

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
 HSOC FINANCE AND DATA COMMITTEE MEETING
 December 7, 2015, 1:00-3:00pm
 Department of Social Services
 Room 356**

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF & GUESTS	
Tracy Schiro Marty Meltz	Jessica Thomas	Laurel Weir Jessica Lorange Bob Ellis	
AGENDA ITEM		CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS	FOLLOW UP
1. Call to Order and Introductions of Guests	Tracy Schiro welcomed the group and introductions were made.		
2. Public Comment	Marty shared with the group that he has been attending city council meetings around the county to make people aware that jurisdictions should be prepared in the event of a state of emergency due to El Nino. Jurisdictions are reminded of the shelter crisis law and to make certain they have facilities available for an emergency status. Marty is sharing this information as a concerned citizen.		
ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION			
3. Review and Approval of Minutes	Marty made a motion to pass the minutes, seconded by Tracy. All voted yes to pass the meeting minutes	Change Bob Ellis to guest attendee on meeting minutes from 10/5/2015	
4.1 Discussion- HUD's New definition of Chronic Homelessness	Laurel discussed with the group that HUDs new definition of chronic homelessness is that an individual must have been homeless cumulatively for a year over the past 3 years. Stays in hospitals, jails,		

<p>4.2 Discussion- Continuum of Care application to HUD and next steps</p>	<p>or substance abuse facilities can also count toward the chronically homeless definition.</p> <p>There also will be a change in how this is documented. HMIS will also need to be changed to reflect this implementation. HUD has been requiring documentation about length of time homeless. Eligible documentation includes being identified by outreach programs such as 50 Now or staying at a shelter that participates in HMIS. It can also include a referral or discharge documentation as well. HUD only needs one piece of documentation per time frame or period.</p> <p>Marty asked how this will impact enumerations. Laurel let the group know that we will not be doing the enumeration in 2016. Other communities are completing the enumeration in 2016 and HUD will be giving our community guidance for best practices for future enumerations with the new implementation.</p> <p>This change in the definition of homelessness affects a broad number of agencies locally, all of which use the HMIS system and 50 Now program. This is to take effect January 1, 2016.</p> <p>Laurel informed the group that the HUD application was sent in two weeks ago getting us 2 additional bonus points due to the submission being turned in a couple days earlier. There were a couple categories we did not receive points for: HUD would like to see our community prioritize people for permanent, supportive housing by using tools like the VI-SPDAT (which is used by the 50 Now program) and also taking into consideration the length of time someone has been homeless (people who have been homeless longer would be rated ahead of similarly scoring persons who have been homeless for lesser periods of</p>		
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	<p>time).</p> <p>A group of providers recently met to discuss how these orders could be adopted. The group agreed to use the VI-SPDAT v. 2.0 and have the housing agencies verify the results of the survey. Ranking will be done with a formula showing length of time homelessness along with vulnerability. Surveying will allow occur throughout the year. The group also suggested refreshing the list quarterly and possibly purging the list periodically.</p> <p>It may be possible to do a large survey of people using the VI-SPDAT during the 2017 Homeless Point in Time Count. This would create a master list of homeless persons in our community. More discussion on this topic will happen in February of 2016.</p> <p>Laurel reported the veterans groups are in the process of building a master list. This will be a good test of creating and using a master list and could be a helpful model for creating master lists for other subpopulations.s</p>		
5. Future Discussion/Report Items:	<p>Bob reminded the group that CalVet round 3 should be coming up in February or March. Bob asked: Could there be a mitigation fund discussion as a possible discussion in the future to the Housing committee. Laurel made note to share that information with the housing committee. Tracy suggested testing the mitigation fund by making funds available for programs (HSP and 50 Now) and see how many landlords would be recruited.</p>		
6. Next Meeting Date:	February 1, 2015 1:00pm-3:00pm		
7. Adjournment	Tracy adjourned the meeting at 3:00pm		

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