



**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, November 3, 2021

9:00 AM



AUDIO FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING (21-4470)

Attachments: [Audio Link](#)

Call to Order. (21-4166)

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 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, and Commissioner Becky A. Shevlin

Absent: Commissioner Vanessa Sedano

I. AB 361 STATEMENT RE BROWN ACT MEETINGS

1. Continuation of Commission Meetings by Teleconference in Compliance with AB 361. (21-4273)

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 state of emergency due to Covid-19.

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 the information presented:

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

Absent: 1 – Commissioner Sedano

II. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

2. Presentation and discussion on Measure H (continued from the meeting of October 20, 2021).

- Background;
- How money is collected and allocated, including Homeless Strategies currently funded by Measure H;
- Breakdown of contracts, and scope/limitation of Measure H funding (21-4008)

Ms. Molly Rysman, Chief Programs Officer, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA); Ms. Kristina Dixon, Chief Financial Officer, LAHSA; Ms. Libby Boyce, Housing for Health, Department of Health Services; Ms. Leepi Shimkhada, Housing for Health, Department of Health Services; and Ms. Maria Funk, Department of Mental Health presented on Measure H and other funding to LAHSA, the types of housing, and placement in housing. Ms. Rysman opened the presentation with a land acknowledgement.

Commissioner Shevlin inquired about local preference considerations for housing placements. Co-Chair Horvath inquired about data systems, the process of identifying behavioral health service needs, and outcomes for mental health services. Commissioner Greuel inquired about the decision-making process for Measure H funding allocation. Commissioner Porter inquired about ensuring geographic coverage for services. Co-Chair Dusseault inquired about the responsibility for monitoring system gaps between current resources compared to needed resources.

Ms. Marsha McLean, Ms. Walker, and Ms. Bridget G. addressed the BRCH. Interested persons also submitted written testimony.

On motion of Co-Chair Horvath, seconded by Commissioner Shevlin, and duly carried by the following vote, the BRCH received and filed LAHSA's presentation on Measure H:

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

Absent: 1 – Commissioner Sedano

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](#)

3. Presentation and discussion by the Faith Collaborative to End Homelessness: Co-Chair Steven Yu, Co-Chair Allyson Crosby, and Member Amara Ononiwu. (21-4169)

Mr. Steven Yu, Ms. Amara Ononiwu, and Mr. Dan Davidson presented on faith-based organizations (FBO) and homeless services and provided recommendations.

Commissioner Evangelis inquired about LAHSA coordination with FBOs. Ms. Ononiwu provided that FBOs face administrative hurdles to becoming funded service providers. Mr. Davidson provided that FBOs participating as decision-makers on day-to-day operations of the Pasadena Continuum of Care has been beneficial.

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 presentation:

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

Absent: 1 – Commissioner Sedano

Attachments: [Faith Collaborative to End Homelessness Presentation](#)
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

4. Presentation and discussion by the City of Glendora: Adam Raymon, City Manager; and Moises Lopez, Assistant City Manager. (21-4210)

Mr. Adam Raymond and Mr. Moises Lopez presented on the City of Glendora's experience with homelessness and funding homeless services.

Commissioner Greuel commented on the difficulty in calculating Measure H returns to cities because they may not include Measure H funding of County services for a city's homeless population.

Commissioner Rodarte inquired about communication between the County or LAHSA and cities and whether cities understood Measure H necessarily to fund services as opposed to housing construction.

Commissioner Rodarte left the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

Dr. Geneviève Clavreul, and Ms. Bridget G. addressed the BRCH.

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

Ayes: 6 – Commissioner Evangelis, Commissioner Greuel,
Commissioner Porter, Commissioner Shevlin,
Co-Chair Dusseault, Co-Chair Horvath

Absent: 2 – Commissioner Rodarte, Commissioner Sedano

Attachments: [City of Glendora Presentation](#)
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

5. Presentation and discussion by person with lived experience, Reba Stevens. (21-4213)

Ms. Reba Stevens presented on her lived experience and on equity issues for Black people experiencing homelessness and school-aged youth experiencing homelessness and the Regional Homelessness Advisory Council (RHAC).

No members of the public commented on this item.

On motion of Co-Chair Horvath, seconded by Commissioner Evangelis, and, by common consent, there being no objection (Commissioners Rodarte and Sedano being absent), the BRCH received and filed the presentation.

Attachments: [Reba Stevens's Presentation](#)
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

6. Presentation and discussion by the Helpline Youth Counseling: Jeff Farber, Executive Director; and Cristina Ramirez, Director of Homelessness. (21-4207)

Mr. Jeff Farber and Ms. Cristina Ramirez presented on Helpline Youth Counseling's services and recommendations to the BRCH.

No members of the public commented on this item.

No action was taken by the BRCH due to lack of a quorum.

Attachments: [Helpline Youth Counseling Presentation](#)
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

7. Presentation and discussion by The Shower of Hope: Mel Tillekeratne, Executive Director and Co-Founder. (21-4167)

Mr. Mel Tillekeratne presented recommendations and concerns about current homeless services, including an influx of non-local people experiencing homelessness into Los Angeles County, geographic disparities in service provision, alternatives to housing first models, and needs for additional mental health and substance use disorder services. Mr. Tillekeratne also commented on training and wages for outreach workers and the request for proposal (RFP) process.

No members of the public commented on this item.

No action was taken by the BRCH due to lack of a quorum.

Attachments: [Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

8. Presentation and discussion by Union Station Homeless Services: Anne Miskey, Chief Executive Officer; and Shawn Morrissey, Senior Director of Advocacy and Community Engagement. (21-4215)

Ms. Miskey provided that related systems need to be held accountable for inflow into homelessness, on the administrative burdens on homeless services providers, and on the lack of funding for administration and staff. Ms. Miskey also provided concern about cities interrupting a regional response based on best practices and that cities could best help by building housing supply. Mr. Morrissey provided the continued importance of a true housing first model and concerns about enforcement and lack of an adequate treatment system.

No members of the public commented on this item.

No action was taken by the BRCH due to lack of a quorum.

Attachments: [Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

9. Presentation and discussion by Downtown Women’s Center: Amy Turk, Chief Executive Officer. (21-4214)

Ms. Turk presented on Downtown Women’s Center services and provided recommendations, including: improving regional coordination for federal and state funding competitiveness; considering LAHSA’s duplication of outreach services; needing stable, long-term funding; considering the exemplary model of the County’s Housing for Health program; and moving away from one-size-fits-all mentality to consider the needs of specific populations.

Co-Chair Dusseault inquired about opening up access to HMIS to cities from the perspective of service providers.

No members of the public commented on this item.

No action was taken by the BRCH due to lack of a quorum.

Attachments: [Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

III. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

10. Approval of the October 20, 2021 regular meeting minutes. (21-4168)

This item was continued to November 17, 2021.

Attachments: [October 20, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes](#)
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

11. Discussion on ad hoc committees and/or survey tool to solicit three to five components of what a governance model may include from the following committees or a survey to solicit similar information:

- Racial Equity, including Black People Experiencing Homelessness;
- Lived Experience;
- Councils of Governments. (21-4218)

This item was continued to November 17, 2021.

Attachments: [Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

12. Recommendation: Propose evening meeting on January 5, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (21-4216)

This item was continued to November 17, 2021.

Attachments: [Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

13. Recommendation: Propose additional commission meetings for discussion by Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness on Themes/Problems and Recommendations. (21-4217)

This item was continued to November 17, 2021.

Attachments: [Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

MATTERS NOT POSTED

14. 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. (21-4170)

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

15. 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. (21-4171)

No members of the public addressed the BRCH.

Attachments: [Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

ADJOURNMENT

16. Adjournment for the November 6, 2021, Meeting. (21-4172)

Co-Chair Dusseault adjourned the meeting at 1:24 p.m. The next meeting of the Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness will be on November 17, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.