clavreul addressed the BRCH.

Attachments: [Los Angeles LGBT Center Presentation Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

6. Presentation by the South Whittier School District: Reanna Mendoza, Ed.D, Director of Assessment, Accountability, and Parent Engagement; and Brenda Venegas, District Community Liaison. (22-0503)

Ms. Reanna Mendoza and Ms. Brenda Venegas presented on the South Whittier School District and its experiences with people experiencing homelessness.

Co-Chair Dusseault inquired about a city or County point-of-contact for the school district.

No member of the public commented on this item.

Attachments: [South Whittier School District Presentation Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

7. Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness discussion on the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's (LAHSA) role and governance, including County and City infrastructures. (22-0505)

By Comment Consent, there being no objection (Commissioners Evangelis, Rodarte and Sedano being absent), this item was continued.

Attachments: [Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

III. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

8. Recommendation: Approve the January 5, 2022, regular meeting minutes. (Continued from the meeting of 01-12-22). (22-0026)

No member of the public commented on this item.

On motion of Co-Chair Horvath, seconded by Commissioner Greuel, and duly carried by the following vote, the BRCH approved the January 5, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes:

Ayes: 5 – Commissioner Greuel, Commissioner Porter,
Commissioner Shevlin, Co-Chair Horvath,
Co-Chair Dusseault

Absent: 3 – Commissioner Evangelis, Commissioner Rodarte,
Commissioner Sedano

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

9. Recommendation: Approve the January 12, 2022, and January 19, 2022, regular meeting minutes. (22-0509)

No member of the public commented on this item.

On motion of Co-Chair Horvath, seconded by Commissioner Greuel, and duly carried by the following vote, the BRCH approved the January 12, 2022, and January 19, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes:

Ayes: 5 – Commissioner Greuel, Commissioner Porter,
Commissioner Shevlin, Co-Chair Horvath,
Co-Chair Dusseault

Absent: 3 – Commissioner Evangelis, Commissioner Rodarte,
Commissioner Sedano

Attachments: [January 12, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes](#)
[January 19, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes](#)
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

V. MISCELLANEOUS

MATTERS NOT POSTED

10. 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. (22-0471)

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

11. 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. (22-0472)

No members of the public addressed the BRCH.

Attachments: [Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

ADJOURNMENT

12. Adjournment for the January 19, 2022, meeting. (22-0511)

Co-Chair Dusseault adjourned the meeting at 12:12 p.m. The next meeting of the Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness will be on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.