



***San Luis Obispo
Countywide 10 Year
Plan to End
Homelessness***

We envision a future in which the housing and comprehensive services necessary to remain housed are available for all, affording everyone maximum self-sufficiency, and the opportunity to be productive and participating members of our community

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
Executive Committee Meeting Agenda
December 16, 2015 1-3 p.m.
County Government Center, 4th Floor
1055 Monterey Street, San Luis Obispo, CA**

1. Call to Order and Introductions of Guests
2. Public Comment
3. Review and Approval of Minutes
4. Action/Information/Discussion:
 - 4.1 Discuss whether to schedule a special HSOC meeting in the first week of January to vote on Emergency Solutions Grant, Community Development Block Grant, HOME, and General Fund homeless account funding recommendations to the Board
 - 4.2 Discussion of Warming Shelters for Winter 2015/2016
 - 4.3 Discussion regarding preparation for 2017 Point in Time Count
 - 4.4 Discussion regarding Continuum of Care Planning Process
 - 4.5 Discussion regarding prioritization process for permanent, supportive housing units
 - 4.6 Discussion regarding affordable housing presentation developed by Housing Committee
5. Committee Reports
6. Future Discussion/Report Items:
7. Next Meeting Date: TBD
8. Adjournment

**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		

**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>		

