

HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC)
HSOC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
October 22, 2015, 1:00-3:00pm
New Government Center 4th Floor
Board of Supervisors Room

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF & GUESTS	
Debbie Arnold	Christine Johnson Tracy Schiro John Ashbaugh Patty Beck	Laurel Weir Jessica Lorance Morgan Torell Ivana Yeung	
AGENDA ITEM		CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS	FOLLOW UP
1. Call to Order and Introductions of Guests	Debbie Arnold welcomed the group and introductions were made.		
2. Public Comment	Laurel shared that the MASH Outreach Event occurred yesterday. 81 homeless persons attended. A variety of services were provided, including flu shots, pet vaccinations, wellness checks, making follow up medical appointments, issuing replacement state issued IDs, providing information about mental health and substance abuse treatment services, taking applications for a veterans' housing program, food, haircuts, bicycle repair, and clothing.		
ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION			
3. Review and Approval of Minutes	To be reviewed next meeting when a quorum is available.		
4.1 Discussion of Continuum of Care (CoC) Application process and planning for related items on upcoming HSOC agendas	Ivana Yeung reported that subrecipient applications for Fiscal Year 2015 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care funding are due this Friday Oct 23. There is a scoring committee that will review applications for renewal and bonus funding before they are sent on to the HSOC. The rating criteria are		

	<p>based on the criteria HUD will use to evaluate our community's application. Renewal projects will also be evaluated using performance measures established by HUD. HSOC will review and consider the committee's ranking and send HSOC's recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for final consideration before submission of the application to HUD.</p> <p>HUD expects to have enough funding for all renewal applications. For the bonus funding, there is no guarantee that we will receive it. The proposed bonus project will be in competition with other projects around the country, so it is important to put forward the most competitive project. The CoC's overall score will affect the competitiveness of the bonus project in the national competition. HUD also gives suggestions from previous competitions that will help organizations this year to improve on their applications.</p> <p>HUD made several changes to the competition this year. HUD is asking for more policies to be included in the CoC's governance policy, and also is asking communities to prioritize permanent supportive housing beds based on the number of years someone had been homeless combined with their scores on a standardized assessment tool such as VI-SPDAT Survey (which our CoC currently uses for 50 Now). The HSOC needs to vote to adopt this policy if they want to receive points for this in the competition.</p> <p>HUD is also asking communities to adopt the proposed time goals for ending homelessness. The goals are to get to "functional zero" for homeless veterans by the end of 2015; getting to "functional zero" for chronic homelessness by 2017, and getting to "functional zero" for family homelessness by 2020.</p> <p>Other areas where HUD is asking CoCs to adopt or</p>		
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<p>4.2 Discussion of Warming Shelters for Winter 2015/2016</p> <p>4.3 HSOC Membership for 2016-expiring and vacant seats, and applications received to fill those seats</p> <p>4.4 Update on local efforts to address Veteran Homelessness</p>	<p>implement policies include to prevent the commercial sexual exploitation of children and increase access to education for homeless and youth.</p> <p>The CoC application rankings will go to the Board of Supervisors as an agenda item on November 17, 2015. The overall application will be submitted to HUD by 5 p.m. PST on November 19th to secure 3 bonus points in the competition for turning the application in early.</p> <p>Laurel shared with the group that Paso Cares has been working to try to establish a Warming Center. Two churches in the Paso Robles area have offered their facilities for a warming shelter. Additional beds are being searched for to prepare for the upcoming winter.</p> <p>There are members that have expiring membership on the HSOC committee. There are 5 seats that are expiring in 2016. Four out of the five members have either applied for a second term or indicated they intend to apply. The fifth member, who holds the seat for currently or formerly homeless persons, has indicated she is not going to apply for a second term. In addition to the five expiring seats, the local hospital seat has been vacant for awhile. An application has been received for that seat as well.</p> <p>The CoC received a technical assistance grant from HUD to The local Supportive Services for Veteran Families grantees have been working with the VA to start the process of building a master list of have been working hand in hand with HUD who is giving the local program additional support. HUD has been helping to track the veteran homelessness and our area along with HMIS access for additional data.</p>		
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<p>4.5 Update on efforts to develop model grievance policies and consider additional models for client participation</p>	<p>Laurel shared that the Ad-hoc group requested copies of non-profits grievance policies in the area. Patty and Laurel will review what groups are currently doing. Laurel is also doing research on models for obtaining client input.</p>		
<p>5. Committee Reports</p>	<p>Laurel updated the group with information from the housing committee meeting. The housing committee requested that Sunny Acres send a representative to their next meeting to share their plans. Anne Wyatt also discussed and shared a presentation giving additional ideas about affordable housing that most people have not thought of. The Housing committee members plan on taking the presentation out into the community to help education different groups and organizations. Anne would like to share the presentation to reach out for additional feedback from the full HSOC committee.</p> <p>Laurel reported the Finance and Data committee discussed the Point in Time count in more detail. The committee discussed the decline in the number of chronically homeless persons and possible reasons for the decline.</p>		
<p>6. Future Discussion/Report Items:</p>	<p>NA</p>		
<p>7. Next Meeting Date:</p>	<p>December 16, 2015 1:00-3:00pm</p>		
<p>8. Adjournment</p>	<p>Supervisor Arnold adjourned the meeting at 3:00pm</p>		

