

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL**  
**Executive Committee**  
**August 7, 2014, 8:00-10:00am**  
**County Government Center**  
**1055 Monterey Street**  
**4<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Conference Room**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	<b>MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	<b>STAFF &amp; GUESTS</b>	
Debbie Arnold Scott Smith Lee Collins Patty Beck	John Ashbaugh	Dana Lilley Emily Jackson Nicole Holst	
<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>		<b>CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS</b>	<b>FOLLOW UP</b>
1. Call to Order and Introductions of Guests			
2. Public Comment	none		
3. Approval of Minutes	The previous meeting's minutes were reviewed and approved.	Motion: Scott Smith Second: Patty Beck Motion Approved Unanimously	
<b>ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION</b>			
4.1 100,000 Homes Campaign Update	Nicole Holst provided an update on the 100,000 Homes campaign and efforts underway to survey the top 50 most chronically homeless people in our County. Volunteer recruitment was done in July and resulted in a team of 25 or so people with backgrounds in homeless services, mental health or social work. They were trained the last week of July at DSS on the VI-SPDAT tool and will be surveying from August 11-22, with an additional day in Paso Robles on August 26. Survey locations include CHC clinics, SLO County Jail, Community meal programs, Shelters and partner agencies who will be surveying their existing clients. The United Way has entered into an agreement with DSS to monitor gift card distribution and track them to ensure proper allocation.		

	Regarding possible housing for the people on the Registry list, Scott Smith stated that a new housing development is being planned but is being challenged by the Airport Land Use Commission. It would require a change in the Land Use Element to allow the building to begin.		
4.2 Housing Choice Voucher Waiting List Opening Up This Month	Scott Smith stated that the Housing Choice Voucher waiting list opened on August 1 and will be open until August 21. Applications are available online and there have been 1400 applications and counting so far. They will be using a different process than the last time they opened the list in 2010. It will be open until August 21, and would like to have a goal of opening the list every year. In order to do this 500 people will be taken off the list the first year and the rest of the names will be purged, so they will have to re-apply the next year. To qualify you must be low income, with 75% of the vouchers being set aside for extremely low income people. There will be a separate list for homeless people, domestic violence victims, and mentally ill people. Homeless clients must be referred by homeless providers who are case managing them. He stated that rents in the community continue to rise and because of this they cannot cover as many units or clients. Currently there is only a 2% vacancy rate in the County, which makes it difficult to find housing. Due to this they will be looking into other housing arrangements such as shared housing, etc. There are over 100 people with Section 8 vouchers currently who cannot find landlords who will rent to them.		
4.3 2015 Point in Time Count Planning Update	Morgan Torell provided an update on the 2015 Point in Time count. She spoke to ASR regarding this yesterday and they stated that around October 1 was a good start date. They will be working on a detailed revised project scope that will be sent to County Planning for review. They do not expect that they will be able to cut the costs from last time as much as they originally hoped to, and still expect it will cost around \$49,000 and they will be working with County staff on		

	<p>map collection, etc.</p> <p>The contractor has expressed some concern about defining the number of homeless people in each city.</p> <p>Morgan Torell explained that surveying will likely be done in January and data will be due to her by April 1, 2015.</p>		
4.4 ACTION Folio Update	<p>Lee Collins stated that ACTION for Healthy Communities is compiling data on homelessness and has provided a draft to DSS that is currently under review by Lee Collins and Laurel Weir. This data will be presented once completed.</p>		
4.5 HSOC Strategic Planning for 2015	<p>Nicole Holst stated that the initial meeting of the HSOC Strategic Planning Committee has been scheduled for Friday, August 15, 2014 from 2:00-3:30pm.</p>		
5. Committee Reports	<p><u>Finance and Data:</u> Lee Collins stated that Finance and Data did not meet this month, but previously was dealing with the Enumeration and will continue to work on this.</p> <p><u>Housing Committee:</u> Scott Smith stated that the Housing Committee did not meet this month and stated that previously they were working on making comments on the Veterans grant that had come up, and for which SLO did not qualify. Due to a last minute push from HSOC many comments were made by those concerned about homeless Vets in SLO, enough of which that they were noticed by the State's housing agency.</p> <p><u>Supportive Services:</u> Patty Beck stated that the Supportive Services in the previous form no longer exists and so they did not meet this month. They will be morphing into the Homeless Services Coordinating Council, and in September will invite more people to join in addition to those already participating. She said the future group will be more service provider based and will</p>		

	hopefully result in focusing on issues on the ground. The goal is to bring agencies together to communicate needs and facilitate workgroups that can address solutions.		
6. Future Discussion/Report Items	n/a		
7. Next Meeting Date	October 2, 2014, 9-11am		
8. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at by Supervisor Arnold.		