

**Measure H Citizens' Oversight Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, June 7, 2018  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 374A  
500 W. Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012**

**ATTENDEES**

**Advisory Board:** Christine Margiotta (Chair), Andrew Kerr

**Homeless Initiative Staff:** Phil Ansell, Rowena Magaña, Ani Yeghiyan

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

- a. Ms. Margiotta called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.
- b. Quorum was not met at the time the meeting was called to order; with two of the five members present.

**II. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Since quorum was not met, meeting minutes from March and May 2018 were not addressed.

**III. 2018 Homeless Count – Peter Lynn, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)**

- a. Sarah Mahin from LAHSA presented the 2018 Homeless Count results, which took place in January 2018. Highlights included:
  - 2017 was highest year-to-date of people moving into homes with 16,519 housing placements in the Los Angeles Continuum of Care.
  - Homelessness has gone down for the first time in four years: 5% decrease in City of Los Angeles and a 3% decrease in Los Angeles County overall.
  - 18% decrease in homeless veterans count due to dedicated resources for veterans.
  - 16% decrease in chronic homelessness due to prioritized placement into supportive housing.
  - Youth homeless placements increased by 43% due to dedicated resources for this population.
  - The number of sheltered youth increased by 20%.
- b. Key discussions included:
  - Mr. Kerr requested clarification on the difference between the LAHSA Homeless Count and the CEO homeless population estimate. Mr. Ansell explained that the LAHSA count only includes the literal definition of homeless, while the CEO estimate has a broader definition. Mr. Kerr said there is a need to look at broader sets of data to identify those who are close to falling into homelessness to inform the implementation of appropriate prevention strategies.
  - Ms. Margiotta highlighted that 9,000 people were homeless for the first time and asked if prior year estimates were available. Ms. Mahin

indicated that LAHSA would be conducting that analysis and using that information to help target prevention measures.

- Mr. Kerr emphasized that the 565,000 affordable housing units that are still needed are directly tied to the affordability issue in the County.
- c. Public Comment: Each speaker was allowed two minutes for public comment. There were no comments on this item.

#### **IV. Measure H Quarterly Report, Dashboard, and Graphic Presentation of Key Outcome Data – Phil Ansell, Homeless Initiative**

- a. Mr. Ansell highlighted the information included in the May 15, 2018, Homeless Initiative Quarterly Report, which can be accessed via the following link: <http://homeless.lacounty.gov/homeless-initiative-quarterly-report-9/>
- b. Mr. Ansell highlighted the performance outcome data available in a graphic presentation format for selected HI Strategies on prevention, outreach, temporary housing, permanent housing, increase income, and services. Link to this information can be found at: <https://data.lacounty.gov/stories/s/Homeless-Quarterly-Report-by-Theme/7xtx-jbvj>.
- c. Mr. Ansell distributed a document entitled “Permanent Housing Data by SPA Race and Ethnicity,” that highlights data, which suggested that permanent housing outcomes are broadly distributed geographically, by race, and by ethnicity in ways that appear to reflect the distribution of people experiencing homelessness. The document included data that was produced at the request of the COAB.
- d. Public Comment: Four individuals provided comments.

#### **V. Semi-Annual Review of Measure H Expenditures – Phil Ansell, Homeless Initiative**

- a. Mr. Ansell stated that the Measure H ordinance requires the publication of Measure H expenditures online, which can be found at: <http://homeless.lacounty.gov/coab/>.
  - Measure H is authorized to fund 21 specific strategies, which were identified in the Measure H ordinance.
  - Actual expenditures for the first and second quarters of Fiscal Year 2017-18, totaled \$57 million in Measure H funding.
  - Estimated actuals for the third and fourth quarters are expected to total \$201 million, which would leave \$58 million unspent.
  - Homeless services system is not new, but actual expenditures show it has been expanding very rapidly.
  - Per projected spending as of February 2019, it’s estimated that approximately \$66 million will roll over to next FY.
  - Measure H full fiscal year expenditure information will be available at the next regular COAB meeting in September 2018.
- b. The CEO will be returning to the Board of Supervisors on August 14, 2018 with funding recommendations related to the County’s support for the Cityies’ homelessness plan implementation, which will impact the FY 2019-20 expenditure plan.

- c. Ms. Margiotta inquired about expenditures under Strategy F7 (Preserve and Promote the Affordability of Affordable Housing) and asked for clarification about the \$15 million allocation for F7, but only \$155,000 was shown as spent. Mr. Ansell clarified that the funding rolls over for Capital Programs.
- d. Public Comment: There were no comments on this item.

**VI. Measure H Independent Audit – Connie Yee and Rachelle Anema, Auditor-Controller**

- a. Ms. Anema reported on the accountability requirements of Measure H.
  - Section 4.73.060 established the COAB and specifies duties and responsibilities.
  - Section 4.73.070 requires an independent audit to look at 1) financial statements and 2) status of all projects and programs funded.
  - The Auditor-Controller will hire an independent audit firm that will begin work in September 2018 and be completed by December 31, 2018.
  - If timing permits, the Auditor-Controller will come back to the COAB during the audit process, but will come back to the COAB once the audit is completed.
- b. Public Comment: One individual provided comments.

**VII. General Public Comments**

Two individuals provided comments.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

**Minutes submitted by:** Rowena Magaña and Ani Yeghiyan

**Minutes approved by:** Phil Ansell