

**Measure H Citizens' Oversight Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, September 6, 2018  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 374A  
500 W. Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012**

**ATTENDEES**

**Advisory Board:** Christine Margiotta (Chair), Mercedes Márquez, Andrew Kerr, and Rabbi Marvin Gross

**Homeless Initiative Staff:** Phil Ansell and Rowena Magaña

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

- a. Ms. Margiotta called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.
- b. Quorum was met at the time the meeting was called to order, with four members present.

**II. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- a. The meeting minutes from the following meetings were approved:
  - March 8, 2018 and the June 7, 2018 Regular Board Meetings and
  - May 3, 2018 and August 14, 2018 Listening Session Meetings
- b. Public Comment: No public comment on this item.

**III. Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 Measure H Outcomes and Expenditures - Phil Ansell, Chief Executive Office-Homeless Initiative (CEO-HI)**

- a. Phil Ansell, CEO-HI, presented on the 2017-18 Measure H Expenditures.
  - FY 2017-18 has closed; therefore, actual expenditures are now available for the first full year of Measure H.
  - A total of \$259 million was allocated for Measure H programs (21 funded strategies). Expenditures totaled \$177 million, for a total under-expenditure of \$81 million.
  - In addition to the \$81 million in underspent funding, there was a total of \$7 million that was not allocated in FY 2017-18, for a total of \$88 million available:
    - \$47 million is allocated in FY 2018-19
    - \$9 million in Measure H funds is available for cities to implement components of their homelessness plans, which the Board of Supervisors approved on September 4, 2018.
    - \$32 million will become available to help address the Measure H shortfall that is anticipated in FY 2019-20. The shortfall is primarily because the State of California started revenue collection in October 2017, rather than the expected start date of July 2017.
  - Ms. Margiotta asked if the \$47 million will be “rolled over” per their respective strategies.
  - Mr. Ansell responded that unspent funding does not “roll over” and will go back to Measure H. The only exceptions are capital funds (Strategies E8 and F7).

- Rabbi Gross asked about underspending in homeless prevention (Strategies A1 and A5) and outreach (Strategy E8).
  - Mr. Ansell responded that Strategies A1 was expanded this past Fiscal Year with Measure H funds and A5 started in the second half of FY 2017-18. It is anticipated that the providers will be at full or near full expenditures for FY 2018-19. For Strategy E8, there was a need to hire the outreach team members. It is anticipated that the strategy will be near or fully expended during the current Fiscal Year.
  - Per the Measure H ordinance, the expenditures chart is available on the Measure H Citizen's Oversight Advisory Board website: <http://homeless.lacounty.gov/coab/>
- b. Mr. Ansell distributed a document, entitled "Measure H Year-One Report Card", which included performance outcomes from the first full year of Measure H. Some highlights included:
- 13,524 people entered crisis, bridge, or interim housing in whole or in part by Measure H.
  - 7,448 homeless families and individuals secured permanent housing due to Measure H funding.
  - More than 300 Measure H-funded outreach workers, including 36 multi-disciplinary teams, are now working across the county
  - Between December and May 2018, service providers hired 972 new people in the homeless services delivery system
  - Mr. Kerr asked about retention measures for persons in permanent housing.
  - Mr. Ansell noted that retention outcomes would be included in the next dashboard. In addition, he also noted that he would reach out to the Department of Health Services, which administers Strategy D7 (Provide Services to Permanent Supportive Housing) about convening a forum of permanent supportive housing property managers to further discuss strategies to retain persons in permanent housing.
- c. Public Comment: Each speaker was allowed two minutes for public comment; two individuals provided comments.

**IV. Homeless System Perspective on Prevention - Sarah Mahin, from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)**

- a. Ms. Mahin discussed various prevention/diversion programs for families, adults and youth, such as:
- Strategies A1 (Families) and A5 (Individuals and youth).
  - Via Strategy B3 (Expand Rapid re-housing), a new program will provide shallow rent subsidies for older adults identified through Strategies A1 and A5, which will start in Spring 2019.
  - Supervised Independent Living Program (SILP), which assists youth with rapid re-housing in Service Planning Area (SPA) 2.
  - Enhanced transitional planning for youth preparing to exit probation camps in SPA 3.
  - Solid Ground Van Nuys, which uses targeted outreach to identify high risk families and provide appropriate services.

- b. Various factors contribute to the inflow of homelessness, such as lack of affordable housing, high rental rates, and poverty rates.
- c. Ms. Mahin also discussed potential prevention strategies outside of the homeless system, such as training county department employees on homeless diversion tactics, land use changes, inclusionary zoning, and increasing tenant protections.
- d. She also highlighted the work of the Ad Hoc Committee on Black People Experiencing Homelessness, which has been discussing economic and workforce development needs and the importance of working outside of the homeless system to address racial inequities countywide.

**V. Prevention Efforts: Criminal Justice Perspective - Mark Ghaly, M.D., Chief Executive Office**

Dr. Ghaly discussed programs in place through Correctional Health Services and the Office of Diversion and Re-entry (ODR).

- a. Various prevention strategies are in place in Correctional Health Services, such as: pre-booking diversion, post-booking diversion, better clinical services (physical and mental health care) within the jail setting, re-entry and release planning, expungement assistance, and post-release clinical support in the community.
- b. ODR has placed over 2,000 clients from jail into housing, expanded intensive case management services for the re-entry population, and has implemented the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Program, which has helped hundreds of homeless individuals avoid jail and accept supportive services.
- c. Ms. Marquez noted that it is important to identify the places where homelessness was born, such as other mainstream systems within the County.
- d. Mr. Ansell mentioned that there has been broad-based collaboration from the mainstream county departments, who have been a part of the Measure H stakeholder process. For example, Strategy A4 looks at discharges from the juvenile probation and foster care systems. Dr. Ghaly added that that ODR has a quarterly steering committee that involves various departments to discuss policies and work through criminal justice issues.
- e. Public Comment: Each speaker was allowed two minutes for public comment; two individuals provided comments.

**VI. General Public Comments**

Each speaker was allowed two minutes for public comment; three individuals provided comments.

**VII. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

**Minutes submitted by:** Rowena Magaña

**Minutes approved by:** Phil Ansell