

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
FINANCE AND DATA COMMITTEE
10/5/2015, 1:00-3:00pm
Department of Social Services
3433 S. Higuera, San Luis Obispo
Room 356**

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF & GUESTS	
Tracy Schiro Marty Meltz Jessica Thomas Bob Ellis (for Grace McIntosh) Dee Torres		Laurel Weir Jessica Lorange	
AGENDA ITEM	CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS		FOLLOW UP
1. Call to Order and Introductions of Guests	Tracy made introductions and everyone introduced themselves to the group.		
2. Public Comment	Marty shared with the group about a website that is a forum to discuss open topics. The submittals are moderated and can be rejected, however good ideas can be pulled from rejected ideas. A comment can be submitted under each topic to find solutions. The forum is open to everyone nationwide to help each other. There are currently 50 topics. Public can apply to be a moderator and be anonymous. They are then the administrator of the specific topic.		
ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION			
3.1 2015 Homeless Point in Time Count results and analysis	Laurel provided a brief background on the Point in Time (PIT) Count. The Count is done every other year as a condition of receiving McKinney-Vento Continuum of Care and Emergency Solutions Grant funding. The County hired a contractor to design, implement, and compile and analyze the results of the count. The contractor ensures the methodology is compliant with HUD requirements.		

	<p>The count data came from a variety of sources. A shelter count was conducted on the night before the street count. The street count was conducted in all regions of the county by teams of enumerators. Most teams included someone who was previously homeless who served as a guide for the team. The street teams went out after sunrise to count within their assigned areas.</p> <p>A survey was conducted of a sampling of homeless persons in the weeks following the count. The survey data was used to estimate demographic data.</p> <p>In 2015, there were 1515 homeless persons counted in the County, down from the previous 2013 count of 2186 persons.</p> <p>The count used similar methodology from year to year. The one major change was that this was the first year a youth specific count was conducted.</p> <p>There was an increase in the percentage of sheltered persons in 2015. This occurred for a couple of reasons. First, ECHO increased the number of shelter beds from 35 beds in 2013 to 50 beds in 2015. Also, the new CalWORKs Housing Support Program came on line in late 2014 and was sheltering some families in motels during the 2015 PIT Count.</p> <p>Chronically homeless numbers declined from 571 in 2013 to 388 in 2015. The group discussed possible reasons for the decline. Laurel noted the HUD-VASH program that housed 70 homeless veterans between Jan 2013 and Jan 2015. Also, 50 Now had housed around 15 chronically homeless persons before the 2015 PIT Count. Jessica Thomas shared with the group that the school system did not have any</p>		
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	<p>continuously homeless families this year. Dee shared that over 30 chronically homeless persons had been housed in 2014 by her organization and additional people had been housed at Sunny Acres. Dee mentioned she also had been working to help families and individuals get to family members, even if the family members do not live in the area. Train tickets and bus tickets have been purchased to help these people get to somewhere where they can get help from family.</p> <p>The group also discussed differences in family homelessness. The schools provided the majority of the family data for the 2013 Count. ASR collected data from the schools for the 2015 PIT Count because the names could not be de-duplicated from the CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP) numbers. HSP did not exist at the time of the 2013 Count. The number of homeless children (who met the HUD definition of homelessness) counted by the schools in 2015 was less than the number of homeless family members included in the HSP data for the PIT Count.</p> <p>Jessica noted that the number should be able to be collected by the schools for the next count, as long as they are given the requirements sufficiently ahead of time to work out the agreements and ideas of how to retain confidentiality.</p> <p>Laurel reported that there was a decline in the number of homeless veterans from 2013 to 2015. There were 70 HUD VASH vouchers along with other veterans housed through CoC system which may have contributed to the decrease in the homeless veteran number which went from 239 in Jan 2013 and went to 130 in Jan 2015. Bob shared that since the beginning</p>		
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	<p>of their program they have housed 39 veteran families.</p> <p>Laurel shared a graph showing the Point in Time counts results in the different counties in central California. The majority of Central California counties saw declines in the number of persons counted in the PIT Count from 2013 to 2015.</p>		
4. Future Discussion/Report Items	<p>There are to be future discussions about the methodologies used to complete the counts.</p> <p>The county board of education received the unaccompanied youth grant for \$5000. There is no youth committee anymore. There could be a youth committee run by ILP. Laurel recommended Tracy share about the TAY-FAP program as a local model to the youth program.</p> <p>The retreat will be discussed at the next executive committee meeting.</p>		
5. Next Meeting Date	The next meeting will be December 7, 1-3pm		
6. Adjournment	Tracy adjourned the meeting at 3:00pm		