

HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
Executive Committee
January 15, 2015, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
County Government Center
1055 Monterey Street
4nd Floor, Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF & OTHERS	
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			
2. Public Comment	<p>Locations for Emergency Warming Centers discussed. Looking into cities that do not have shelters. Day centers are also of interest.</p> <p>Ideally, issue will be proposed through HSOC. Appointment of ad hock committee, and designate that it reports to the homeless services counsel.</p> <p>Cooling centers in the summer and Warming centers in the winter are very necessary. This affects overall health. Laurel shares that it can be as simple as just a room with water, and chairs. County buildings will be of best use. We do have the legislative authority to declare emergencies and use county buildings for this. Staffing and costs are a concern but cost implications are going to come with anything that gets done. This is a preventative measure that could save lives.</p> <p>Article from Tribune lightly touched on. Group plans and agrees to go about handling matter in friendly manner. Also, hopes to get feedback on proposed ideas HomeBase may have.</p>		
3. Approval of Minutes	Approval of minutes, there was a second call out. All in favor.		

<p>4.1 Action/ Information/ Discussion:</p> <p>4.1.1 50 Now</p>	<p>According to first quarterly report which ended December 31st, 2014 TMHA has placed 17 people (across the county) into housing. They are moving much faster than we anticipated. Laurel shares that they have a year and a half to house the remaining.</p> <p>They have pulled people from all over the rankings. There has been a mix of people off of the streets, as well as people who are known by providers. The list will be refreshed in February, this will allow for folks who have not been connected at all to get involved. Service providers will be surveying people. Traditionally (100,000 Homes Campaign), we are also doing a point in time count the last week in Feb.</p> <p>Some of the people on our original list have fallen off because of incarceration, or moving in with family members. For the folks incarcerated, we are waiting to connect with them when they get out with attempts to break the recidivism cycle. Because of these matters, there are spots on the list opened up.</p> <p>Documentation on the actual numbers showing county savings is being worked on. We are just working out details regarding releases on information and whom. Laurel is positive that services have dropped, already. Self-reported data is better than no data, so this was also an avenue proposed.</p> <p>We are tracking as much as we can i.e. we are tracking interviews that were done while client was in jail, and now out. What we are finding is that many of the folks that are cycling in and out of jail are very low functioning and are addicted to substances. Laurel states that relapse is a normal part of the recovery process. One will relapse on their way to recovery; the idea is that the relapses get shorter and the time in-between gets longer.</p> <p>Based on the first quarter, it is to be expected to see a resource</p>		
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<p>4.1.2. CalWORKs Housing Support Program</p> <p>4.1.3 Supportive Services for Veterans Families</p>	<p>saving, if not a dollar amount saving, because of this program. We go before the board to report data after 6 months.</p> <p>There is more than just money to consider. There is a lot of service time that will not be wasted because of this program. Average arrest time for the city of SLO is 2 hours. If they have to take person to hospital a minimum of 4 hours because of police reports, paper work, and time at the hospital.</p> <p>Case managers have really helped TMHA to find landlords to connect with. The issue of units is still existent. Shared housing is definitely been a great aspect of this program. This is at the least, cost affect. Some people tend to do better in a congregate housing setting.</p> <p>Welcome home kits were a success! Churches got very involved during the holiday season. Everyone who has been housed, have received welcome home kits. People went as far as sending cards from children that were very encouraging.</p> <p>New state funded program (rapid re-housing) is in the beginning phases. It is for homeless families that are CalWORKs participants. They already have 90 families being interviewed and screened. We did outreach to the families on our lists, and CAPSLO has also been referring families from their case loads. We are partnering with CAPSLO. We are in need of finding affordable housing, once again. Thankfully, DSS was able to temporarily put these families into motels during the coldest part of December.</p> <p>This is also at the beginning phases. They did training on their program, we also did a training (SOAR) in December. Idea is to get everyone to use the same assessment tool so that we can</p>		
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<p>4.2 2015 Point in Time count Update</p>	<p>do a better job of understanding and directing people to the best place.</p> <p>ASR has been working with homeless providers in each region. CAPSLO is taking the lead. We are going to use currently and previously homeless people as navigators. We will be doing the count in the also week in Jan. Various agencies are taking leads in the different regions. We have also been getting good input from Police Dept. and mapping individuals.</p> <p>Aside from that we are also doing a special homeless youth count. Homeless youth are often the hardest group to find. Youth counts may be inflated a tad because of record changes. We are working on this process so that numbers are not being duplicated reflecting parents reporting runaways. We are working on identifying this properly and as accurate as possible. People can sign up and sign up to volunteer.</p>		
<p>4.3 Update on implementation of pilot coordinated assessment and referral process</p>	<p>Surveys fill in the demographics. PIT count is to identify the regions and proportions so that use can figure out how many surveys are needed in the county. Last week in Feb will be to follow up with the VI-SPDAT.</p> <p>Coordinated assessment referral: Laurel brought packets that home base put to gather using a tool called self sufficiency matrix. Arizona originally came up with it. Pilot testing is being done over the next 45 days. We will have scores and feedback from case managers.</p>		

