



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

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**



Wednesday, March 16, 2022

9:00 AM

AUDIO FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING (22-1214)

Attachments: [Audio Link](#)

Call to Order. (22-1196)

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Co-Chair Christian Horvath, 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,
Commissioner Vanessa Sedano,
Commissioner Becky A. Shevlin

I. PRESENTATION

1. Presentation by the City of El Monte: Alma K. Martinez, City Manager. (22-1198)

Ms. Alma K. Martinez presented on the challenges, lessons learned, successes, and communication and support from the First Supervisorial District regarding homelessness in the City of El Monte.

Ms. Martinez and the BRCH discussed the topic.

Mr. Jon Christian, Dr. Geneviève Clavreul, and Ms. Rachel Barbosa addressed the BRCH.

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

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

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

II. DISCUSSION

2. Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness discussion and vote on recommendations and options. (22-1199)

Mr. Brandon D. Young, Partner, Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP, introduced the following recommendations for the BRCH to consider, discuss, make suggestions on, and vote to recommend to the Board of Supervisors.

The BRCH and its staff discussed and suggested changes to the language of the recommendations before a final vote.

Recommendation No. 1: County Entity & Leader

- **Primary components**
 - **Create entity with *Responsible Charge* [accountability (BS add), and authority (LP add)] over homelessness within County**
 - ♦ **Prevention (SD add)**
 - ♦ **Rehousing (SD add)**
 - ♦ **Housing acquisition (SD add)**
 - ♦ **Access to medical care (SD add); including mental health (BS add), and SUD (SD)**
 - ♦ **Ensure accountability for timely contracting and payments (SD)**
 - ♦ **Urgent access to services (outreach, 24/7, one-number call, weekends and holidays) (SD add)**
 - **Services must be sustainable over long period (VS add)**
 - **Identify new County Leader and/or elevate role of CEO-HI (LP add) [Alternatively, refer as “Identify County Leader” (TE add, MR, SD, BS, WG agree)]**
 - ♦ **Not intended to “reshuffle deck” (TE add)**
 - ♦ **Not intended to create new bureaucracy (SD add)**
 - **Establish Inter-County *Workgroups***
 - **Establish *Subregional Leadership* Infrastructure (e.g., Regional Committees)**

On motion of Co-Chair Dusseault, seconded by Commissioner Greuel, and duly carried by the following vote, the BRCH approved Recommendation No. 1:

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

The BRCH addressed and discussed the Public Comment on this item and decided, by consensus, that the BRCH will address Public Comment after discussion of all the recommendations under this item.

Dr. Geneviève Clavreul, Mr. Joseph Lyons, Mr. Richard Corral, Mr. Gilbert Saldate, and Ms. Reba Stevens addressed the BRCH. Interested persons submitted written testimony.

Following Public Comment, on motion of Co-Chair Dusseault, seconded by Commissioner Greuel, and duly carried by the following vote, the BRCH reconsidered Recommendation No. 1:

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

The BRCH discussed amending Recommendation No. 1 to:

- **Primary components**
 - Create entity with *Responsible Charge* [accountability (BS add), and authority (LP add)] over homelessness within County
 - ♦ Prevention (SD add)
 - ♦ Rehousing (SD add)
 - ♦ Housing acquisition (SD add)
 - ♦ Access to medical care (SD add); including mental health (BS add), and SUD (SD)
 - ♦ Ensure accountability for timely contracting and payments (SD)
 - ♦ Urgent access to services (outreach, 24/7, one-number call, weekends and holidays) (SD add)
 - Services must be sustainable over long period (VS add)
 - “Identify County Leader” (TE add, MR, SD, BS, WG agree)
 - ♦ Not intended to “reshuffle deck” (TE add)
 - ♦ Not intended to create new bureaucracy (SD add)
 - Establish Inter-County *Workgroups*
 - Establish *Subregional Leadership* Infrastructure (e.g., Regional Committees)

On motion of Commissioner Sedano, seconded by Commissioner Evangelis, and duly carried by the following vote, the BRCH reconsidered Recommendation No. 1 as amended:

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

Recommendation No. 2: Measure H / Local Solutions

- **Primary components**
 - In order to improve and create relationships with cities and COGs [SD, BS add], establish a *multi-year “local solutions” fund* within Measure H
 - Use an algorithm or funded at an amount *to be defined by the Board*
 - Make available to *“jurisdictions that will make a commitment”* (LP add, WG, VS agree) to provide *in-kind or matching contributions* for the development of service programs and housing
 - ♦ Make available to jurisdictions that will share data (VS add)
 - Should *not detract* from or take dollars away from *successful* work done by our stakeholders [and should ensure equity (SD add, BS, WG, MR agree)]

On motion of Commissioner Shevlin, seconded by Commissioner Rodarte, and duly carried by the following vote, the BRCH approved Recommendation No. 2:

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

Recommendation/Option No. 3a: Streamlined LAHSA

- **Primary components**
 - “LAHSA to transition away from direct services in order for County entity to coordinate urgent access to direct services”
 - *Study allocation of Measure H funds* between LAHSA, County Departments, and County entity
 - ♦ Should not disrupt service delivery or undercut successful programs
 - Focus on role as CoC (*rehousing* [SD add]) *lead* (e.g., PIT, HMIS, annual application, etc.)
- **Governance**
 - In the interim (SD add), *maintain the current number of seats (10)* on the LAHSA Commission but *change who sits on them* (e.g., County department heads, those with lived expertise (SD add), COGs or cities (SD add))
 - ♦ (Potential immediate action *prior* to LAHSA Commission-CoC Board-CES Policy Council consolidation (Potential Recommendation No. 4))

On motion of Commissioner Rodarte, seconded by Commissioner Shevlin, and duly carried by the following vote, the BRCH approved Recommendation No. 3a:

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

Recommendation No. 4: Modify CoC Leadership

- **Primary components**
 - **Begin process to *consolidate*** [WG add] LAHSA Commission, CoC Board, and Coordinated Entry System Policy Council *into a single board*
 - ♦ Process would include analysis of proper evaluation of size, composition, and equity (LP add)
 - ♦ Board would include but not be limited to city, COG, lived expertise, subject-matter expertise, business, FBO representation (SD add)
 - ♦ May require amendment to JAP to address change in composition and size and remain functional (SD, WG, CH add)
 - ♦ Refer to 3a re governance (BS add)
 - In the *interim*, appoint County *Department Heads to CES Policy Council*
 - ♦ Should not be justification to avoid collapsing boards

On motion of Commissioner Shevlin, seconded by Co-Chair Dusseault, and duly carried by the following vote, the BRCH approved Recommendation No. 4:

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

Recommendation No. 5: Improve LAHSA's Operations

- **Primary components**
 - **Define decision-making responsibilities** including but not limited to the LAHSA Commission and LAHSA Executive Director, various boards and Executive Director, CoC, and other policies (CH add)
 - **Embed Ops Team** to improve LAHSA's Operations, focused on—
 - ♦ Contracting
 - ♦ Procurement
 - ♦ Payment systems
 - ♦ Technical assistance
 - ♦ Improve communications
 - ♦ Weekend work
 - ♦ Ensuring LAHSA's executive team has the depth, resources, and support to operate an organization of the size and complexity of LAHSA

On motion of Commissioner Greuel, seconded by Commissioner Rodarte, and duly carried by the following vote, the BRCH approved Recommendation No. 5:

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

Recommendation No. 6: Data and Metrics

- **Primary components**
 - **Require (CH, SD add) data sharing**
 - ♦ HMIS access
 - ♦ Between County departments
 - ♦ Between cities, County, and LAHSA (VS add)
 - **Establish/implement quality standards for data reporting and standards of sharing to the extent compliant with law (WG add)**
 - **Define and implement metrics of success and tools for accountability (BS add)**
 - **Develop formulas for tracking—**
 - ♦ Measure H funds by County Department and city-by-city level
 - ♦ Use of all funds systemwide
 - ♦ Metrics through an equity lens

On motion of Commissioner Shevlin, seconded by Co-Chair Dusseault, and duly carried by the following vote, the BRCH approved Recommendation No. 6:

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

Recommendation No. 7: Executive-Level Action Team

- **Primary components**
 - **County to support “Centering” forum**
 - **Decisionmakers to convene**
 - **Intended to (SD add)—**
 - ♦ **Drive reforms requiring urgency**
 - ♦ **Discuss issues of common interest**
 - ♦ **Facilitate data development and sharing**

On motion of Co-Chair Dusseault, seconded by Commissioner Shevlin, and duly carried by the following vote, the BRCH approved Recommendation No. 7:

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

Attachments: [Supporting Document](#)
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

III. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

3. Revised to Read: Recommendation: Approve the March 2, 2022, and March 9, 2022, regular meeting minutes. (Continued from the meeting of 03-09-22). (22-0026)

No member of the public commented on this item.

On motion of Commissioner Rodarte, seconded by Co-Chair Dusseault, and duly carried by the following vote, the BRCH approved the March 2, 2022 and March 9, 2022, regular meeting minutes:

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

Attachments: [March 2, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes](#)
[March 9, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes](#)
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IV. MISCELLANEOUS

MATTERS NOT POSTED

9. 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. (22-1197)

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

10. 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. (22-1202)

No members of the public addressed the BRCH.

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ADJOURNMENT

11. Adjournment for the March 16, 2022, meeting. (22-1206)

Co-Chair Horvath adjourned the meeting at 1:06 p.m. The next meeting of the Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness will be on Wednesday, March 30, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.