

Measure H Citizens' Oversight Advisory Board Meeting

Board members present (by Dept of Health Service Planning Area): Christine Margiotta - 3rd District, [Andrew Kerr](#) – 4th District

Not attending: Mercedes Marquez - 1st District, Renata Simril - 2nd District, Greg Morrow - 5th District

The focus of the meeting was the latest homeless count and the dispersal of Measure H funds during the last 9 months.

Agenda:

2018 Homeless Count - Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

Measure H Quarterly Report, Dashboard, and Graphic Presentation of Key Outcome Data - Phil Ansell, Homeless Initiative

Semi-Annual Review of Measure H Expenditures - Phil Ansell, Homeless Initiative

Measure H Independent Audit - Connie Yee and Rachelle Anema, Auditor-Controller

2018 Homeless Count :

- Total homeless individuals in LA County, 53, 195 - 3% decrease from last count
- Total homeless individuals in City of Los Angeles, 31,516 - 5% decrease
- SPA 1, 4, 5, and 6 saw decreases
- SPA 2, 3, 7, and 8 saw increases
- 22% increase in people 62 or older
- 75% (39,826) remain unsheltered

Who are they?

- 80% are single adults
- 2/3 identify as male
- 27% report a serious mental illness
- 15% report a substance use disorder
- 65% have been in LA County for more than 20 years
- 75% lived in Los Angeles before becoming homeless
- 6% were fleeing domestic/intimate partner violence
- 9,322 people were experiencing homeless for the first time (an increase from 8,044), 45% for economic reasons
- The data were also broken down by race/ethnicity

Some results:

- Youth housing placements increased 43%
- Veteran homelessness decreased 18%
- Chronic homelessness decreased 16%

Median rent in the county has increased 32% since 2000, while median renter household income has DECREASED 3%. LA County has the highest poverty rate in the state.

Phil Ansell presented the Homeless Initiative Quarterly Report and reviewed the measures taken on various strategies to:

- prevent homelessness
- subsidize housing
- increase income
- provide case management and services
- create a coordinated system
- increase affordable homeless housing
- Measure H administration

Table of expenditures for FY 2017-18 as of 2/26/18 can be found here:

[http://homeless.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/18-19-Funding-Expenditure
COAB_03.07.18.pdf](http://homeless.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/18-19-Funding-Expenditure-COAB_03.07.18.pdf)

LAHSA has also created an Impact Dashboard which will display data in an easy to view graphic format.

The Measure H goal is to house 45,000 people in 5 years across all populations. Currently they have reached 8% of that goal.

- 12,248 people were sheltered or served in interim housing
- 8,220 people were permanently housed (3,350 of these using Measure H funding)
- 5,870 people in families were prevented from becoming homeless (this is a joint project with the Department of Social Services and CalWORKS)

Additional information on the strategies is at <http://homeless.lacounty.gov/the-action-plan/>

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