

Kimberly Wee, Co-Chair
Jamies Shuford, Co-Chair
Aiko Tan, Member
Anna Topolewski, Member
Brandon Washington, Member
Claude Diles III, Member
Daniel Brezenoff, Member
Hawk McFadzen, Member



Luther Richert, Member
Melanie Martins, Member
Nikki Amick, Member
Pam Chotiswatdi, Member
Shelbby Bambrick, Member
Tamika Boyce, Member
Zhen McCullom, Member

FINISHED AGENDA & DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 3:07 PM by Co-Chair Kimberly Wee.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Wee, Shuford, Tan, Topolewski, Washington, Brezenoff, Richert, Martins, Chotiswatdi, Bambrick, Boyce, McFadzen, Diles III, Amick, McCullom

Also present: Stephanie Sosa, Community Program Specialist, Jennifer Santana, Secretary, Alexa Dixon-Griggs, Community Program Specialist V, Paul Duncan, Attendee, Jeffrey Proctor, Attendee.

Roll call taken by Jennifer Santana.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. 24-54091 Recommendation to approve the minutes from the Continuum of Care (CoC) Board Meeting on June 11, 2024.

A motion was made by Member Topolewski, seconded by Member McFadzen, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 Wee, Shuford, Tan, Topolewski, Richert, McFadzen, Amick, McCullom, Diles III

No: 0 None

Recused: 0 None

Abstain: 0 None

Absent: 6 Washington, Brezenoff, Martins, Chotiswatdi, Bambrick, Boyce

2. 24-54092 Recommendation to discuss and vote on CoC Board Applicants.

- Item number 2 tabled for the next meeting; the board did not receive any applications.
- No public comment.
- No vote.

A motion was made by Co-Chair Wee, seconded by Co-Chair Shuford, that this item be laid over to the next Continuum of Care (CoC) meeting of Tuesday September 10, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 10 Wee, Shuford, Tan, Topolewski, Washington, Richert, McFadzen, Amick, McCullom, Diles III
No: 0 None
Recused: 0 None
Abstain: 0 None
Absent: 5 Brezenoff, Martins, Chotiswatdi, Bambrick, Boyce

3. 24-54093 Recommendation to receive and file the 2024 CoC Board Retreat Summary.

- A summary of the board retreat held on April 30th was provided by city staff Alexa Dixon-Griggs from the Health Department, emphasizing tangible goals and focus areas for the CoC.
- Activities like mind mapping were used to determine the board's focus for the upcoming year.
- Topics mentioned during the retreat include funding, collaboration, and policies and procedures. Subtopics included:
- Utilizing data in new ways to communicate services effectively with various agencies.
- Seeking additional funding sources outside the COC to support initiatives.
- Increasing knowledge and training to enhance program standards and accountability.
- Enhancing efficiency in accessing housing resources like vouchers.
- Implementing trauma-informed practices through training and warm hand offs.
- Oscar, a housing navigator employee, had questions around affordable housing units.
- City Staff respond.
- No further comments, no public comment.

A motion was made by Member Amick, seconded by Member Washington, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 10 Wee, Shuford, Tan, Topolewski, Washington, Richert, McFadzen, Amick, McCullom, Diles III

No: 0 None
Recused: 0 None
Abstain: 0 None
Absent: 5 Brezenoff, Martins, Chotiswatdi, Bambrick, Boyce

4. 24-54094 Recommendation to approve the 2024 CoC policies.

- City staff Alexa Dixon-Griggs and Cassandra Bonney from the Health Department provided an overview. Minor edits were highlighted, such as adding links to reporting portals and document libraries.
- Members of the board had questions regarding how often the policies are updated, City Staff responded, Policies are being reviewed periodically but are updated on an annual basis.
- No further comments, no public comment.

A motion was made by Member McFadzen, seconded by Member Diles III, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 10 Wee, Shuford, Tan, Topolewski, Washington, Richert, McFadzen, Amick, McCullom, Diles III
No: 0 None
Recused: 0 None
Abstain: 0 None
Absent: 5 Brezenoff, Martins, Chotiswatdi, Bambrick, Boyce

5. 24-54095 Recommendation to approve 2024 System Performance Measure presentation by Dalton Dorr from the Health Department.

- City staff Dalton Dorr from the Health Department provided an overview, The discussion focused on updating performance measures for different program types like permanent supportive housing, rapid rehousing, and transitional housing.
- Measures were explained to compare outcomes within program types and set thresholds for success.
- City Staff commented on the NOFO dropping soon, this will be used within the scoring and ranking and what programs will be prioritized. The metrics used are like what other communities are using.
- No further comments, no public comment.

A motion was made by Member Topolewski, seconded by Member Richert, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 1 McFadzen
No: 0 None

Recused: 0 None

Abstain: 0 None

Absent: 14 Wee, Shuford, Tan, Topolewski, Washington, Brezenoff, Richert, Martins, Chotiswatdi, Bambrick, Boyce, Amick, McCullom, Diles III

6. 24-54096 Recommendation to receive and file the Homeless Services Bureau Staff and Operations Update presentation by Paul Duncan from the Health Department.

Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Bureau Manager presented.

- HSB is pursuing Cal AIM services through the city health department and applying for encampment resolution funding.
- Application for the state funding ERF 3 has been submitted, funding will be focused around the LA riverbed area.
- HHAP round 6 proposal has been added bringing in 1billion dollars towards FY25, some minor changes on who will be administering the funds at the state level and expenditure requirements.
- The Vagabond Inn is at full capacity, we are starting to get referrals for rapid rehousing services.
- The MSC will have a pet food event with Project Street Vet on July 12th and will be providing pet food going forward.
- Community Care Campus is now operational. There will be recuperative care beds, beds for people that are coming off hospitalization, and sobering beds.
- New construction will be taking place at the MSC kids' corner, this will help make it more comfortable and private for families and kids.
- City Staff Alexa Dixon-Griggs reports on CoC updates, Crystal Marin has been promoted to participant engagement specialist and will oversee participant feedback.
- The un-sheltered NOFO will begin in October, this is a three-year contract. An RFP for ICMS services through the NOFO will be out soon, we will be reviewing this internally and hoping for a tentative January start date, we will be having a panel for anyone interested in reviewing these applications.
- Monthly office hours are being hosted by Terry and Ka Homeless Services Bureau staff. This is open to any of our CoC sub-recipients, this is a great opportunity to ask questions, get feedback on programs or HMIS questions.
- The ABEL board is still on hold until further notice, staff is waiting on everyone to complete their onboarding process to resume meetings.

A motion was made by Member Amick, seconded by Member Topolewski, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 10 Wee, Shuford, Tan, Topolewski, Washington, Richert, McFadzen, Amick, McCullom, Diles III

No: 0 None

Recused: 0 None

Abstain: 0 None

Absent: 5 Brezenoff, Martins, Chotiswatdi, Bambrick, Boyce

7. 24-54121 Recommendation to discuss the Supreme Court Ruling in the case of City of Grants Pass V. Johnson.

Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Bureau Manager presented.

- The supreme court ruling in the case of City of Grants Pass V. Johnson was pushed to the supreme court and a decision was issued on June 28th.
- Cities are choosing to roll out the ordinances into action quickly. The adjustments that the city of Long Beach will make will be minor, and they will be rolled out over time.
- The effort is to make sure that whatever happens is not a heavy-handed criminalization of homelessness, however there will be some type of adjustment.
- There was further conversation around this topic between the members of the board and city staff.
- The focus will be to make sure that public spaces are accessible to community members. This does not change the requirement around posting for cleanups.
- No current anticipation to take this to city council yet, but it will go to the community safety committee at the end of July. In the event things change and it does need to go to council then we will notify the board.
- No further comment or public comment.

A motion was made by Member Richert, seconded by Member Topolewski, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 10 Wee, Shuford, Tan, Topolewski, Washington, Richert, McFadzen, Amick, McCullom, Diles III

No: 0 None

Recused: 0 None

Abstain: 0 None

Absent: 5 Brezenoff, Martins, Chotiswatdi, Bambrick, Boyce

8. 24-54097 Recommendation to receive and file the HSAC Representative Report.

- Item number 8 tabled for next meeting, HSAC meeting canceled for the Month of July due to quorum issues.
- No vote.

A motion was made by Co-Chair Shuford, seconded by Co-Chair Wee, that this item be laid over to the next Continuum of Care (CoC) meeting of

Tuesday September 10, 2024. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 0 None

No: 0 None

Recused: 0 None

Abstain: 0 None

Absent: 15 Wee, Shuford, Tan, Topolewski, Washington, Brezenoff, Richert, Martins, Chotiswatdi, Bambrick, Boyce, McFadzen, Amick, McCullom, Diles III

PUBLIC COMMENT

- N/A

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NOFO season is upon us, an emergency meeting could be called in the month of August.

ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chair Jamies Shufford adjourned the meeting at 4:21 PM.

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