

# CD15 Working Group on Homelessness

Meeting Notes

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

6:00 PM

## **Location:**

Harbor City-Harbor Gateway Library  
24000 S. Western Ave.  
Harbor City, CA 90710

## **Welcome and Introductions.**

*Update from Dave Matthews Clean Ups:*

*November 6th RV Encampment Removals:*

- 61 people accepted services and are currently in hotels. Have been in communication with the majority of them.
- 49 RVs were removed from circulation and are slated to be destroyed.

*October 30th Community Clean Up Compton Blvd between Main & San Pedro:*

- County donated a 40 cubic yard dumpster.
- 4 dump trucks.
- Started with 3 unhoused and ended up having 17 join to help clean.
- The county is now providing dumpsters on a weekly basis to help with the waste removal. Dave and team are out on the streets ensuring the homeless are using the dumpsters.

## **Introduction from Kmond Day:**

- Kmond Day is the new Unhoused Service Coordinator for CD15. Day comes from an outreach focused background. He was the outreach lead for HOPICS. Has done a lot of volunteer work.
- His job now is to get the community to team up and help those in need. We need to remember the people we help should not be defied as *homeless* people; they are just people.
- Remember Day is getting a lot of calls, so when we call on him for help, it will take time.
- Day takes outreach very seriously. When he worked for LA-HOP, he would sometimes do 16 cases a day. If he missed one, his boss would call because they were trying to cover their contact every day.
- Day's new role is to support the community and outreach teams, not just outreach teams.
- *How can we best support you?* Use LA-HOP. Get online, put LA-HOP in, they will send someone to check it out, then decide how to help them.

*LA-HOP:*

- *Is it possible to get data on LA HOP?* People want to know how long it will take for someone to get help and if it is working. LAHSA can get this data. LAHSA does reports on it. LAHSA wants to provide proof so the community will know it is happening. People who use LA-HOP usually genuinely care about it and want to see that it is working.

- *Can this type of data be put on LAHSA's website?* It is something that LAHSA is considering.
- LA-HOP does email updates on requests. They usually tell you if there was contact or no contact. They are a good tool for the public to see what is happening with their case.
- Day's goal is to make a spreadsheet that will show the LA-HOPs cases he knows of and to track their progress.
- LA-HOP does no outreach on weekends. Outreach at LAHSA is unionized, so cannot make them work on weekends. They are looking to find ways to make the outreach team more flexible.
- SPA6 is currently able to do nights and weekends, but SPA8 is spread too thinly to do so. Need to sit down and review SPA8 and find what is working as well as what is not. What gaps are there? How can we fill them?
- We need to manage people's expectations around timing. Things take time, we do not have enough resources. Outreach is great, but to where? Outreach is a process. Trust building takes a long time. If we could put people straight into housing that would be great, but we do not have enough housing. It is a process.
- LAHSA teams with council offices. When there are issues and concerns, Day and his office will hear these problems first. Then they will tell LAHSA.
- *Can LAHSA make it so people can upload photos on their LA HOP app?* This is something LAHSA is interesting in. LAHSA will report back on this issue.

#### *CD15 Map:*

- We can now call ourselves volunteers of CD15.
- Map of CD15 with housing projects shown. The map shows CD15 and all of the housing projects within CD15. These include housing that is in-service, in development, and in predevelopment. This map will help to show people what is being done in the community.
- A new measure H is in the works for tax increase. We want the community to vote for this, data like this can help motivate people.
- *Justice for Rental Act:* This will make it so owners cannot raise rent even after someone moves out of their building. Due to this, we can expect housing providers and landlords to become very active politically.

#### *Resource Card:*

- Harbor Connects is continuing to work on a resource card which will be the size of a business card, but trifold. It will contain information in English and Spanish for service providers and other vital services in the CD15 area. The card will be provided for first responders and service providers to handout to those in crisis or who need assistance.

#### **Partner updates:**

##### *LAHSA:*

- *Erik Vargas:* Working on preparing for the homeless count. Needs a lead for Harbor City. Count is Wednesday, February 24. LAHSA will be posting about this on their website soon.
- We have entered winter shelter season from November until March. SPA8 site in Long Beach will open Tuesday, November 14. Can call 211 to get in. It is the only winter shelter in SPA8. The

requirements are difficult for facilities to become winter shelters and it is hard to find service providers willing to do it. This one is 35 beds. It's a 24-hour site.

- There are also augmented winter programs. These pop up for 3-5 days when the weather is really bad.

*Toberman:*

- Toberman's Housing Stability Program is ongoing. To participate, must have a minor under 17 in house.
- Breakfast with Santa will be on December 17 from 9am to 3pm. Families have to register for this event.
- Trying to do turkey day for November. This is still in the works.

*Garden Church:*

- Hold services on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10am-12pm, Sundays from 3pm-6pm. Continues to work with Harbor Connects on a handful of clients to see how personal help can help a person.
- *San Pedro United Methodist Church:*
- Thanksgiving Interfaith Service will be held at 7 pm on November 9 at the San Pedro United Methodist Church on 6th and Grand.

*Harbor Connects:*

- Will host a Day of Thanks for Frontline Service Providers and First Responders on Thursday, November 30 from 11am to 2pm. This event will be free of charge to all service providers and first responders in CD15. There will be food, games, music, prizes, and more, all free of charge to say thank you to those who work so hard to serve our community. Those who attend the CD15WG on Homelessness are welcome to join the event as volunteers.

*Office of Congresswoman Nanette Diaz Barragán (CA-44):*

- Rodolfo Martinez: Email: [rudymartinez@mail.house.gov](mailto:rudymartinez@mail.house.gov) Phone: (310) 831-1799
- Rudy Martinez is a District Field Rep and Caseworker for the Office of the Congresswoman with a focus on Homelessness and Housing.

*LAPD:*

- LAPD is very busy doing clean ups. Recently they have worked in Harbor City, San Pedro (300 Westmont).
- Lomita-McCoy encampment had a shootout call on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Shot rounds in the air. Swat team called out. Took individual into custody. Arrested for criminal threats.

*Office of the Mayor:*

- Inside Safe update: 30-31 operations. Over 340000 lbs of waste have been cleaned. Wanting to partner with the community. Looking for community members and organizations to put together hygiene kits.

*WLCAC:*

- Working to start providing more services in SPA8. Working on a 14 RV, 24/7 safe parking lot.
- Helped with huge RV fires recently. No one got hurt.
- Winter Wonderland on the 8<sup>th</sup> in Watts.
- Hosting a job fair with LAHSA for service providers. Email Shannon Murray at [smurray@wlcac.org](mailto:smurray@wlcac.org) if you want a booth at the event.

*Rainbow Services:*

- A Thanksgiving drive is taking place. Taking donations of canned goods, turkeys, etc. Can drop donations off or can arrange to pick up larger donations.
- For Christmas, Rainbow Services usually provides gifts for kids, but this year is going for gift cards due to space.
- Rainbow Services has received an extension in their survivor first grant. This is a timeline extension, not money.

*Coastline Equity:*

- Hiring a housing navigator soon. More information to come.