



**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 20, 2021

9:00 AM

AUDIO FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING (21-4206)

Attachments: [Audio Link](#)

Call to Order. (21-4011)

Co-Chair Christian Horvath, Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH), called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Co-Chair Sarah Dusseault, Co-Chair Christian Horvath, Commissioner Theane Evangelis, Commissioner Wendy Greuel (joined at 9:05 a.m.), Commissioner LaCheryl Porter, Commissioner Marcel Rodarte, Commissioner Vanessa Sedano, and Commissioner Becky A. Shevlin

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Overview of Website Access and Call-in Instructions during the Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness Meetings. (21-4000)

Ms. Mary Wickham, Executive Director, BRCH, provided that the BRCH website is available at brch.lacounty.gov.

No members of the public commented on this item.

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

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

Absent: 1 – Commissioner Greuel

Attachments: [Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

II. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION

3. Presentation and Discussion on the San Gabriel Valley Council of Government's White Paper on Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority Reform. (21-4006)

Marisa Creter, Executive Director, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) presented on SGVCOG's work on homelessness and its white paper on Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) reform.

Commissioner Greuel inquired about earmarked State funding allocated to SGVCOG. Commissioner Porter inquired about proportional representation in homelessness governance based on per capita homelessness.

Ms. Creter provided that LAHSA funds service providers and not cities. Commissioner Rodarte inquired about local support for the expansion of Measure H innovation funds and for continuation of Measure H.

Commissioner Evangelis inquired about the limitations on Measure H funding, including prohibitions on funding local law enforcement for outreach purposes. Co-Chair Dusseault commented on councils of government (COG) and contract cities providing input to the County on Measure H spending and on future funding from other sources.

Co-Chair Dusseault also commented on funding services for acute needs.

Joseph Lyons, Richard Corral, April A. Verlato, Jody Schulz, Karen Davis, Mike Miller, Melissa Varela, Ronson Chu, Diana Mahmud, and Alex Furtado addressed the BRCH. Interested person(s) also submitted written testimony.

On motion of Commissioner Greuel, seconded by Co-Chair Dusseault, and duly carried by the following vote, the BRCH received and filed the presentation presented:

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

Attachments: [SGVCOG White Paper on LAHSA Reform](#)
[SGVCOG Presentation](#)
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

4. Presentation and Discussion on the County of Los Angeles's Report on Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's Governance. (21-4007)

Ms. Arlene Barrera, Auditor-Controller, and Ms. Cheri Todoroff, Interim Director, Chief Executive Office Homeless Initiative (CEO-HI) presented on a report to the Board of Supervisors on LAHSA's structure and function.

Commissioner Shevlin inquired about regular reporting requirements for LAHSA. Ms. Barrera provided that Auditor-Controller supervises an annual audit of LAHSA. Co-Chair Dusseault provided that LAHSA undergoes regular internal auditing and auditing by the State and other funders. Commissioner Gruel inquired about audits of County departments that receive Measure H funding. Co-Chair Horvath inquired about streamlining contract administration and payout to awardees and LAHSA's advance payment process. Ms. Barrera provided that auditors identified time delays for payouts because sub-sub-contractors' claims were held up by sub-contractors of LAHSA. Commissioner Shevlin inquired about the potential or need for a management audit. Commissioner Porter commented that the County ensures advances, but other funding sources do not advance award payouts or advance under restrictions.

Dr. Geneviève Clavreul, and Joseph Lyons addressed the BRCH.

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

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

Attachments: [LAHSA Governance Presentation](#)
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

5. Presentation and Discussion on Measure H:

- Background
- How Money Is Collected and Allocated, Including Homeless Strategies Currently Funded by Measure H
- Breakdown of Contracts and Scope/Limitations of Measure H Funding (21-4008)

Mr. Matt McGloin, Senior Assistant Chief Executive Officer, County Budget Officer; Ms. Cheri Todoroff, Interim Director, CEO-HI; and Ms. Christine Margiotta, Chair, Measure H Citizens' Oversight Advisory Board (COAB) presented on Measure H funding.

Co-Chair Dusseault inquired about Measure H innovation funding for multi-year projects and on accountability for funding of services at higher levels of care from County departments. Commissioner Shevlin commented on concerns about city programs limited by one-time funding from the innovation fund and on the need for legislative change.

Commissioner Rodarte inquired about the use of Measure H funding for the construction of interim housing. Commissioner Evangelis inquired about the level of proscription of Measure H funds provided to LAHSA.

Joseph Lyons, Dr. Geneviève Clavreul, and Mike Miller addressed the BRCH.

On motion of Commissioner Shevlin, seconded by Commissioner Gruel, and duly carried by the following vote, the BRCH received and filed the presentations presented and continued the presentation by LAHSA to November 3, 2021 meeting:

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

Attachments: [Homeless Initiative Funding Presentation](#)
[Homeless Initiative Strategies Funding Presentation](#)
[Measure H Citizens' Oversight Advisory Board Presentation](#)
[LAHSA Measure H Funding Presentation](#)
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

III. MISCELLANEOUS

MATTERS NOT POSTED

6. Matters no 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 where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (21-4002)

Co-Chair Dusseault requested to hear from other local continuums of care on transparency issues from the contract cities and other councils of government.

PUBLIC COMMENT

7. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission.

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. (21-4003)

Joseph Lyons and Wendy addressed the BRCH.

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ADJOURNMENT

8. Adjournment of the Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness Meeting of October 20, 2021. (21-4004)

Co-Chair Horvath adjourned the meeting at 12:53 p.m. The next regular meeting of the BRCH will be held on Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.