

HOMELESS POLICY DEPUTIES MEETING AGENDA

DUE TO THE CLOSURE OF ALL COUNTY BUILDINGS, MEETING PARTICIPANTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL NEED TO CALL INTO THE MEETING.

Date: Thursday, February 23, 2023
Time: 2:00 PM
Microsoft Teams Link: [Click here to join the meeting](#)
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AGENDA ITEM		LEAD
I.	Welcome and Introductions	Ivan Sulic, Fourth District
II.	Local Solutions Fund	Onnie Williams, CEO-HI
III.	Assistance with Daily Living and In-Home Supportive Services	Leepi Shimkhada, DHS and Tangela Strong, DPSS
IV.	Update on CES Policy Council	Marina Genchev and Jessica Reed, LAHSA
V.	Items Recommended for Future Discussion	
VI.	Public Comment*	

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NEXT MEETING: MARCH 9, 2023

February 23, 2023

Homeless Initiative

Local Solutions Fund

Homeless Policy Deputies Meeting



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County of Los Angeles
Homeless
Initiative

Background

Funding Year	Allocation / Funding Source	Total Allocation (Measure H “MH”)	Contractor	Program
FY2017-18 One Time	\$1.7 million (Provisional Funding Use - PFU)		42 cities	Homelessness Planning Grant (supported the development of City-specific plans)
FY2017-18 Annual	\$500,000 (PFU) Starting 2018-19 MH	\$2.5M between FY18-23	COGs	Regional Coordination
FY2018-19	\$9 million MH	\$9M	30 cities	Cities’ Homelessness Plan Implementation
FY2019-20 (July 2019 – Dec 2021)	\$6 million MH	\$6M	COGs and cities without a COG	Innovation Funding 1
FY2021-22	\$1 million (MH)	\$1M	COGs and cities without a COG – Bridge funding for Cities Homelessness Plan Implementation Grants	Bridge Funding
FY 2021-22 (Jan 2022 – June 2022)	\$5 million MH	\$5M	COGs and cities without a COG	Innovation Funding 2
FY2022-23	\$10 million (MH)	\$10M	COGs and cities without a COG	Innovation Funding 2+

Local Solutions Fund

- Created in response to the Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness and the County's New Framework to End Homelessness to **support regional and local co-investment solutions** to create pathways to housing and services.
- Funded by **Measure H**
- **\$132 million** total:
 - \$65M Local Homeless Services and Housing Programs (LHSHP)
 - \$65M Measure H Local Encampment Resolution (MHLER)
 - \$2M Regional Coordination

Local Solutions Fund - Local Homeless Services and Housing Programs (LHSHP)

- \$65M (\$15M annually FY23-24 through FY 26-27, plus \$5M prorate)
- annually funds regional and local jurisdictions administering homeless services and housing programs, such as:

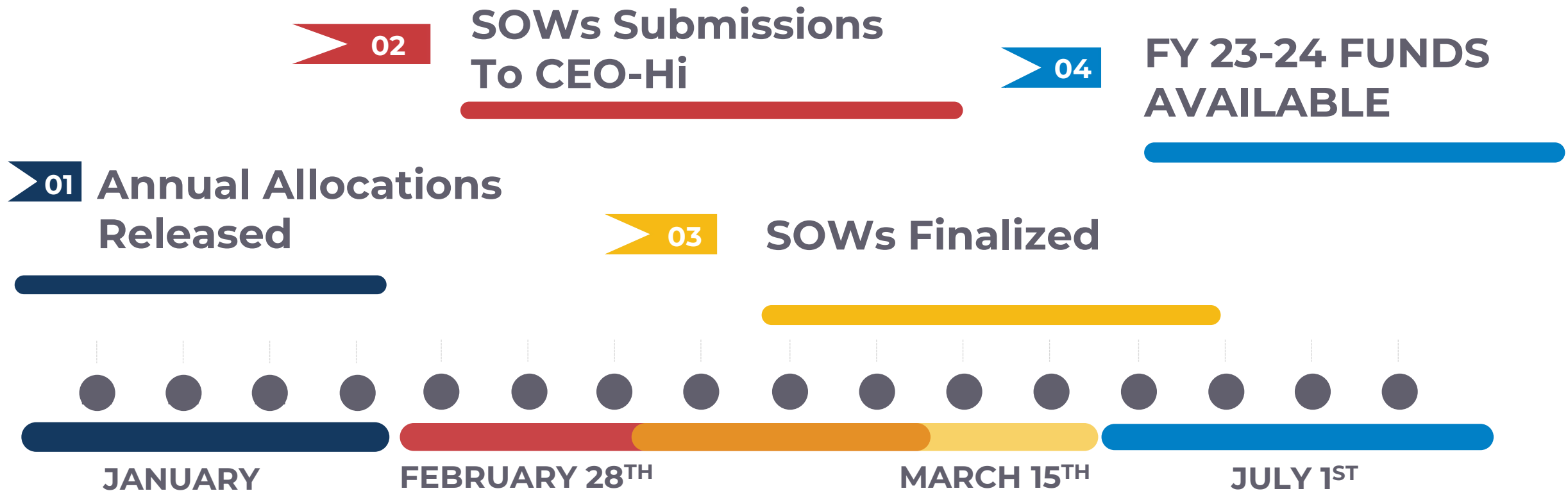
Housing

- hotel vouchers
- Tiny Homes
- Landlord Incentive programs
- Regional Housing Trust seed funds to secure matching State funds

Services

- cash aid/Flex Fund programs
- food/grocery program
- job training and placement
- outreach and housing navigation layered on top of rehousing system

Annual Planning Process



Development and execution of contracts

Local Solutions Fund - Measure H Local Encampment Resolution (MHLEP)

- \$65M total over multiple years
- County-City partnership to transition people from encampments to housing

County

- outreach teams
- wraparound services
- housing supports

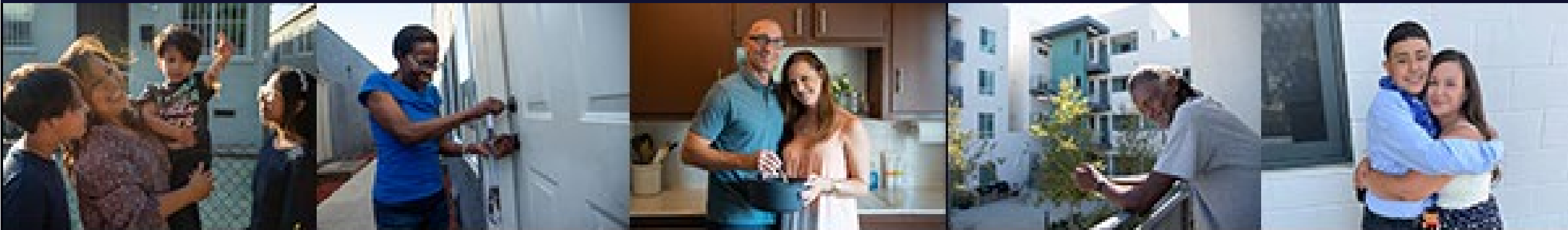
Cities

- sanitization
- storage
- siting of local housing

Local Solutions Fund - Regional Coordination

- \$2M total (\$500K annually FY 23-24 through FY 26-27)
- Enables COGs to provide homeless coordination services to support member cities in preventing and combating homelessness locally and regionally

Thank you.



County of Los Angeles

Homeless Initiative

IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (IHSS)



dpss County of Los Angeles
DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

IHSS PROGRAM OVERVIEW

IHSS:

- Helps pay for services provided to eligible aged, blind, and/or disabled individuals so they may live safely in their own homes.
- Pays for health and safety-related services, such as personal care and domestic services.
- Is an alternative to costly out-of-home care, such as a nursing home or board and care facility.

IHSS PROGRAM OVERVIEW (cont.)

- Over 248,000 individuals currently receive IHSS in LA County, served by approximately 206,000 providers.
- Budget consists of \$870 million for the services and \$195 million for administration.
- Eight IHSS Regions/Offices Countywide.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Linkage

- Age 65+,
- Blind, **or**
- Disabled
(Disabled children are also potentially eligible for IHSS)

Medi-Cal Eligibility

- IHSS applicants must complete a Medi-Cal eligibility determination or renewal.
- Individuals whose income is too high to qualify for Medi-Cal with no share of cost (SOC) may still be eligible for IHSS with a Medi-Cal SOC.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA (cont.)

Residency

- California resident;
and
- Living in one's own home that is not a nursing home or other out-of-home care facility (licensed or not).

Health Care Certification

Health care certification from a licensed health care professional, indicating the IHSS applicant:

1. Is unable to independently perform some activity of daily living; **and**
2. Without IHSS, would be at risk for placement in out-of-home care.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Applicant calls the Centralized Application and Timesheet Team at (888) 944-4477 or (213) 744-4477.
2. Within 5 workdays, an IHSS Social Worker (SW) contacts the applicant to:
 - Schedule an in-home assessment; and
 - Request documents to have ready at the assessment.
3. SW conducts initial in-home assessment to determine:
 - Types of services needed; and
 - Amount of time needed for each service.
4. Within 90 days of application date, SW determines applicant's eligibility for IHSS and mails applicant a Notice of Action.

FINDING AN IHSS PROVIDER

Upon approval of IHSS, the recipient must hire a provider to perform the authorized IHSS services. The recipient, as the employer, is responsible for hiring, training, scheduling, supervising, and, if necessary, firing the IHSS provider.

Providers earn \$16.50/hour

Who May Be an IHSS Provider?

Any individual who completes the State-mandated IHSS provider enrollment process, such as:

- A family member;
- A friend; or
- Someone from the provider registry that is operated by the Personal Assistance Services Council (PASC).

The “PASC” serves as the Public Authority for the IHSS Program in Los Angeles County. Their functions are to:

- Act as the **Employer of Record** for purposes of collective bargaining for wages and benefits;
- **Maintain an IHSS Provider Registry** list of providers that recipients can use to find a care provider;
- **Provide free Access to Training** for IHSS Recipients and Providers on topics related to IHSS;

PASC (cont.)

- **Administer the Back-Up Attendant Program** which provides recipients with an emergency provider when their regular provider is unavailable;
- **Administer the IHSS Provider Health Care Plan** for providers by providing ongoing information and establishing eligibility; and
- Process the **Criminal Background Check** results for the Department monthly as part of the mandatory provider enrollment requirements.

IHSS PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Questions and Discussion

Housing for Health

Los Angeles County Department of Health Services
In Home Care Giving Services

*Homeless Policy Deputies
February 23, 2023*

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DHS Housing for Health

Our Approach

HFH provides in home care giving in the permanent supportive housing program for people with complex health conditions who have challenges with Activities of Daily Living (ADL).

Principles:

Housing First

Connect individuals to permanent housing without preconditions or barriers to entry

Harm Reduction

Respect, dignity, and compassion

“Whatever It Takes” Approach

Flexible approach to service delivery and an adaptable portfolio of interventions

Partnering with Home Health agencies:

Program started in 2014

Multiple funding sources allow for quick scaling and flexibility

Collaboration, integrity, and frequent, hands-on technical assistance

In Home Care Giving Program Funding Overview

IHCG Starts

This program began in 2014 to address ADL needs of people who needed care giving services before In Home Supportive Services could start or would not be eligible

Whole Person Care

Whole Person Care was the first Medi-Cal program that HFH used to scale up this program in 2016.

CalAIM

Will launch in March 2023 to allow for further expansion of eligible populations to be authorized by the managed care plans (to be called Personal Care and Homemaker Services)

COVID Relief Funding, philanthropy, State funding

Collaboration Highlights

In 2017, collaborated with DPSS to expedite IHSS applications

Collaboration with DPSS is critical

Working closely with home health providers to ensure they are able to operate in a harm reduction model and be trauma informed for the population we are serving

Worked with Brilliant Corners since the inception of the program to create a flexible and nimble response to people in need of support in their homes prior to CalAIM funding

Flexible funding from the County, State, Federal and philanthropy have made it possible to grow this program over the years



Participants Served in IHCG

People living in permanent supportive housing Countywide who need assistance of daily living to remain stably housed

Added people in interim housing settings Countywide during the start of COVID-19 pandemic (e.g., PRK) and will continue through HHIP funding

Multimorbid patients with two or more chronic diseases (for example, in the management of diabetes, hypertension, and heart disease)

Patients with moderate or severe mental health conditions that cause mobility challenges

Patients with moderate or severe mental health conditions that have mobility challenges



How will People Access this Care as Personal Care and Homemaker Services through HFH?

All participants must apply for IHSS prior to apply for IHCG/PCHS

Participants must be approved by MCP client is assigned to before we give them PCHS/IHCG services through HFH

Caregivers log hours in the state's Electronic Visit Verification System (EVV)

Paramedical services offered

Re-Authorization period 60 days after initial MCP approval for continue IHCG PCHS services



Personal Care and Homemaker Services Provided

Activities of Daily Living

- Assistance with bathing, dressing, grooming, continence care
- Assisting with walking and moving around safely
- Monitoring safety of the home
- Follow a Physical Therapy Exercise program
- Follow Home Health & Hospice Directives

Instrumental Activities of Daily Living

Assisting participant in the following:

- Grocery and clothes shopping assistance
- Picking up prescriptions
- Meal preparation
- Medication reminders
- Assistance with using the phone
- Companionship
- Light Housekeeping
 - Vacuum carpets, sweep floors, take out garbage, dish washing, laundry, changing bed linens, bathroom cleaning and general tidying



Thank you!

Questions?



LAHSA

CoC Charter Annual Update

Options for CES Policy Council Accountability

LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY

Marina Genchev – Acting Director, Systems and Planning

Jessica Reed – Sr. Manager, Planning



February 2023

Agenda

- **01** Overview of Annual CoC Governance Charter
- **02** Overview of CES Policy Council
- **03** Options for CES Policy Council Accountability
- **04** Timeline
- **05** Q&A

LA CoC Governance Charter Overview

Background

The LA CoC Governance Charter is a HUD requirement for all CoCs

CoC's are required to “develop, follow, and update annually” a governance charter

(24 CFR 578.7(a)(5))

Status and LAHSA's Role

LA CoC Charter delegates CoC responsibilities to different entities

LA CoC Charter annual update slated for June 2023

LAHSA's role is to execute the annual update

CES Policy Council Overview

Background

2017: LA County CES Policy Council (CES PC) created by the RHAC in response to 2016 HUD notice

2019: CES PC formally delegated responsibility in LA CoC Governance Charter (reaffirmed in 2022)

2021-present: RHAC suspended indefinitely; no current oversight of CES PC as policy oversight entity

Status

22 Members

Meets monthly, facilitated/staffed by LAHSA

Core CES policies required by HUD are complete

CES Policy Council Overview

Challenges/Opportunities

Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH) called for increased accountability and broader representation on CES PC (e.g., County department heads)

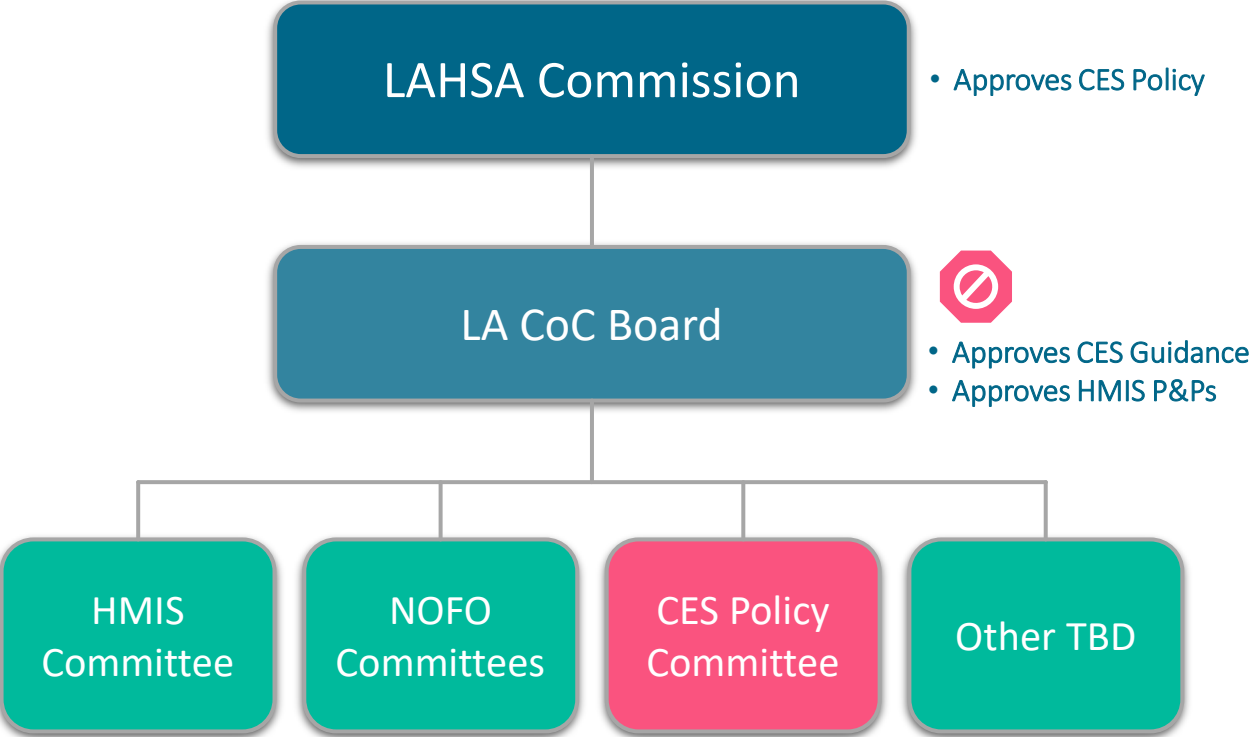
Opportunity to clarify CES PC membership and oversight in 2023 CoC Governance Charter annual update and develop bylaws to increase transparency

Next Steps

LAHSA preparing annual charter review and update by the LA CoC General Membership (see timeline slide)

LAHSA consulting with stakeholders on two options to address CES PC challenges

Option 1



PROS

- Creates accountability, especially for countywide policy issues
- Opportunity for greater alignment between CoC and CES
- CoC Board = broad stakeholder reps to vet CES guidance/policies

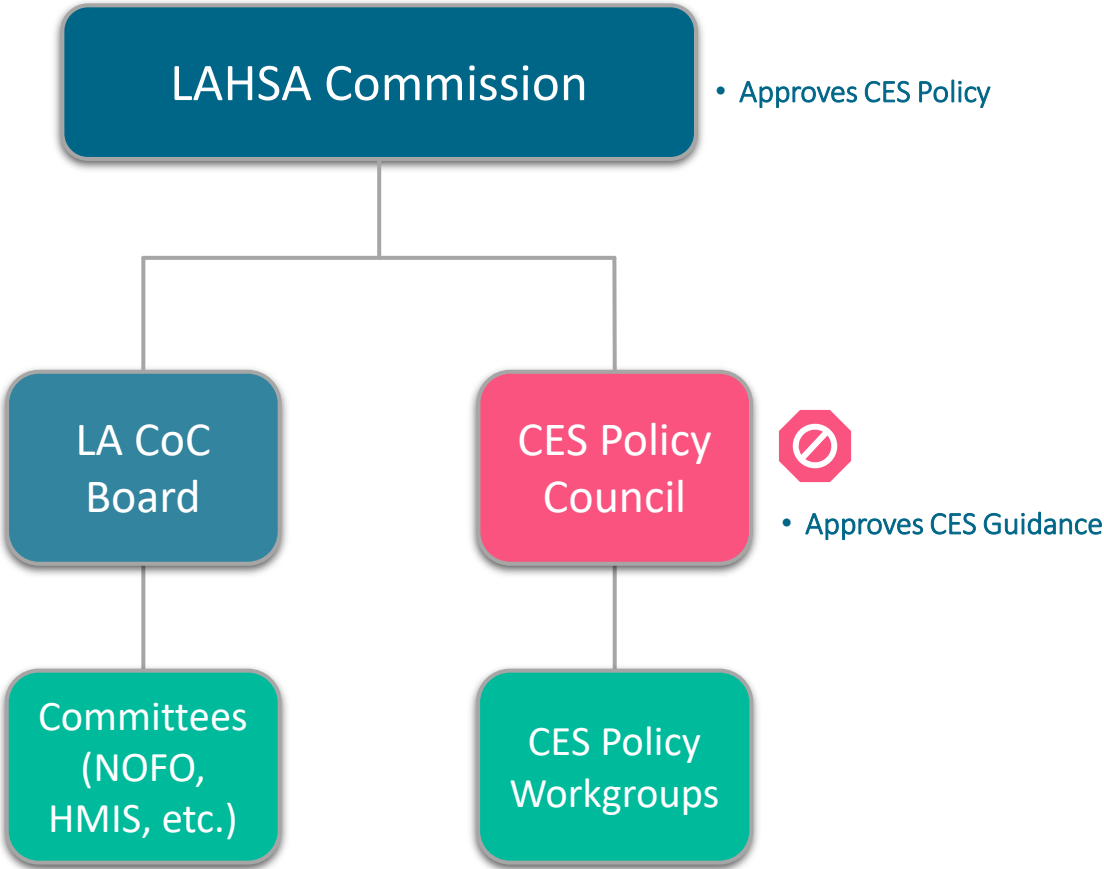
CONS

- Significant increase in CoC Board workload which could lead to delays at times when urgency is required (e.g., immediate policy needs that arise)

QUESTIONS/CONSIDERATIONS

- Brown Act requirements
- Alignment with sister CoCs (Glendale, Pasadena, Long Beach)
- CES Guidance approval at CoC Board
- CES Policy approval at Commission

Option 2



PROS

- Creates accountability, especially for countywide policy issues
- Does not potentially overwhelm CoC Board workload

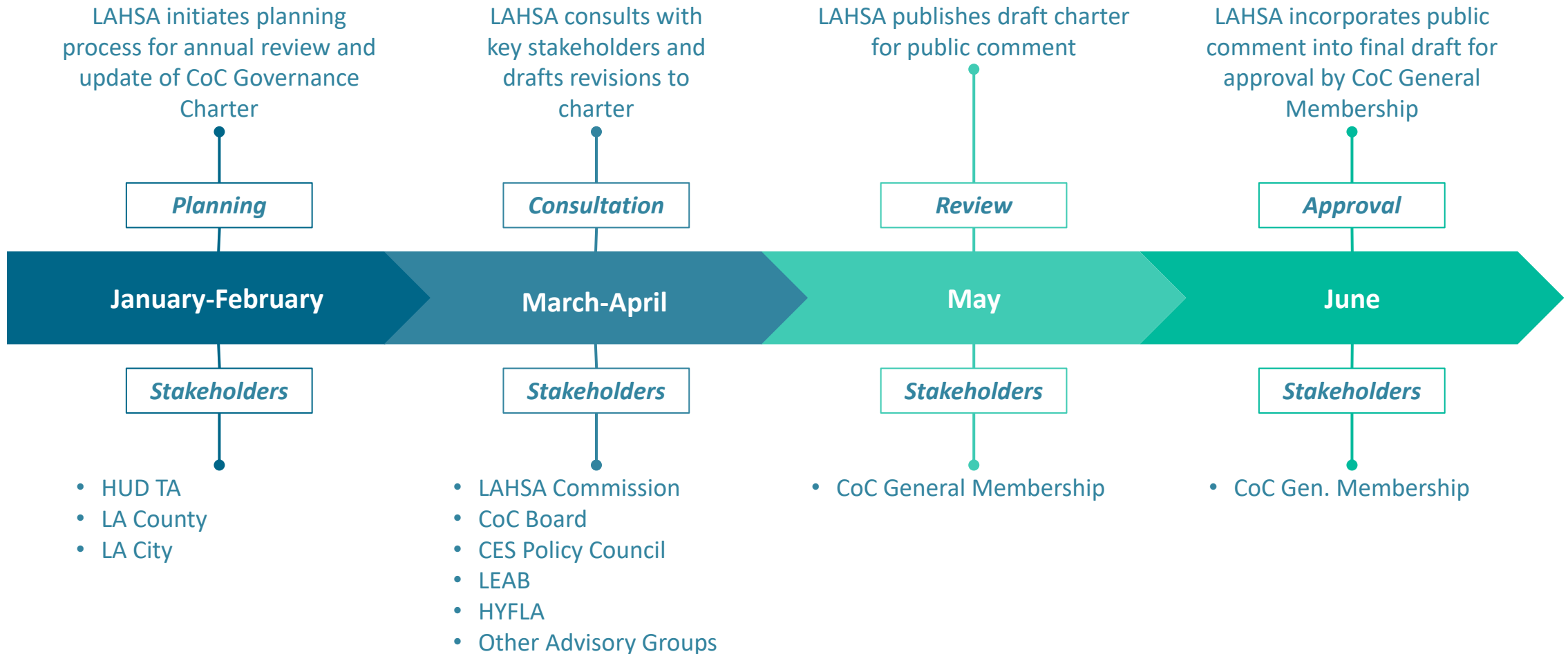
CONS

- Harder to align with CoC Board
- Broad stakeholder representation missing from Commission

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Timeline for 2023 CoC Governance Charter Update



Q&A

Appendix: Source Material

LA CoC Governance Charter (2022)

- <https://www.lahsa.org/documents?id=1610-la-coc-governance-charter.pdf>

HUD Code of Federal Regulations (24 CFR 578.7)

- <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CFR-2017-title24-vol3/xml/CFR-2017-title24-vol3-part578.xml#seqnum578.7>

HUD Coordinated Entry Management and Data Guide (2018)

- <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5758/coordinated-entry-management-and-data-guide/>

**HOMELESS POLICY DEPUTIES
MEETING SUMMARY
FEBRUARY 9, 2023 VIA TELECONFERENCE CALL**

DEPUTIES IN ATTENDANCE:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daniela Urbina, First District• Isela Gracian, Second District• Lily Sofiani, Second District• Amy Perkins, Third District• Ivan Sulic, Fourth District• Tyler Cash, Fifth District	
ITEMS/PRESENTERS	ACTIONS/NEXT STEPS
I. Welcome and Introductions - Ivan Sulic, Fourth District	N/A
II. Update on Unit Acquisitions – Craig Joyce, PATH; Thomas Wong, LAHSA; Josh Legere, DHS; Sophia Rice and Justin Dae, Brilliant Corners	Deputies asked for additional information on holding fees and Lease Up marketing plan.
III. Update on SB 679 and the LA County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACAHSa) – Tommy Newman, United Way of Greater Los Angeles	No additional follow-up.
IV. Items Recommended for Future Discussion	N/A
V. Public Comment	N/A
VI. Next Meeting	February 23, 2023