

HOMELESS POLICY DEPUTIES MEETING AGENDA

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Date: Thursday, July 27, 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.	Homelessness Emergency Response Update	Cheri Todoroff, Executive Director, CEO-HI Dorinne Jordan, Senior Manager, CEO-HI Carter Hewgley, Senior Manager, CEO-HI
III.	LAHSA Time Limited Subsidies to Permanent Supportive Housing Pilot	Nathaniel VerGow, Acting Chief Programs Officer, LAHSA Marina Genchev, Associate Director Systems and Planning, LAHSA
IV.	Items Recommended for Future Discussion	
V.	Public Comment*	

* Public Comment is limited to one minute. Those interested in speaking should raise their hand on Microsoft Teams and unmute once called upon by the Chair. Those on their phones should press *5 to raise their hand and *6 to unmute.

NEXT MEETING: AUGUST 10, 2023

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LA County Homelessness Emergency Response Update



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Countywide Encampment Resolution Update

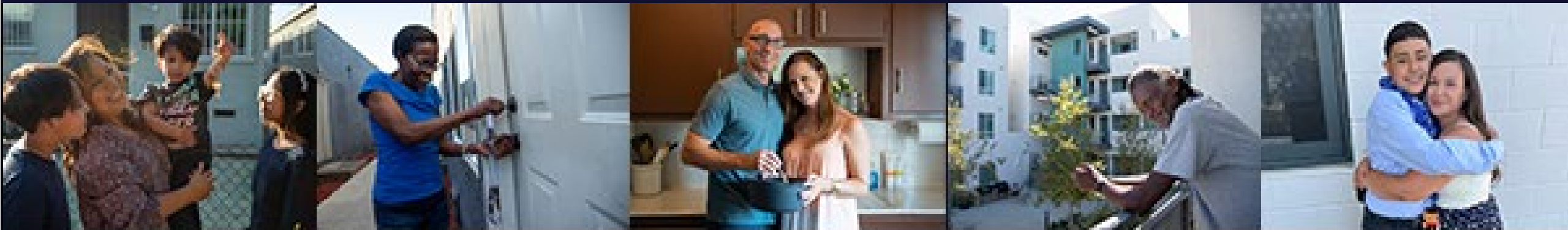
Support for Inside Safe

Phase	Status (23 Total Operations)	County Support Includes
Planning	6 operations we are collaboratively planning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 operations with no date in SD1 • 1 operation with no date in SD2 • 3 operations with no date in SD3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination and Planning Support from CEO-HI • Jurisdictional Mapping support from DPW • Outreach/Engagement Support from DHS's MDT Teams • Collaborative resource-sharing conversations when encampment is split across jurisdictional boundaries
Response	1 operation today in SD2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Led by SSG-HOPICS • Supported by LAHSA HET and USC Street Medicine Team • MDT Team is coordinating with DHS and DMH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MDT Teams are often the lead Outreach providers for the operation • MDT teams do harm reduction and overdose reversals if needed • Measure H Funded Providers are usually the leads for interim housing • DMH, DHS, and DPH are always on standby for unmet needs where HOME teams or Mobile Clinics may be requested by the MDT team • DPW does debris and property removal when County property is involved
Stabilization	SD1: 3 Operations (97-133 days in) SD2: 8 Operations (26-176 days in) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Connection Event in early August SD3: 7 Operations (19-203 days in) SD4: 1 Operation (55 days in) SD5: 3 Operations (138-217 days in)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHS mobile clinic can visit motels to ensure continuity and connection to care • Interim Housing Step-by-Step Guide • Guide to Accessing County Services for Inside Safe sites (DRAFT) • Deploying Interim Housing Support teams as available/requested • Connecting residents to mainstream benefits • Participating in Service Connection Events • Collaborating with interim provider on referrals to higher levels of care
Mitigation	MDT teams have continued to return to operation sites like Hollywood and Pacoima Wash to engage additional residents in services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MDT teams continue to conduct outreach at targeted sites to engage residents and get them into care and safety • The County may install fencing in flood control and fire danger zones

Status of Key Action Items

On Deck (Next 3 Weeks)	Underway	Completed
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Pathway Home will transition from soft launch to full launch in multiple unincorporated and incorporated communities across SD2 in August 2023.▪ Staff Recruitment and Onboarding<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 5 new team members joining soon!▪ Providing feedback to academic partners looking to examine the effectiveness of encampment resolution efforts▪ Briefing the Chief Deputies on Encampment Resolution efforts▪ Participating in a series of Inside Safe Debriefs/After Action meeting with County Departments, the City of LA, and LAHSA to drive continuous improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ Working with LA Metro on several end-of-line and service connection strategies across their system❑ Working with LAHSA and CEO-CIO on encampment resolution data tracking❑ Collaborating with LAHSA to prepare for the Commission's upcoming vote on our motel based interim housing contracts and providers for initial Pathway Home operations❑ Completing SOP Checklists for Pathway Home Operations❑ Working with CEO-OEM to finalize Encampment Resolution Action Plans (ERAPs) for the next Pathway Home operations❑ Finalizing motel agreements in additional Pathway Home communities❑ Finalizing RV Storage Lot agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Fully Executed Motel Agreement in SD2✓ LAHSA Contracts Committee voted to approve our motel-based interim housing contracts and providers for initial Pathway Home Operations✓ Debriefed on lessons learned from the Pacoima Wash Service Connection Event✓ Conducted additional motel tours in other communities we are prioritizing for future encampment resolutions✓ Presented to the SPA 6 Homeless Coalition

Thank you.



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Time Limited Subsidies to Permanent Supportive Housing Transfer Pilot

Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

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July 26, 2023



The Need for TLS to PSH Transfers

Context:

- Transfers are allowable under the current CES Permanent Housing Transfer Policy and Guidance and have been happening on an ad hoc basis to date
- It can be difficult to determine the actual housing need upon initial assessment, and once in housing, a transfer to a different housing program may be needed
- Additionally, some individuals who seem to need PSH may stabilize in TLS, which is a less costly intervention for the system
- TLS remains a more abundant housing resource in the system than is PSH
- Upon identification of a housing unit, the housing placement process is often quicker using payment from a TLS program than going through the PSH process through a Housing Authority

Conclusion:

- Given less focus on assessment for housing placement in TLS, it is important to facilitate transfers if this is not the correct placement for housing stability
- Given the prevalence of TLS and the ability to use this housing resource more quickly than PSH, it is important to create a method to use TLS first, and 'upstream' people to PSH if needed



Time Limited Subsidies (TLS) to Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Transfer Pilot

Goal:

- Create a streamlined process for implementing TLS to PSH transfers at scale countywide*

Process:

- Identify those enrolled in a TLS program who need PSH for housing stability
 - Note: this does not include those who need a housing voucher or shallow subsidy for financial stability
- Create and implement a tool to assess PSH need for those in a housed setting
 - Note: the VI-SPDAT is intended to assess vulnerability in unhoused settings and is not an appropriate assessment for those who are currently housed
- Create and implement a process to match those in TLS to PSH resources for which they are eligible
 - Note: prioritization of new housing placements vs housing transfers pending final determination



TLS To PSH Pilot Parameters

Providers participating in the pilot:

- HOPICS, WLCAC, USHS, PATH, TPC, ADAP, Harbor Interfaith, Turning Point, LAFH, Bridge to Home, TSA, Step Up On Second, VOA, Home at Last

Targeted population

- Adults enrolled in a Recovery Rehousing or Bridge to Subsidy program

Information needed for Transfer

- “Connecticut Tool” (CT), also known as DHS’ Housing Stability Assessment – to identify PSH need
- Dedicated Plus Form – to identify chronicity, as most tenant based PSH requires chronicity
- Documents – ensuring copy of identification and social security number are ready for PSH process

Pilot details

- 231 participants have been identified as needing a PSH resource, of which:
 - 131 participants have CT tool, but still need Dedicated Plus Forms and documents
 - 47 participants have CT tool and Dedicated Plus forms; actively working to get documents
 - 11 participants have CT tool, Dedicated Plus forms, and documents uploaded; are currently pending a match to a PSH resource



TLS to PSH Lessons Learned

Provider staff capacity

- Additional training needed to support delayed response time in completing needed assessments and obtaining needed documents to move clients through application process

Client barriers

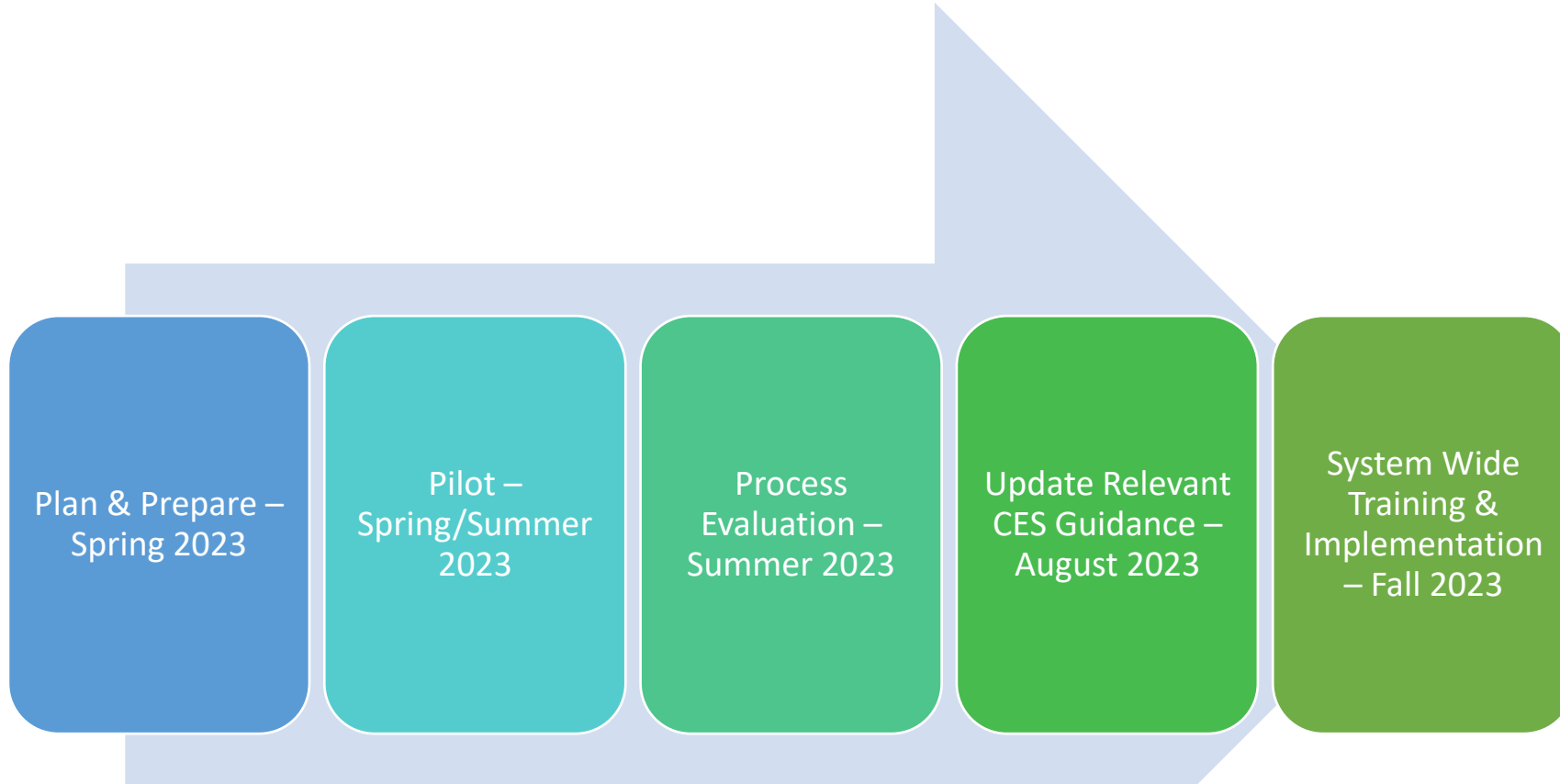
- Appointments with licensed professionals to complete disability documentation can take months to schedule and some doctors refusing to sign disability documents without continued treatment commitments from clients

Transfers reveal gaps of certain eligibility categories of PSH resources

- Majority of TLS clients assumed to need tenant-based resources, not project based resources
- While many project based resources do not require chronicity, there are limited tenant-based resources that do not require chronicity
- Those needing a tenant-based resource who were not chronically homeless prior to housing may wait longer for PSH, based on limited availability of housing resources for which they are eligible



Timeline for Countywide Implementation



Questions?
