

**City of Los Angeles**  
**Unified Homelessness Response Center Policy Group Meeting**  
**Minutes for the meeting held on:**  
**Wednesday, December 18, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

**1. General Public Comment, Multiple Agenda Item Comment**

No public comment was heard.

**2. Homelessness-Related Legislation Update**

Item was tabled.

**3. Cleaning and Rapid Engagement (CARE) Program Implementation**

The Mayor's Office and UHRC staff shared updates on CARE program implementation.

Program updates included:

- Since the program launched on October 1, 2019, CARE program outreach workers from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) have provided over 1,600 outreach services and contacts.
- The CARE program has placed over 500 new trash receptacles at strategic locations in close proximity to homeless encampments throughout the City. These 500 trash receptacles are serviced daily from 6am - 8am by CARE teams.
- Since the program launch, four mobile hygiene trailers (combination shower and bathroom stalls) have been placed in operation, providing 1,018 showers to clients. Nearly half of the clients report using the shower service multiple times.
- The City has doubled the number of cleanups performed each month, from an average of 800 cleanups per month prior to the CARE program, to over 1,700 cleanups currently.
- In October, CARE teams:
  - Provided public health services at 1,786 locations
  - Removed 1,577 tons of solid waste
  - Removed 4,854 sharps and needles from City streets
  - Removed 4,820 pounds of hazardous waste
- In November, CARE teams:
  - Provided public health services at 1,561 locations
  - Completed 1,417 tons of solid waste
  - Removed 8,175 sharps and needles from City streets
  - Removed 5,695 pounds of hazardous waste
- Of the 3,347 total locations visited by CARE teams in October and November, LAPD was radioed on-site a total of 157 times, 4.7 percent of the time.

**4. Discussion of "Inside Bridge Encampments"**

Item was tabled.

**5. Discussion of RV Pilot Program**

The UHRC is working closely with Council District 2 and Council District 15 to launch a pilot Recreational Vehicle (RV) response team in their districts beginning in January. The RV response teams will be fielded one day per week using each respective Council District's CARE team. The RV pilot response team will include representatives from LAHSA, the Bureau of Sanitation, Department of Transportation, and the LAPD.

**6. Potential Agenda Items**

Council District 9 requested a discussion with the Bureau of Street Lighting about illegal light pole power tapping amongst homeless encampments.

Council District 2 requested a comprehensive review of the City's upcoming homelessness and housing projects, including A Bridge Home facilities, Proposition HHH projects in the pipeline, and other projects being coordinated at the Council District level.

**7. Next Scheduled Meeting**

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. in honor of Retired Los Angeles Police Department First Assistant Chief Earl Paysinger, who passed away on Monday, December 16, 2019.