

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
December 2, 2013, 8:00 - 10:00 AM
SLO County Government Center
4th Floor, Conference Room A**

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS EXCUSED	STAFF & EXTERNAL GUESTS	
Debbie Arnold Lee Collins Jeff Hamm	Jim Guthrie John Ashbaugh	Laurel Weir Dana Lilley	Martin Meltz Morgan Torell

AGENDA ITEM	REPORT/DISCUSSION	CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS	FOLLOW UP
1. Call to Order	The meeting was called by Supervisor Arnold.		
2. Public Comment	<p>Martin Meltz made the following recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. HSOC establish a taskforce, comprised of members and non-members from the community, to formally address NIMBY. 2. HSOC formally requests that the case management proposal and RFP for 100K Homes include \$40K for up front security and repair costs. 3. HSOC establish a taskforce to investigate any and all County and State regulations that effect affordable housing construction. 4. HSOC consider restructuring in order to gain better attendance of members. <p>Supervisor Arnold asked if a Public Outreach subcommittee would be helpful to gain community awareness. Morgan Torell answered that HSOC used to have one but the Chair retired. Martin Meltz suggested restarting this group and suggested Christina Bearce as a possible Chair. He also suggested a “council of homeless advocacy groups” and noted one way HSOC could restructure is by having a steering group and work groups as needed instead of multiple subcommittees. Dana Lilley cautioned the group that tackling NIMBY</p>	<p>Supervisor Arnold asked that the restructuring be put on the agenda for the next Full HSOC meeting.</p>	

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	<p>in general is a big task but tackling NIMBY for homeless facilities is needed. Jeff Hamm said that NIMBY is hard to tackle because everyone has a constitutional right to their opinion and is allowed to effect public policy with it. Lee Collins said public education is important though.</p> <p>Martin Meltz said that getting in touch with the Faith-based groups is important too, and asked if the candlelight vigil could be done this year in Dec. Laurel Weir answered that it could be done.</p>		
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<p>3. Action/Information/Discussion:</p> <p>3.1 Discussion Item: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD Continuum of Care Program Notice of Funding Availability</p>	<p>Morgan Torell reported that HUD’s 2013-2014 Continuum of Care NOFA was released in the last two weeks and that the application was due Feb. 3rd. Unlike previous years, which were all one year applications, the current application would be for both the 2013-2014 year. The County will be issuing an RFP, with the proposals due in December. An Ad Hoc Grant Review Committee would be established to review applications and rank projects either the last week of December or the first week of January. The Committee rankings would be brought to the Full HSOC in January. These rankings would need to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors on the Friday after the HSOC met in order to meet the deadline. The CoC competition will provide renewal funding only, so the group will not be reviewing any applications for new projects.</p> <p>Laurel Weir explained that HUD does not have enough money to fund all the current projects, so have required communities to select one project that receives 5% or more of the total Continuum of Care funding and place that project into a “Tier 2” category. Currently there are four permanent supportive housing projects being funded with CoC</p>		

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	<p>funding, one of which will be ranked as “Tier 2”. After funding Tier 1 projects, HUD will look at Tier 2 projects and use any remaining available funding for the Tier 2 projects. HUD will fund Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) renewals first and will fund PSH projects from the highest scoring Continuums first.</p> <p>Morgan Torell said the County will release the request for RFPs Friday. She reported the non-profit groups with renewal projects are aware of the reasons why programs may be in danger, and the County is currently working with them.</p> <p>Laurel Weir said there was less money for renewals available this year and the Tier 2 candidates were more at risk than last year.</p> <p>Supervisor Arnold asked if doing the off year enumeration would help qualify them for more funding. Laurel Weir answered that it would not have affected the 2013-2014 funding, but could affect funding in future years. She also reported that since there would be no benefit in the current application to conducting an optional Unsheltered Point in Time Count in 2014, staff were going to bring a recommendation to the full HSOC that HSOC rescind its authorization of HSOC funding for a 2014 count and save that money for other purposes.</p>		
<p>3.2 Discussion Item: January 2013 Homeless Services Oversight Council meeting 3.2.1 Scheduling</p>	<p>Morgan Torell reported that to meet the HUD CoC application deadline, the proposed CoC rankings would have to be sent to the Board of Supervisors two days after the January HSOC meeting and asked whether the HSOC meeting should be moved to the week of January 6 instead, to give more time.</p>		

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	After a discussion, it was decided not to reschedule the January full HSOC meeting.		
4. Committee/Ad Hoc Committee briefs	<p>Jeff Hamm stated the Supportive Services Committee has no updates since they hadn't met since the Full HSOC meeting on November 20.</p> <p>Lee Collins reported that the Finance and Data Committee would be discussing the CoC application.</p>		
4.4 Public Awareness	N/A		
Next Meeting Date	Next meeting date was set for February 6, 2014.		
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 9:55 AM		