

HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to identifying all Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) staff and LAHSA contracted providers, and all City departments that received naloxone training and distribution with opportunities to expand and require naloxone training and distribution to all contracted street-based services and shelter sites; and related matters.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Cedillo - Rodriguez):

1. DIRECT LAHSA to identify and report in 30 days, all agency staff and contracted providers that received naloxone training and distribution along with frequency and status and opportunities to expand and require naloxone training and distribution to all contracted street-based services and shelter sites (Interim Housing, Winter Shelter Program, Augmented Winter Shelter, Project Roomkey, Project Homekey) and their participants.
2. DIRECT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to identify and report in 30 days, all City departments that have contact with, or provide services to people experiencing homelessness and indicate if the department provides employees with naloxone training and distribution along with frequency and opportunities to expand at existing departments and new departments.
3. DIRECT the CLA to identify any current and future 2021-2025 years County, State, and Federal legislation for Council to consider taking an official position that would:
 - a. Decrease the amount of time required to secure Drug Medi-Cal certification for new residential and non-residential service sites to enable the more rapid expansion of substance use disorder treatment networks to meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness.
 - b. Decrease wait times between substance use disorder screening and treatment admissions by funding and improving Los Angeles County (County) contracted providers' timely reporting of available beds using the Service Bed Availability Tool (SBAT), a web-based platform that tracks substance use disorder services in the County.
 - c. Increase federal matching dollars for services for people experiencing homelessness that are currently covered by Medi-Cal and explore opportunities to change Medi-Cal reimbursement policies to allow billing for services provided by multidisciplinary teams treating people experiencing homelessness in non-clinical settings like multi-disciplinary outreach teams.
 - d. Increase distribution of naloxone to people experiencing homelessness in street settings and shelter/interim housing settings, and to those exiting jail and correctional facilities.
 - e. Increase education of homeless service providers and people experiencing homelessness about the signs, symptoms and dangers of overdose.
 - f. Increase investment in Recovery Bridge Housing to ensure that all people experiencing homelessness receiving outpatient substance use disorder treatment services have access to interim housing for the duration of their treatment.
 - g. Expand syringe exchange programs into areas with high concentrations of overdose deaths among people experiencing homelessness to reduce overdose deaths, HIV, Hepatitis-C, and other infectious diseases in this vulnerable population.
 - h. Expand and enhance County contracted substance use disorder provider utilization of LAHSA's Homeless Management Information System to improve coordination of care and housing focused case management for people experiencing homelessness.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For:

East Hollywood Neighborhood Council
Greater Cypress Park Neighborhood Council
Reseda Neighborhood Council
Los Feliz Neighborhood Council
Studio City Neighborhood Council

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on February 10, 2022, your Homelessness and Poverty Committee considered a Motion (Cedillo - Rodriguez) relative to identifying all LAHSA staff and LAHSA contracted providers, and all City departments that received naloxone training and distribution with opportunities to expand and require naloxone training and distribution to all contracted street-based services and shelter sites; and related matters.

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations contained in the Motion, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
DE LEÓN	YES
RAMAN	YES
BUSCAINO	YES
RODRIGUEZ	YES
BLUMENFIELD	YES

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-NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL COUNCIL ACTS-