

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
HSOC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
August 12, 2015, 1:00-3:00pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF & GUESTS	
John Ashbaugh Patty Beck	Christine Johnson Debbie Arnold Tracy Schiro Morgan Torell Marty Meltz	Laurel Weir Jessica Lorange Jennifer Caffee	
AGENDA ITEM		CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS	FOLLOW UP
1. Call to Order and Introductions of Guests	John Ashbaugh welcomed the group and acted as the chair in the absence of Debbie Arnold		
2. Public Comment	None at this time		
3. Review and Approval of Minutes	Delayed until next meeting		
ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION			
4.1 Discussion regarding request to adopt a grievance policy for resolution of conflicts: Attachment 4.1A-Sample grievance policy from the Adult Services Policy Council	<p>Resolution of conflicts was requested by Dee Torres who is absent. Laurel noted that Dee had provided a copy of the Adult Services Policy Council’s grievance policy and suggested HSOC consider something similar. The Adult Services Policy Council (ASPC) is an advisory board similar to HSOC but it focuses on the needs of elderly citizens and citizens with disabilities. The grievance policy creates a mechanism to help resolve conflict. The ASPC policy requires that a member bring the issue before the committee.</p> <p>Patty suggested that perhaps other members in non-profit organizations could share their grievance policy with the HSOC committee. John suggested that it would be good to hear some examples of grievances that come up to make a more informed decision. The members recommended that Patty and Laurel have a discussion with Dee to get more information about</p>	Defer until further information-unanimous	

<p>4.2 Discussion regarding scheduling and structure of a Fall Planning Retreat</p>	<p>what she was seeking and to make certain of the range and goal of the policy. If they could develop clear goals and recommendations, then the matter could be brought directly to the full HSOC.</p> <p>Fall planning retreat: Laurel said the last retreat was in 2013 in which the 50Now meeting idea was brought up. When would everyone like to do this in 2015? John recommended November and also recommended an early start time for the regular meeting with lunch included. Laurel suggested sending out a poll to get a quorum about the planning meeting.</p>		
<p>4.3 Discussion of Anticipated Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Availability</p>	<p>Continuum of care funding availability: Laurel said HUD has not issued the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) yet, but it is expected soon. Once the NOFA has been published, Planning will hold an informational meeting for organizations interested in applying for the funding. We do have some of the data from the 50Now program to share with HUD that will be helpful.</p>		
<p>4.4 Update on Point in Time Count Report</p>	<p>PIT Count: We are waiting on ASR to send back the edited document. The summary should be available by the full HSOC meeting. The count is currently showing a large decrease in the population however, there is a concern that the South County numbers might be an undercount. The school data was also excluded this year. CalWorks HSP program provided data that was not available in previous years, which should make up for school data.</p>		

<p>4.5 Update on upcoming homeless outreach efforts in South and North County</p>	<p>There was a 23% decrease in the number of homeless veterans counted. The HUD VASH program housed 70 veterans in SLO County between January 2013 and January 2015, and may have been a big reason for the decrease. The youth numbers increased quite a bit, not necessarily because there are more homeless youth but because this was the first time a youth count has been done. Patty shared that the numbers have gone down in the SLO People’s Kitchen lunch program at the Prado Day Center over the past two years. It is uncertain whether that is due to a change in policy related to who can come to Prado or if it reflects a population shift. She noted they found that those who were chronically homeless were more likely to access the available lunches than those who are not. The majority of the individuals who are not from here moved here because they were moving back.</p> <p>Update on upcoming homeless outreach efforts in North and South County: Laurel reported they are working with Mayor Martin on a one day outreach event in Paso Robles. Mayor Martin is working on securing the venue. They are proposing to hold the event at the Paso Robles Event Center. The target population for this particular event are homeless individuals and families. It is unsure the amount of participants since this is the first time for this type of event.</p> <p>In South County, the local police recently notified DSS that they would soon be clearing out an encampment near the train station in Grover Beach because the city has plans to do construction at that location. DSS held a meeting of outreach workers from various</p>		
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<p>4.6 Discussion regarding recent US Department of Justice statement of interest brief regarding anti-camping ordinances; Attachment 4.6A-Statement of Interest of the United States in Bell v. Boise (Civil Action No. 1:09-cv-540-REB)</p>	<p>agencies and a team from various nonprofit agencies will be going out to try to connect people with services before the site is cleared.</p> <p>Laurel shared about a case in Idaho about a camping ordinance that's being challenged. The U.S. Department of Justice, which is not a party to the case, has submitted a document to the court in which it takes the position that the city wide anti-camping ordinance violates the Constitutional protection against cruel and unusual punishment, because forbidding people from having a public space to sleep when there are not enough shelter beds to house everyone has the effect of criminalizing a necessary, life-sustaining activity. While the case is in Idaho, when the Department of Justice takes a position in a court case, it is influenced by the agency's national position. The court has not yet ruled on this as this was filed last week. Laurel noted that not letting people have a stable place to sleep makes it difficult for providers to keep in contact with individuals whom they are trying to help. Patty suggested a designated tent area for those in need of a place to camp due to the lack of housing. John recommended this attachment be brought up at the Full HSOC committee meeting.</p>		
<p>5. Committee Reports</p>	<p>Patty reported the most recent regional meeting Homeless Service Coordinating Committee meeting happened last month in South County The meeting discussed youth and employment issues. The Housing Committee met July 21, 2015: looked at the issue of</p>		

	housing choice vouchers. John stated that we need to work on our landlord outreach. Patty suggested incentives for section 8. Landlords need to have more education about section 8 and their rights. Laurel reported the Warming shelter committee had been providing Paso Cares with sample Warming Shelter policies and that Paso Cares has found a church that may be willing to host a Warming Shelter. The Paso Cares group would like to offer transportation to the shelter if that can be addressed.		
6. Future Discussion/Reports Items	Not at this time		
7. Next Meeting Date: TBD			
8. Adjournment	John Ashbaugh adjourned the meeting at 2:45pm		