

Measure H Citizens' Oversight Advisory Board Listening Session Meeting Minutes Thursday, May 3, 2018

ATTENDEES

Advisory Board: Mercedes Márquez, Renata Simril, Christine Margiotta, Andrew Kerr, Greg Morrow (Quorum met)

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

I. Welcome and Introductions

Christine Margiotta, Chair of the Measure H Citizens' Oversight Advisory Board, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. on May 3, 2018, in the conference room at the Special Services for Groups-Homeless Outreach Program Integrated Care System (SSG-HOPICS), located in Service Planning Area (SPA) 6.

- Ms. Margiotta announced that the intention for the meeting is for the Advisory Board to listen.
- Additional Listening Sessions in other SPAs will be scheduled in the future.
- The meeting is designed as a round table discussion, including representatives from two service providers, the faith-based community, and a person with lived experience. The Board members will ask questions and have dialogue with all speakers.
- Ms. Margiotta announced that members of the public will be allowed two minutes for comments. Comments can be made on either the round table discussion or during general public comment.

II. Round Table Discussion

Advisory Board members invited the following stakeholders in the field of homelessness to answer questions:

- Veronica Lewis, Director of SSG-HOPICS;
 - Angela LoBue, Chief Operations Officer at the Coalition for Responsible Community Development;
 - Janice Martin, Ecumenical Liaison;
 - Ms. Gulley, person with lived experience; and
 - Phil Ansell, Director of the LA County Homeless Initiative
- a. Round table participants were invited to answer one or more of the following questions asked by Advisory Board members:
- Ms. Margiotta asked for opening reflections on Measure H implementation.
 - Ms. Simril asked how Measure H has helped with shifts in policy.
 - Ms. Simril asked if there is flexibility in the Measure H funding formula and whether feedback is being used to identify areas that are working and those that are not.
 - Mr. Kerr asked if there are any specific populations that are still "falling through the cracks" (i.e. students, veterans, people with chronic health issues, seniors, etc.).
 - Mr. Kerr noted that one potential disconnect is that outcomes must be measured at the end of the process - after the funds have been expended by providers. He

asked what checks and balances are in place for provider agencies that do not have the capacity to meet the challenges that they are presented with.

- Ms. Margiotta asked about challenges in the implementation of Measure H.
- Ms. Simril asked if roundtable participants have seen an appropriate coordination between LAHSA, the County, United Way, etc... If not, what would be helpful to achieve consistent messaging.

b. The following are the action items that resulted from the round table discussion:

- Ms. Márquez suggested time be set aside in future agendas to focus on hard-to-serve populations.
- Ms. Márquez commented that Measure H money looks at filling gaps and sometimes these gaps cannot be filled because of certain challenges, such as the high-cost housing market. She noted that it would be helpful to invite representatives from the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH), the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and other national groups that can make recommendations about best practices, with a focus on some of these special populations.

c. Public Comment on Item II

Due to the number of speakers that had signed up, Ms. Margiotta announced that each speaker would have one minute of public comment. Four individuals provided public comments.

III. General Public Comments

Each speaker was allowed one minute for public comment. Twelve individuals provided comments.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Rowena Magaña and Ani Yeghiyan

Minutes approved by: Phil Ansell