

HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
Full HSOC COMMITTEE
March 5, 2014, 1:00-3:00pm
SLO Vet's Hall
801 Grand Avenue, San Luis Obispo
Lounge Room

MEMBERS PRESENT		MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF & OTHERS	
Debbie Arnold	Jennifer Kirn	Steve Martin	Laurel Weir	Janna Nichols
Kristen Barneich	Jim Patterson	Marie Chaney	Pearl Munak	Martin Meltz
Jim Copsey	Dana Cummings	Glenn Marshall	Jessica Mezzapesa	Morgan Torell
Marianne Kennedy	Patty Beck	Christina Bearce	Dana Lilley	Nikki Streegan
Jessica Thomas	Christine Johnson	Rod Youngquist	Emily Jackson	Jeff Hamm
Shelly Higginbotham	Bob Kelley		Bill Watt	Mark Lamore
John Ashbaugh	Lee Collins		Tim Waag	Wendy Tyree
Dee Torres	Thomas Clough		Grace McIntosh	Amy Christey
Scott Smith	Shirley Wright		Jerry Rioux	Christine Smith
Rick Gulino (alt.)			Erica Stewart	Denise Rea
			Larry Feldt	Jack Boysen
			Abby Lassen	Tyler Corey
			Sylvia Barnard	
AGENDA ITEM			CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS	FOLLOW UP
1. Call to Order and Introductions of Guests				
2. Public Comment		Martin Meltz said City of SLO has committed to purchasing property for campus near Prado Shelter, and asked HSOC to support the County contributing \$250,000 for this project.		
		Christine Smith said Hope's Village is required by the County to have 10 acres for their housing, and seeks recommendations.		
3. Approval of Minutes		The previous meeting's minutes were reviewed and approved.	Motion: Jim Copsey Second: John Ashbaugh Motion Approved	
ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION				
4.1 HSOC Member Appointments and Nominations		Laurel Weir announced Jim Patterson is now an official HSOC member approved by Board of Sups.		
4.1.1 Action Item: Vote to endorse recommendations of HSOC Ad Hoc		Laurel Weir announced two candidates for consideration, Wendy Tyree for the Faith-based seat	Motion: John Ashbaugh	

<p>Nominating Committee for appointments to HSOC</p>	<p>and Anne Robin for the vacant County seat. The members voted on and approved the two applicants.</p>	<p>Second: Jim Patterson Motion Approved unanimously</p>	
<p>4. 2 Action Item: Vote to endorse Supportive Services for Veteran Families Grant Applications</p>	<p>Morgan Torell reported on the VA Supportive Services for Veteran Families Grant. The VA has issued a notice of funding availability. Nonprofits in San Luis Obispo County are eligible for up to \$6 million in grants over a 3 year period. The VA requires applications to be endorsed by the HSOC before the VA will consider them. The HSOC may endorse up to two applications. In preparation for HSOC consideration, the County Planning Department issued a Request for Proposals. In response, County Planning received two applications: one from CAPSLO and one from the 5Cities (sic) Homeless Coalition/Good Samaritan Shelter. The grant would provide funding for services such as case management, as well as for direct assistance, such as short term housing assistance. CAPSLO is proposing to add a full time case manager at ECHO, a job developer position for veterans at the One Stop, and short term housing assistance. Good Samaritan would like to add a case manager full time at 5 Cities Homeless Coalition. 5CHC is not currently participating in HMIS but would begin participating if their proposal is funded by the VA. CAPSLO's case manager would be countywide, whereas Good Samaritan's would be in South County only.</p> <p>She also reported that since the two applications together sought less than a combined total of \$6million, both applications could be endorsed without the applications being in competition with each other.</p> <p>Laurel Weir added that this grant could be used to provide assistance not only to homeless veterans but also their spouses and dependents, as well as low income veterans and their families who were at risk</p>	<p>Motion: John Ashbaugh Second: Bob Kelley Motion Approved with abstentions from: Debbie Arnold, Shelly Higginbotham, Jim Patterson, Rick Gulino, Dana Cummings, Dee Torres, Thomas Clough</p>	

	<p>of homelessness but not yet homeless.</p> <p>Supervisor Arnold recused herself, due to conflict of interest rules and Scott Smith took over as Chair for this item. Scott Smith encouraged the group to allocate funding to both applicants.</p>		
<p>4.3 Discussion Item: 2013 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care Competition De-Briefing</p>	<p>Morgan Torell summarized how the County scored on the last Continuum of Care application. The following are the items the County scored well on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Governance structure 2. Data, including PIT and Housing counts 3. Beds dedicated to chronically homeless, and Stabilization to insure they stay housed 4. Connecting homeless to needed benefits <p>She then report the following areas as areas that we need to make improvements in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Decreasing the homeless population 2. Increasing the amount of employment income that clients earned and/or increasing the number of clients with employment income 3. Increasing the percentage of clients who obtained non-employment income, such as Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits 4. Discharge planning and more permanent supportive housing 5. Leveraging and formal networking plans <p>Laurel Weir noted that HUD wanted at least 20% of Continuum of Care clients to have an increase in employment income. She noted that many of the Continuum of Care funded programs targeted chronically homeless persons with disabilities such as severe and persistent mental illness. She explained that HUD understand that many clients would be unable to work, which was why the HUD standard was only 20% for all Continuum of Care</p>		

	<p>funded programs. She also noted that HUD wanted to see additional Continuum of Care clients with non-employment income, because their presumption was that many clients had the type of disabilities that would make them unable to work and thus they should be eligible for federal disability benefits such as SSI or Social Security Disability Insurance benefits.</p>		
<p>4.4 Action Item: Vote to approve HSOC Housing Committee Recommendations</p>	<p>Jerry Rioux, who is a member of the HSOC Housing Committee, presented recommendations from the Housing Committee that the Committee was proposing be sent to cities and the County for consideration of inclusion in the upcoming update to their Housing Elements.</p> <p>He explained that the term floor area ratios in Recommendation #4 meant the relationship between the size of the land and the size of the buildings. He reported that most cities used density or bedroom counts for this. He also explained the term “park model” in #3, which was a recreational vehicle that was designed to stay at a permanent location.</p> <p>Bob Kelley said he would encourage smaller mobile homes rather than park models, whose impact fees made them too expensive to build for low income residents.</p> <p>Shirley Wright expressed concern that people would not be able to afford this type of housing.</p> <p>Lee Collins asked for clarification on the term “group home”. Jerry Rioux answered that it included assisted care, supportive housing and traditional housing.</p> <p>The group voted on and approved the Recommendations without amendments.</p> <p>Patty Beck asked if these Recommendations would</p>		

	<p>go the Board of Supervisors or straight to cities. Laurel Weir answered that they would go straight to cities, and Dana Lilley said that city planning commissions are required to at least look at them.</p> <p>Martin Meltz encouraged City Council representatives from each jurisdiction to advocate for these recommendations.</p>	<p>Motion: Lee Collins Second: Bob Kelley Motion Approved with one dissenting vote from Jim Copsey</p>	
<p>4.5 Action Item: Supportive Services Committee Recommendations</p>	<p>Patty Beck announced the recommendations developed in the Supportive Services Committee. She said that it was not a final list of what was needed, but a start, and did not include discharge from shelters, etc which the Committee would be looking at in the future. She noted that some of the recommendations would require funding if they were to be implemented, but in the meantime communication between agencies could be improved as well as efficiency of operations.</p> <p>Amy Christey said that in Santa Cruz County they used volunteers to coordinate with prisoners for discharge planning 60 days before release. Jim Copsey said County jails were required to release inmates when their time was up, but supported a measure to coordinate with the appropriate agencies to receive them. Wendy Tyree said there was a volunteer organization here that was run by Sister Theresa and that was looking to develop a mentoring program.</p> <p>Janna Nichols noted that conducting in reach to inmates in jail provided an opportunity to begin establishing connections that could be used to help people successfully transition back into society.</p> <p>Jennifer Kirn suggested having Sister Theresa do a presentation on where volunteers are and what is needed at a meeting of this Committee.</p> <p>Martin Meltz asked that HSOC look at all the</p>		

	<p>recommendations and periodically bring specific recommendations back to HSOC, jurisdictions and Board of Supervisors.</p> <p>Pearl Munak said it was getting increasingly more difficult to house the medically fragile and more supportive housing, besides temporary housing, was needed.</p> <p>Laurel Weir said the recommendations would go to County Staff for consideration of next steps.</p>		
4.6 Discussion Item: HSOC Restructuring and Planning	<p>Laurel Weir announced that she had gathered data from other successful communities that were participating in Continuum of Care programs. Common themes were: HMIS oversight committee, CoC grant review (some of which were Ad Hoc groups), and Strategic Planning (general). Laurel said she would recommend reviving the Homeless Services Coordinating Council, which had been discussed at the previous meeting having an Executive or Strategic Planning Committee, and a committee that looks at data regularly to track progress. The group had also talked about making the Finance and Data Committee the first part of the Full HSOC meeting. She suggested forming an Ad Hoc committee to discuss ideas about restructuring before the next HSOC meeting.</p> <p>Patty Beck said that she noticed quite a few communities in the packet included "Outreach", and "Jobs" committees as well as "Discharge coordination". She suggested bringing the previous HCC committee back to see what providers may be interested in focusing on.</p> <p>Supervisor Arnold asked who would be interested in joining the Ad Hoc committee. Patty Beck, Wendy Tyree, Dana Cummings, Erica Stewart and Martin Meltz all agreed to participate.</p>	Motion: Patty Beck Second: Scott Smith Motion approved	
5. Future Discussion/Report Items	Dana Cummings announced the Veterans Stand		

	<p>down event the weekend of May 16-18.</p> <p>Christine Smith of Hope's Village announced that at 9am on Friday March 7th, four major cabinet makers would be coming to Santa Margarita at the Porch to discuss how they could make their small homes more livable.</p> <p>Martin Meltz said the new Benefits ARCH resource cards had been updated and would be going to the printer soon.</p> <p>Erica Stewart announced the United Way was helping people file their taxes for free. People could obtain more information online at myfreetaxes.org.</p> <p>Scott Smith said that he got a notice that the Request for Proposals (RFP) had been published by the County for the case management services for the Housing First proposal endorsed by HSOC.</p>		
6. Next Meeting Date:	May 21, 2014, 1:00-3:00pm		
7. Adjournment	Supervisor Arnold adjourned the meeting at 3:00pm.		