

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
 HSOC FINANCE AND DATA COMMITTEE MEETING
 April 11, 2016, 2:00-3:30pm
 Department of Social Services
 Room 356**

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF & GUESTS	
Tracy Schiro Martin Meltz	Jessica Thomas	Laurel Weir Jessica Lorange	
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	<p>Laurel announced that the County had published the Emergencies Solutions Grant Request for Proposals. The applications are due Friday, May 6th at 5 p.m. There will be an informational meeting for interested applicants on Monday April 18, 2016. For more information, see the County Planning Department's website or contact Ivana Yeung.</p> <p>Marty raised the issue of encampment clearings and asked the group if HSOC could consider suggesting each jurisdiction come up with solutions of where these individuals to go in advance after an encampment was cleared. Tracy shared that the County Department of Social Services (DSS) offices have noticed an increase in clients during and after recent encampment sweeps.</p>		
ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION			
3. Review and Approval of Minutes			
3.1 Discussion- Preparing for the 2017	Laurel discussed the need for volunteer		

<p>Homeless Point in Time Count</p>	<p>recruitment for the count. Marty offered to share with the student affairs office about the possibility of CalPoly students as volunteers. Laurel explained that there are 3 types of volunteers we need: guides who are or have been homeless in this county, volunteers experienced in surveying or working with homeless clients, and other volunteers.</p> <p>Guides are given a stipend to help. Tracy recommended CalWorks clients would be a great as a volunteer pool as well. Laurel explained that there will be opportunities for training this year to survey. Volunteers could get experience surveying for 50 Now, which uses the Vulnerability Index-Services Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool.</p> <p>We are hoping for 70-100 guides, 100-200 surveyors and about 200-400 volunteers. Marty suggested that different people go around to the community chambers and service groups asking for volunteers. Laurel offered to write up a short description of the volunteer positions that could be shared with such groups. Volunteers will be asked to volunteer 1-4 mornings, depending on their availability.</p> <p>Laurel shared with the group that Santa Barbara County uses an app for the surveying that we are considering for the coming survey.</p> <p>The survey will also be used to identify veterans and veterans will be asked to sign a consent form allowing them to be referred to a Supportive Services for Veteran Families program.</p> <p>Tracy suggested there also be a consent form</p>		
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<p>3.2 Discussion- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)</p>	<p>to refer persons to DSS to help with benefits.</p> <p>The committee plans on creating a recruiting committee for the volunteers along with creating a job description for each volunteer category. The PIT Count will be the last week in January 2017.</p> <p>Laurel informed the group that HUD provided an update on how communities were to calculate the performance measures in HMIS. Ivana will have more information after the national HMIS conference this week. HUD has identified certain factors that will be very important for future applications like: length of homelessness, how often people return into the system, and prevention. Ivana will provide a report at the May meeting.</p>		
<p>5. Future Discussion/Report Items:</p>	<p>NA</p>		
<p>6. Next Meeting Date:</p>	<p>May 2, 2016 1:00pm-3:00pm</p>		
<p>7. Adjournment</p>	<p>Tracy adjourned the meeting at 3:15pm</p>		