

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL**  
**Finance and Data Committee**  
**April 6, 2015, 3:30-5:00pm**  
**Department of Social Services**  
**3433 S. Higuera**  
**Room 356**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	<b>MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	<b>STAFF &amp; GUESTS</b>	
Tracy Schiro Jessica Thomas Martin Meltz		Laurel Weir	
<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>		<b>CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS</b>	<b>FOLLOW UP</b>
1. Call to Order and Introductions of Guests			
2. Public Comment			
<b>ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION</b>			

<p>3.1 2015 Homeless Point in Time Count</p>	<p>Laurel Weir reported that the Street Count was conducted in late January. Enumerators counted throughout the County and there was also a special Youth Count conducted to count 18-24 year old Transitional Aged Youths. Enumerators in South County reported that two large encampments were cleared out not long before the Count, and thus may have affected the Count in South County.</p> <p>The Shelter portion of the Count was conducted by asking agencies to run HMIS reports for the night of the Count to determine how many people were sheltered that night. In addition, data was collected from the jail regarding the number of homeless persons released from the jail, and from agencies that reported having housed persons in motels on the night of the Count. Data was also collected from the schools by having the schools contact unsheltered homeless families after the night of the count to ask where they were staying on the night of the count.</p> <p>Tracy asked when the data would be ready. Laurel reported that an initial report was expected from Applied Survey Research (ASR) in late May or early June. Once the draft report from ASR was received, the groups that had been involved in the count would be convened to review the report. They would also look at data from HMIS and other sources and develop an analysis.</p>		
<p>3.2 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs gap analysis</p>	<p>Laurel reported that the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs had been developing a “gap analysis” for Supportive Services for Veteran Families grantees to determine how many veterans they would need to house by the end of the year in order to get veteran homelessness to functional zero in their community. The analysis was based on the 2013 Point in Time Count. The number will be updated once 2015 Point in Time Count data is ready.</p>		

<p>3.3 Homeless Management Information System – Discussion of new guidance and consideration of changing vendors</p>	<p>Laurel reported the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) had issued new guidance in Fall, October 2014, and that the HMIS system had been reprogrammed to reflect the changes. Changes were made to make the program compatible for programs from other federal agencies, such as the McKinney-Vento Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) program.</p> <p>Laurel also reported the County was considering changing HMIS vendors and would be looking at other vendors later this year.</p>		
<p>3.3 2014 HUD Continuum of Care Competition</p>	<p>Laurel reported that the results of HUD’s 2014 Continuum of Care (CoC) competition had been received. HUD renewed the funding for all of the previously funded CoC programs in the County. The proposed bonus project was not funded. HUD awarded bonus funding to only 25 projects nationwide.</p>		
<p>3.4 HUD Continuum of Care Application – timing and process</p>	<p>Laurel reported that HUD had moved up the timing of the 2015 Continuum of Care competition and the new Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) could come out as soon as the end of June. In the past few years, the NOFA has typically been published in the Fall. Once applicant agencies are chosen through a local Request for Proposal (RFP) process, the HSOC has to vote to support the funding recommendations before the final application goes to the Board of Supervisors for approval for submission to HUD. Depending on the timing of the NOFA deadline, it is possible HSOC may need to call a special meeting over the summer in order to review the funding recommendation.</p>		
<p>4. Future Discussion/Report Items</p>	<p>It was suggested that it would be helpful for the Committee to develop a written description of the Committee’s areas of jurisdiction. It was agreed that that issue would be placed on the agenda for the May meeting.</p>		

5. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm by Tracy Schiro		
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