

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
FINANCE AND DATA COMMITTEE
July 7, 2014, 1:00-3:00pm
Department of Social Services
3433 S. Higuera, San Luis Obispo
Room 356**

MEMBERS PRESENT		MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF & GUESTS	
Lee Collins	Martin Meltz	Scott Smith	Laurel Weir	
AGENDA ITEM		CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS		FOLLOW UP
1. Call to Order and Introductions of Guests				
2. 2015 Homeless Point in Time Count: Discussion and Update		<p>Laurel Weir announced that the RFP was issued last month and closes at 3:00 today. The Grant Review Committee will meet this Wednesday morning and the recommended proposal will go to HSOC next week. The draft contract will be sent to the Board of Supervisors in August, or early September, with a goal of getting the ball rolling in September. She also announced that maps have been collected, or are in the process of being collected from each city. Contact has been made with local law enforcement that has been helping to identify hot spots. Next providers will be contacted and park rangers for their feedback.</p>		
3. HSOC Website		<p>Laurel Weir announced that the old website has been taken down and now links to the new one, and is now showing up on the first page when searched for. She asked for feedback on what type of photos should be included on the new HSOC website.</p> <p>Martin Meltz suggested two photos, one of the problem and the solution. Lee Collins suggested images that show hope instead of despair. For example, a family living in a car and then a family housed. He expressed hesitation at showing real, local people unless they are unidentifiable.</p>		

ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION			
4. ACTION Folio on Homelessness	<p>Laurel Weir announced that a working group was drafting a report on homelessness for the upcoming ACTION Folio. They are compiling data on the lack of housing for extremely low income persons and other contributors to homelessness. Laurel Weir will be involved with the action committee. The goal is to have it published in the Fall.</p>		
5. HMIS Report	<p>Laurel Weir stated that they are still working with the vendor and hope to have a final report in August. For the SSVF grant, agencies will be required to report data through HMIS. She provided a sample error report that showed some data on clients served, including #s on who entered and exited services, as well as # of days they received services. Laurel Weir asked for feedback on how much detail should be included in these reports.</p> <p>Lee Collins asked that the information be shared as a summary, possibly including demographic information, to be shared with the committee. Martin Meltz also asked that the agencies receiving these reports be informed that the findings will be shared with the Committee so that they are accountable to keeping up with data.</p> <p>Laurel Weir stated that Veterans (who are verified by VA) often do not tell homeless service providers they are Veterans. If we can share HMIS data with the VA, and the homeless service providers agree to it, they can cross match clients. The VA is now reimbursing medical providers, including psychologists, who are taking care of veterans, rather than doing everything in house.</p> <p>Lee Collins said he prefers more information over less in terms of amount of detail to provide in reports in future, including trend lines. Laurel Weir said trend lines can be done by population.</p>		

6. Grants and Funding Round Table	<p>Laurel Weir announced that HUD renewed all CoC funded programs in San Luis Obispo County, including the one in Tier 2, so no CoC programs were lost as a result of the federal budget Sequestration.</p> <p>Martin Meltz asked that good news such as this be shared with the public through the Outreach committee.</p> <p>Laurel Weir stated that the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) grant competition results were expected to be reported on later this Summer.</p> <p>The Community Foundation Klaproad grant competition closed on June 30th, and we should hear soon about the results.</p> <p>Lee Collins said that the State budget included competitive funding for CalWorks families without housing and believes SLO County will be competitive for it. He stated that they were currently looking at ways to house families who are homeless or at risk for being homeless.</p> <p>Martin Meltz suggested asking each agency receiving funding to attend this meeting regularly to make reports or send in any updates to Laurel to be presented.</p>		
7. Next Meeting Date	August 4, 2014, if needed, to be determined		
8. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 2:07pm.		