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## WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

## JOINT BOARD AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022 @ 6:00 P.M.

In conformity with the September 16, 2021 enactment of California Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas) and due to concerns over Covid-19, the West Hills Neighborhood Council meeting will be conducted entirely with a call-in option or internet based service option. All are invited to attend and participate.

This meeting of the West Hills Neighborhood Council Homelessness Committee will be conducted online via Zoom Webinar and telephonically. All are invited to attend and participate.

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| 1. | Call to order  | 1 Minute  |
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| 2. | Establish a quorum   | 1 Minute  |
| 3. | Review and approve January 10, 2022 Minutes  |           |
| 4. | Comments from the Co-Chairs  |           |
| 5. | Public comment   |           |
| 6. | Discussion and possible action on the West Hills Neighborhood Council's Homelessness Committee report on the 2022 Homeless Count.            |           |
|    | <ul> <li>Mr. Myrl Schreibman, Co-Chair, WHNC Homelessness Committee</li> <li>Mr. Brad Vanderhoof, WHNC Homeless Count Coordinator</li> </ul> |           |
| 7. | Discussion and possible action on composing a letter to LAHSA about the problems,  | 5 Minutes |

• Mr. Myrl Schreibman, Co-Chair, WHNC Homelessness Committee

shortcomings and solutions with the Homeless Count

8. Discussion and possible action on requesting a report from LAHSA

- 15 Minutes
- Beds available in Service Planning Area ("SPA") 2 A SPA is simply a
  specific geographic region within Los Angeles County. Due to the large
  size of LA County, 4, 300 square miles, the county is divided in 8 SPAS.
- After the Count The numbers of unhoused individuals/families are calculated for each city. How do the Neighborhood Councils, benefit from the funds by LAHSA and what plans are in place to help the unhoused population. Are there any reports available by LAHSA on how the funds are divided with the neighborhood councils.
- 9. Discussion and possible action on Neighborhood purpose grants for the following:

5 Minutes

- New Friends Homeless Center, Pastor April Belt
- The Food Pantry, Debbie Decker
- 10. Discussion and possible action on writing a CIS for distributing Nalexone/Narcan to the Homeless Community for narcotic overdose in case of emergency.

  (Please see attached informational literature for Narcan)

10 Minutes

11. Meeting adjournment – Next meeting is April 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

1 Minute

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## JOINT HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February I4, 2022
Telephonic and Web Meeting
Revised February 14, 2022

Attendance: Aida Abkarians, Steve Randall, Myrl Schreibman, Joan Trent, and Brad Vanderhoof

Other Board Members in Attendance: Rosi Mariconda

Guests: Sharon Brewer, Corinne Ho (LAHSA SPA 2), Bruce Rowe, and Chris Rowe

Committee Co-chair Aida Abkarians called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. A quorum was established.

The January meeting minutes were not available for approval.

Chair Comments: Rosi Mariconda was added to the Committee.

Public Comment:

Numbers refer to agenda items.

- 5. Public comment: Chris Rowe said she is adamant about not going to the deployment site for the Homeless Count and has downloaded the forms. Corinne Ho said she will notify LAHSA some forms will be submitted by email.
- 6. West Hills Neighborhood Council's Homelessness Committee on reporting updated information on the Homeless Count: Brad Vanderhoof said as of this afternoon the volunteer count is 25, and coordination with the deployment site is fine. Corinne Ho said she is responsible for 33 deployment sites in SPA 2 and probably will not be able to visit them all but will be on call. A LAHSA representative will be onsite to help with the deployment. Individual volunteers need to be asked if they are willing to ride with another volunteer and the deployment site coordinators are not responsible for matching volunteers. A LAHSA representative will pick up materials after the count. Rosi Mariconda said she does not have a team but would ride with someone else. Brad Vanderhoof asked for a discussion about having a security guard. He also asked Corinne Ho if the count can be started early to stagger arrivals and said the plan for the count is completely outdoor with volunteers not needing to get out of their cars. Corinne Ho said an early start is a good idea and will send the list of volunteers for the West Hills site. She asked if the deployment site coordinators to contact them and schedule team arrival times. Chris Rowe said she has concerns about the vests, flashlights, maps, and the walking tracts described in the training. She asked if she could get the tract map for her area. Brad Vanderhoof said historically all tracts in West Hills have been classed as driving tracts. Corinne Ho said folks not do anything they are uncomfortable with. Hard to reach areas are assigned to special teams and counted by LAHSA and the Sheriffs Department. Bruce Rowe said there were homeless people at Shadow Ranch Park last week. Chris Rowe suggested volunteers be assigned to their own neighborhoods.
- 7. Virtual Training for the Homeless Count: Aida Abkarians asked everyone to be sure and take the training.
- 8. Letter to LAHSA requesting that the dropping and collecting of the materials should be done by a LAHSA Representative; and
- 9. Requesting for a report from LAHSA
- Beds available in Service Planning Area ("SPA") 2

• After the Count – The numbers of unhoused individuals/families are calculated for each city. How do the \_\_\_\_\_ Neighborhood Councils, benefit from the funds by LAHSA and what plans are in place to help the unhoused population: Aida Abkarians described the request. She said she sees the same people on the street every year and it seems as if nothing is being done. Corinne Ho said she can arrange a presentation on Measure H funding. Chris Rowe recommended attending the Blue Ribbon Committee meetings.

Committee Co-chair Aida Abkarians adjourned the meeting at 7:17 PM.

The next ineeting of this committee is on Monday Marc 14, 2022 at 6:00 PM. Webinar and telephonic.

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What is the difference between naloxone and Narcan?

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What category of drugs is naloxone?

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How much is a bottle of Narcan?

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Nasal Spray.

| Quantity | Per unit | Price    |
|----------|----------|----------|
| 2        | \$70.00  | \$140.00 |