

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL  
 HSOC FINANCE AND DATA COMMITTEE MEETING  
 May 2, 2016, 1:00-3:00pm  
 Department of Social Services  
 Room 358**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	<b>MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	<b>STAFF &amp; GUESTS</b>	
Tracy Schiro Martin Meltz	Jessica Thomas	Laurel Weir Jessica Lorange Ivana Yeung	
<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>		<b>CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS</b>	<b>FOLLOW UP</b>
1. Call to Order and Introductions of Guests	Tracy Schiro welcomed the group and introductions were made.		
2. Public Comment	Martin shared with the group that as this committee meets regarding the continuum of care grants but that the group also looks at other types of data regarding homelessness throughout the county.		
<b>ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION</b>			
3. Review and Approval of Minutes  3.1 Discussion Item: Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) 3.1A Report from National Human Data Services Consortium Conference 3.1B Continuum of Care Performance Measures 3.1C Homeless Management Information Systems bi-annual training	Ivana informed the group that she attended a conference in LA in which updates were discussed. There was a discussion about the roles and responsibilities in the Continuum of Care. The HMIS lead distributes the quality data and technical assistance. HSOC should be the group that identifies changes and trends, knows the homeless system the best. Ivana explained that she will be doing more monitoring of the HMIS information in terms of data quality. HUD system performance measures include length of time homeless, number of homeless, jobs and income growth,		

and meeting	<p>number of first time homeless, homelessness prevention, and successful housing placement. Ivana explained the importance of HSOC as a governing body working together to help engage partners that don't receive Continuum of Care program or ESG funding. Laurel explained that it behooves the groups to look at the full data together as that is how HUD looks at the measures of performance. One of the things they judge on is the bed coverage rate which is how many different agencies use the HMIS system. The more participating agencies help the score increase. Martin recommended inviting the agencies that are part of the HMIS information in the finance and data committee meeting so that there is a better understanding. Laurel explained that HUD looks at the Count against the last count and the information out of HMIS which is the performance measure. HUD is very interested in recidivism rate which is those coming out of the homeless system and then returning into the system. Both sunny acres and San Luis Obispo housing connections have requested access to HMIS. Ivana shared that she would like to put more information about using the HMIS and system usage onto the HSOC website. Martin suggested encouraging the jurisdictions staff members to attend some of the HSOC committees that include county wide issues. Laurel shared that the city of San Luis Obispo was invited to the last PIT Count and was able to see the data and discuss results. Laurel also stated that there have been connections between city staff and HSOC topics due to the emergency shelter crisis. Ivana also shared some information she received from the consortium about the possibility of using data to inform reallocation. The county is not reallocating at the moment.</p>		
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<p>3.2 Discussion Item: 2017 Homeless Point in Time Count</p>	<p>The strategic resource allocation-reallocate funds to new projects whenever reallocations would reduce homelessness. HUD has been asking that each community look at a system based approach for HMIS implementation by identifying gaps in and improvements needed to reach goals. System based approach looks at system goals and benchmarks, Continuum of Care review of system-level performance data, and data and performance driven review and ranking process. Laurel explained that it is very difficult to predict who will become homeless. Laurel also shared that HUD would like us to find out where the individuals were before they became homeless. Ivana is planning on sending out an email blast out about the bi-annual homeless management information system users training and meeting in the library room on May 16, 2016 from 2-4pm to discuss the policy changes and new user information. Ivana is planning on having a quarterly data report to be discussed.</p> <p>Laurel informed the group that requests for those interested in being on the volunteer committee have been sent out. There will be additional information describing the volunteer positions at a later date. The invitation was extended to those as part of the HSOC as well as interested parties. There is also volunteer coordination software being looked into at the moment. Laurel explained she expects the RFP to go out to the contractor this month. Before the contract is finalized the Board of Supervisors will need to vote.</p>		
<p>5. Future Discussion/Report Items:</p>	<p>NA</p>		

6. Next Meeting Date:	June 6, 2016 1:00pm-3:00pm		
7. Adjournment	Tracy adjourned the meeting at 2:30pm		