

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
 HSOC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
 April 20, 2016, 1:00-3:00pm
 New Government Center 4th Floor
 Board of Supervisors Room**

| MEMBERS PRESENT | MEMBERS ABSENT | STAFF & GUESTS | |
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| Debbie Arnold Patty Beck Kristen Barneich John Ashbaugh | Christine Johnson Tracy Schiro Janna Nichols | Jessica Lorance Laurel Weir Ivana Yeung Martin Meltz | |
| 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 | Martin mentioned that there will be a big event today at the Vets Hall in San Luis Obispo starting at 2pm. The event is an informational fair featuring many organizations that work on mental health or related issues. The event is open to the public. | | |
| ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION | | | |
| 3. Review and Approval of Minutes | | Kristen voted to approve the minutes, seconded by John and the vote was unanimous to approve the minutes. | |
| 4.1 Discussion Item: Update on programs funded by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development | Laurel shared with the group that HASLO has temporarily stopped issuing any housing vouchers, including vouchers for the 50 Now program. | | |

4.1.1 Housing Choice Vouchers and
Tenant Based Rental Assistance funding

Due to the rising cost of rent, the cost to HASLO for Housing Choice Vouchers has been increasing. While tenants pay a portion of their income for rent, tenants' incomes have not increased proportionately with rental costs and HASLO has had to make up the difference. This has reduced the amount of funding available for issuing new vouchers.

In the past, even when the Housing Choice Voucher waiting list was closed, HASLO could use vouchers that had been returned and re-issue them to people on the waiting list. HASLO has put a temporary hold on re-issuing vouchers. If HASLO continued issuing vouchers, they would have exceeded the amount that HUD allows them to spend on vouchers before the end of the year.

There are individuals on the 2014 list that have not had a chance to obtain vouchers yet. People on the 2015 list will likely not get a chance to be considered for vouchers until 2017 at the earliest.

Short term rental subsidies have been used to help out. This was funding from the federal HOME program called Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA). This funding was used to house some of the persons on the waiting list who are next in line for vouchers. That has used up the remaining TBRA funding for the current year.

Unless one or more of three options occur, this problem is likely to recur in future years: 1) if clients' incomes increase so that they can pay more of the rent; 2) if rental costs decrease; or 3) if HASLO receives more money for the Housing Choice Voucher

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| 5. Committee Reports | <p>John reported that at the Housing Committee meeting, Martin recommended that each jurisdiction or region in the county consider opening detoxification facilities or program throughout the county. Martin also shared that there is a house up for sale in Pismo Beach that he suggested could be a possible detox facility. John also noted tha Jerry from the Housing Committee had given the HSOC-approved presentation about Housing Options to the Arroyo Grande City Council recently.</p> <p>The next HSCC meeting will be on April 27th at 9:30am at the Department of Social Services office located at 3433 S. Higuera, San Luis Obispo in room 101.</p> | | |
| 6. Future Discussion/Report Items: | | | |
| 7. Next Meeting Date: | May 25, 2016 1:00-3:00pm | | |
| 8. Adjournment | Supervisor Arnold adjourned the meeting at 2:55pm | | |