

HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
Executive Committee
October 2, 2014, 8:00-10:00am
County Government Center
1055 Monterey Street
4nd Floor, Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT		MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF & GUESTS	
Debbie Arnold Dana Lilley Lee Collins	Patty Beck Emily Jackson		Laurel Weir Dana Lilley Martin Meltz	Morgan Torell
AGENDA ITEM			CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS	FOLLOW UP
1. Call to Order and Introductions of Guests		9:04 Debbie Arnold called the meeting to order.		
2. Public Comment		None		
3. Approval of Minutes			Lee Collins Motioned Debbie Arnold seconded Motion approved	
ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION				
4. Membership Update- Expiring terms and current vacancies		<p>HSOC established alternating terms for members, so that there would be approximately 1/3 of the HSOC rotating off each year or needing to re-apply. There are currently some existing vacancies due to the rotation, as well as some people stepping down. The HSOC will need to do outreach to fill these positions.</p> <p>Lee mentioned that there are many people rotating off that will still be involved and would have useful insight regarding possible nominees or recommendations and the HSOC should reach out to them.</p> <p>The Committee discussed outreach to possible candidates, including CenCal Health for the health provider seat, and the Mountain Brook Abolitionists because of their involvement and advocacy on homeless youth issues, to encourage them to consider</p>		

<p>2. 50 Now Update</p>	<p>applying for available seats.</p> <p>TMHA has been given the list of the Top 50 most vulnerable and has also been given an additional list of people considered to be vulnerable seniors with a mental illnesses, so that TMHA can do outreach to see if they could connect those seniors to housing through a separate, permanent housing program for vulnerable seniors with mental illness.</p> <p>Agencies are trying to find landlords willing to rent to the clients. Through partnerships, things are moving quickly and TMHA already has some housing units lined up.</p> <p>DSS also gave TMHA a list of those from the survey who identified themselves as veterans and TMHA will refer them to the HUD-VASH program to see if they qualify for HUD-VASH assistance. Through the different programs, 50 Now may be able to connect more than 50 people to housing.</p> <p>The group discussed the need to conduct more outreach to landlords and to create additional ways for landlords who are interested to make inquiries about the program.</p>		
<p>3. 2015 Point in Time Count Update</p>	<p>Morgan setting up a conference call with ASR. She anticipates that the contract will be done this month.</p> <p>The Point in Time Count will take place in January and have much planning involved beforehand.</p>		

.4 Grant Updates

The annual McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act Continuum of Care Application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is in process. The HSOC Ad Hoc Grant Review Subcommittee will meet next Monday. A report will be sent out after the Monday meeting. Staff will be proposing to the Committee that it recommend renewal all 7 existing ones and ranking the applications, including new applications. This ranking is required by HUD.

Transitions Mental Health Association has submitted a proposal for bonus funding to create 11 new, permanent, supportive housing beds. This would be an almost 40% increase in the number of permanent supportive housing beds funded by the CoC program. TMHA is proposing to serve eight chronically homeless persons and one chronically homeless family of three persons.

Laurel shared that the County expects to be competitive for the bonus funding this year. The San Luis Obispo (SLO) County Continuum of Care (CoC) is expected to receive points for leveraging that were missed out on last time. Morgan anticipates that this will be a more likely year to receive the bonus funding available to the SLO County CoC.

Laurel reported the County was just awarded approximately \$1 million dollars by the State to provide Rapid Rehousing for CalWORKs families through the new CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP). HSP is a competitive program – only 20 counties were funded, when over 40 applied.

<p>5. HSOC Strategic Planning</p>	<p>Lee shared that the CalWORKs grant concerns expressed by the County Board of Supervisors about the need to do more to assist homeless families. He also noted the state evaluated the applications by the strength of application and Jenny Hart and other DSS staff put together a comprehensive application. Also, because State officials really wanted this to program to succeed, they chose only counties that they thought could really deliver. San Luis Obispo County was chosen one of those counties.</p> <p>In addition to providing a short term housing subsidy, the program also will provide case management, because without that it would not be successful. The State is requiring the County to use the HUD definition of homelessness, so the program can only serve persons sleeping in shelters, cars, or places not meant for human habitation..</p> <p>Lee Collins stated that DSS and partners are committed to making this work because the community and state are counting on us to do so.</p> <p>Debbie Arnold mentioned that maybe the group could reach out to the realtors association to gain some interest. Most of those associations meet once a month. Sometimes they ask her district or particular agencies to come, so maybe they can attend and share there.</p> <p>Has been meeting and working on a plan affecting our application scores. Formula used for this round not the same as next round. HSOC going to recommend</p>		
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<p>6. Convening of the new Homeless Services Coordinating Council</p>	<p>bench marks in addition to the 10-year benchmarks.</p> <p>HUD ones do relate to our plan. Strategic Planning is looking into further benchmarks. Has been suggested to wait on January meeting so that we can have a more thoughtful process since so much is going on right now.</p> <p>Morgan shared that strategic planning will begin in November and there is no reason why we cannot continue the planning into January.</p> <p>Laurel said that HSOC had previously voted to reorganize its committees, eliminating the Supportive Services Committee and creating a new Homeless Services Coordinating Council in its place. The scope of work of the Committee would broader than supportive services. The Committee would meet less frequently, but would have small, Ad Hoc working groups assigned to work on discrete projects and then report back to the HSCC on the results. There is a need for an HSOC member to chair this Committee.</p> <p>Also, they are looking for input on potential recruits for the committee. Members can work on specific issues such as winter shelters and family issues.</p>		
<p>7. Committee Reports</p>	<p>Finance and Data – report on the Point In Time Count already given by Morgan, above.</p>		

	Housing Committee - housing has been looking further into the issue of available units and trying to figure out how to get to the units. They heard a presentation by Anne Wyatt on the need to look at vacant housing in the community to determine if more units could be made available.		
8. Future Discussion/ Report Items:			
9. Next Meeting Date	TBA		
10. Adjournment		Lee Collins motioned at 10:25 a.m. and Debbie Arnold Seconded. Unanimous vote to adjourn.	