



***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  
April 20, 2016 1-3 p.m.  
County Government Center, 4th Floor  
1055 Monterey Street, San Luis Obispo, CA**

1. Call to Order and Introductions
  2. Public Comment
  3. Review and Approval of Minutes
  4. Action/Information/Discussion:
    - 4.1 Discussion Item: Update on programs funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
      - 4.1.1 Housing Choice Vouchers and Tenant Based Rental Assistance funding
      - 4.1.2 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Funding and Continuum of Care funding
      - 4.1.3 Community Development Block Grant funding
    - 4.2 Discussion Item: Preparation for 2017 Point in Time Count
    - 4.3 Discussion Item: Update on Mobile Assistance and Services addressing Homelessness (MASH) events
  5. Committee Reports
  6. Future Discussion/Report Items:
  7. Next Meeting Date: May 25, 2016 from 1-3 p.m.
  8. Adjournment
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**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL  
 HSOC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
 February 17, 2016, 1:00-3:00pm  
 New Government Center 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
 Board of Supervisors Room**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	<b>MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	<b>STAFF &amp; GUESTS</b>	
Tracy Schiro John Ashbaugh Patty Beck Debbie Arnold	Christine Johnson	Laurel Weir Jessica Lorange Jen Caffee Ivana Yeung Ryan Hostetter Martin L Meltz PhD	
<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS</b>		<b>FOLLOW UP</b>
1. Call to Order and Introductions of Guests	Tracy Schiro welcomed the group and introductions were made.		
2. Public Comment	Laurel shared with the group that the city of Grover Beach has made an announcement that they have about \$186,000 in CDBG funds available until the end of June. The funds are to be used to help Grover Beach residents. Funding categories include community services like homeless prevention, emergency preparedness, shelter and services, rental and utility assistance, etc for residents in Grover Beach. Applications are due to the City of Grover Beach by February 26, 2016. More information can be found online in the Grover Beach council meeting minutes from February 1, 2016 for details. The county does not decide, this money is from the city of Grover Beach. The money must be spent by September 16, 2016.		

**ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**

<p>3. Review and Approval of Minutes</p>	<p>Patty moved to approve the minutes after the change has been made. The vote was seconded by Tracy. The group unanimously approved the minutes.</p>	<p>Patty asked for a change on page 3 of the minutes of the regarding the armory in Paso Robles that may be a possibility for shelter – there is no armory in Paso Robles.</p>	
<p>4.1 Action Item: Vote to recommend the County of San Luis Obispo to serve as Administrative Entity for state of California Housing and Community Development Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Funds</p>	<p>Ivana asked the group to recommend the County of San Luis Obispo to serve as Administrative Entity for State of California Housing and Community Development Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Funds. While the County receives ESG funds from the federal government, this is the first time it will be eligible to also receive ESG funds from the state. The County would distribute the funds using a competitive process for the purposes set forth by the state. A full application process would be administered by the County Planning Department. The state will require that the County take steps to ensure the services provided are low barrier.</p> <p>It is currently unknown whether or not this will be a renewable grant.</p>	<p>Patty moved to approve to recommend the County of San Luis Obispo to serve as Administrative Entity for State of California Housing and Community Development Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Funds. The vote was seconded by John. The group unanimously approved the recommendation.</p>	
<p>4.2 Action Item: Vote to remove Marie Chaney from the HSOC</p>	<p>Laurel explained to the group that Marie Chaney has moved out of the area. Laurel has been in contact with her and Marie Chaney indicated she wished to step down from the HSOC. She was appointed in January of 2014 and has not been attending meetings.</p>	<p>Tracy moved to remove Marie Chaney from the HSOC and was seconded by John. The group unanimously approved the motion to remove Marie Chaney from the HSOC.</p>	

<p>4.3 Discussion of Shelter Crisis Declarations and Warming Shelters for Winter 2015/2016</p>	<p>Laurel explained that the Board of Supervisors recently voted to declare a shelter crisis and asked for information as to why some homeless persons are not going to the warming shelters. The Board also asked that cities make similar declarations and the Board offered up to \$10,000 to be made available to help address the shelter crisis and asked the cities to match the funding or at least try to set some funding aside.</p> <p>Morro Bay and Paso Robles also declared a shelter crisis. Paso Robles city staff will be meeting with Paso Cares to be looking at regional needs to plan for the best ways to help those in North County.</p> <p>In Morro Bay, local groups are working to open a Warming Center there at the Morro Bay Vets Hall once a week. There is currently a dinner program at the Vets Hall on Monday nights and could possibly be a shelter for Monday evenings. The concern brought up by the Board of Supervisors is that the warming centers have not been full. The HSOC Homeless Services Coordinating Committee will be looking more into the reasons why the clients are not utilizing the warming centers. The city of San Luis Obispo has declined to agendize the shelter crisis declaration.</p>		
<p>4.4 Discussion regarding preparation for 2017 Point in Time Count</p>	<p>Laurel shared that at the last Finance and Data Committee meeting there was discussion on the method for the 2017 Point In Time Count. It has been suggested that the HSOC should combine a Vulnerability Index survey with the Point in Time Count in order to develop a by-name list of homeless people in the area that could be used to identify needs</p>		

	<p>and conduct outreach and engagement. Surveys like the Vulnerability Index survey can help prioritize individuals for the 50 Now program and to identify persons, such as homeless veterans, who may be eligible for other housing or services programs.</p> <p>Santa Barbara County has successfully combined the Point in Time Count with the VI-SPDAT survey. Doing a combined count and survey of all adults will require more resources than past counts Santa Barbara used about 700-800 volunteers, which is far more than our community used in the last count.</p> <p>This matter will be brought before the full HSOC in March. If the HSOC approves it, it will be important to start volunteer recruitments as soon as possible. A volunteer committee might be necessary for this Point in Time Count.</p> <p>The financial cost for the Point in Time Count contractor also may increase since this will be a larger effort. The cost of the last Point in Time Count was \$49,000.</p> <p>The Point in Time Count for 2017 will occur in the last week of January of 2017. Tracy shared that this implementation of combining both the Point in Time Count and survey will also help with the duplication of names issue along with helping to identify specific needs of each family or individual.</p> <p>Laurel said the HSOC will be asked if it wants to contribute funds toward the implementation.</p>		
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<p>5. Committee Reports</p>	<p>Patty explained to the group that the Homeless Services Coordinating Committee (HSCC) is planning on meeting every month due to long lists of needs. The next meeting will focus on the shelter crisis declarations and, as requested by the Board, looking into why clients are not utilizing the warming centers. A sub-committee may be created in order to look through specific topics and identifying solutions to be presented to the Full HSOC.</p> <p>HSCC is also working on planning some additional Mobile Assistance and Services addressing Homelessness (MASH) events for this year. A needs assessment survey has gone out to service providers in each area of the county. Three or four MASH events are hopefully going to be planned, one in north county, one in south county, one in San Luis Obispo and one on the coast.</p> <p>Ticketing and criminalization of homeless is also a topic that the HSCC will be looking at in 2016. Patty has asked that anyone with issues for the HSCC should send their lists in order for the committee to prioritize or make necessary sub-committees. There was a meeting in January in Atascadero to discuss feedback about the original MASH event along with warming center issues and updates. Warming center coordinators shared information about why clients sometimes have been opting out of going to the warming centers. Clients reported concerns such as losing their camping spots if they left them, not being able to bring their pets, not being able to carry all their possessions to the Warming Center and fear that what they left behind would be stolen were identified among other barriers.</p> <p>Martin recommended that an HSOC newsletter go out quarterly to inform the community of the on going work of the HSOC. Martin is willing to help write updates for the community.</p>		
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	<p>John shared that Anne Wyatt has developed a presentation in consultation with the Housing Committee regarding models for creating additional housing opportunities. The presentation will be shown to the Full HSOC committee in March and HSOC will be asked to vote on whether or not to approve it for presentations to local governments and other interested groups.</p>		
6. Future Discussion/Report Items:	<p>Homeless Services Coordinating Committee meets next week Feb 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in Social Services Room 101.</p> <p>Supervisor Arnold shared with the group information about the recently enacted AB403 legislation, which will reduce the placement of foster children in group homes and change how those homes are operated and regulated. Tracy Schiro is planning to share more information on this at a future meeting.</p>		
7. Next Meeting Date:	April 20, 2016 1:00-3:00pm		
8. Adjournment	Patty adjourned the meeting at 2:55pm		