

HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
Full HSOC COMMITTEE
July 16, 2014, 1:00-3:00pm
SLO Vet's Hall
801 Grand Avenue, San Luis Obispo
Lounge Room

MEMBERS PRESENT		MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF & GUESTS	
Debbie Arnold	John Ashbaugh	Glenn Marshall	Laurel Weir	Morgan Torell
Kristen Barneich	Grace McIntosh (alt.)	Christine Johnson	Dana Lilley	Erica A. Stewart
Shelly Higginbotham	Steve Martin	Scott Smith	Nikki Streegan	Emily Jackson
Christina Bearce	Lee Collins	Shirley Wright	Kevin Mikelonis	Heinz Huebner
Jim Patterson	Rod Youngquist	Marie Chaney	Sue Warren	Karen Self
Patty Beck	Dana Cummings	Wendy Tyree	Esther Castillo	Amy Christey
Anne Robin	Thomas Clough	Jessica Thomas	Janna Nichols	Bob Ellis
Rick Gulino (alt.)		Jennifer Kirn	Suzan Ehdaie	Joe Madsen
			CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS	FOLLOW UP
1. Call to Order and Introductions of Guests		Introductions were made and guests were welcomed.		
2. Public Comment		Esther Castillo from PATH is working with VASH to help them get housed with services through the Supportive Services for Veterans Families,		
3. Approval of Minutes		The minutes were reviewed and approved.	Motion: Bob Kelley Second: Kristen Barneich Motion Approved Unanimously	
ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION				
4.1 2015 Homeless Point in Time Count		Nikki Streegan stated that an RFP was sent out for contractors, as requested at the last HSOC meeting. An ad hoc committee was convened and consisted of 5 members, including two HSOC Board members. They did receive a proposal that fit their requirements, but are in negotiations on the cost, currently settling on \$45,000. Staff acknowledges that this is a high cost, but necessary to secure leveraging for over a million dollars in grant funding. HSOC will cover \$15,000, with County covering another \$15,000. Staff is recommending the remainder of the money be split evenly among the jurisdictions, and are asking \$2,143 from each city.	Motion: Lee Collins Second: Kristen Barneich Motion Approved with one dissenting vote from Bob	
4.1.1				

	The group voted on and approved the motion.	Kelley	
4.2 HSOC Vacancies	<p>Laurel Weir announced that Jim Copsey and Jeanette Duncan have resigned their position on HSOC and the two applicants that have been recommended would be taking their place. Amy Christey has been nominated by CJAA to HSOC, and she has previously worked for over 20 yrs. in Santa Cruz on homeless issues, and in SLO County with EBAC in Morro Bay. Rick Gulino is being recommended to replace Jeanette Duncan, for whom he is currently the alternate. He is the Director of Development for People’s Self Help Housing and oversees housing placement of its homeless clients.</p> <p>The group voted on and approved the motion.</p>	<p>Motion: Lee Collins Second: Rod Yoingquist Motion Approved Unanimously</p>	
4.3 Video Presentation – “Make Them Visible”	A video was shown from www.makethemvisible.com , which was found by Lee Collins. He urged people to share it with others, and to ask themselves if they would recognize their own relatives on the street.		
4.4 HSOC Bylaws 4.4.1 Action Item: Amend the Bylaws to authorize a Strategic Planning Committee and a Public Education Committee and eliminate the Supportive Services Committee	Laurel Weir explained that at the previous meeting, the HSOC had voted to approve the Ad Hoc Committee’s recommendation to restructure the HSOC Committees. In order to make the changes official, the HSOC must change the Bylaws. She noted that the proposed amendment should also have included changes to the Officers section to reflect the changes in the Committees and asked that an additional motion be made that changes to the Officers section be incorporated as well as any references to the Supportive Services committee.	<p>Motion: Lee Collins Second: Dana Cummings Motion Approved with requested amendments to be made</p>	
4.4.2 Action Item: Vote to convene a Strategic Planning Committee	Laurel Weir stated a need for a Strategic Planning Committee that would set benchmarks and annual goals, and evaluate outcomes. She noted that the HSOC had voted to create a Strategic Planning Committee in the Bylaws, but because Bylaw amendments must be voted on at two separate HSOC meetings and then approved by the Board of Supervisors, the changes would not be effective in time to give the Committee time to adequately plan.	<p>Motion: Anne Robin Second: Kristen Barneich Motion Approved Unanimously</p>	

	<p>Janna Nichols, Joe Madsen, Anne Robin, and Rick Gulino volunteered to be on the Strategic Planning Committee.</p> <p>Rod Youngquist asked that each city be given a questionnaire to ask what their priorities are. Council members recommended this be sent to City Managers.</p>		
4.5 100,000 Homes Campaign and Housing First Update	<p>Laurel Weir announced that volunteer recruitment was taking place, and the first step would be to conduct surveys in local institutions such as hospitals, jail, and CHC clinics. There would also be outreach to law enforcement, including the SLO CAT Team. Preferably volunteers would have some background in social work, mental health, or working with homeless persons, although it would not be required. Emails would be sent out providing information on volunteers and what is required to participate.</p> <p>This will result in a registry list of the most vulnerable, and it will be ranked. The top 50 names will be given to the vendor that is selected by the Board of Supervisors. Laurel Weir explained that there were eight risk factors for vulnerability that would be assessed.</p>		
4.6 U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development Consolidated Plan Update	<p>Out of 12 continuums in Central and Southern California, we were one of 3 that got full renewal funding, mostly due to the allocation of these funds. Laurel Weir thanked Morgan Torrell for having the foresight not to re-allocate any funding, which is why some other communities lost their funding.</p> <p>Suzan Ehdaie presented a summary of the Consolidated Plan and why it was necessary. She explained that it was a five year plan that included an analysis of housing and available resources. The Plan is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as a condition for our community being eligible to receive federal Community Development Block Grants, HOME Funds, and McKinney-Vento Emergency Solutions Grants for homeless programs. All grant proposals submitted to</p>		

	<p>HUD for funding under those programs and the Continuum of Care must be in accordance with the Consolidated Plan. She explained that it related to HSOC because it included a section called, "Housing and Homeless Needs Assessment" and they would like HSOC feedback through the preparation process. It is due next year in May.</p> <p>Dana Lilley elaborated that this Plan can include specific projects, which can be some of HSOC's projects.</p> <p>Martin Meltz asked how this information can be shared with cities. Suzan Ehdaie explained that the Consolidated Plan is more of a general plan and it comes with a more specific action plan that goes out to all the jurisdictions.</p>		
5.Committee Reports	<p><u>Finance and Data Committee:</u> Lee Collins stated that the Finance and Data Committee has been meeting to discuss preparation for 100K Homes.</p> <p>He also reported that there was an important vote at the Board of Supervisors meeting yesterday and asked Supervisor Arnold to explain. Supervisor Arnold announced that yesterday \$500,000 was given to CAPSLO for construction of their new homeless services center.</p> <p>Lee Collins also stated that the Committee discussed HMIS and new changes that will take place in that system due to changes in HUD's data standards for HMIS.</p> <p><u>Housing Committee:</u> Jim Patterson provided an update for the Housing Committee, in the absence of John Ashbaugh. They have been looking at the Housing Elements of each jurisdiction and are tracking them to see if they include HSOC housing recommendations. What they have found is that most of the cities that do have Housing</p>		

Elements out have included many of HSOC's recommendations. He urged the group to make sure that action is taken on these recommendations, even if they are included in the Elements. He announced that the city is holding a workshop on their Housing Element tonight at 6pm at the Library.

The other thing they have been discussing was the implementation of Proposition 41, which provided funding for multi-family residential housing for Veterans. The state released a proposed framework for the program, including the recommended initial allocation . The framework would set aside 60% of the funds for large urban areas, not including San Luis Obispo County. Those areas would also be eligible to compete for the remainder of the funds and the competitive formula may put them at an advantage over smaller areas. The state was seeking public comment on the framework. Public comment could be made via a Survey Monkey link and closes on the 23rd. The Housing Committee believed this would be an inequitable distribution of funding, as SLO County has one of the highest numbers of un-housed Vets. Dana Cummings was putting talking points together to address this and said there was no dedicated Veterans family housing funding so this was very important. He would also provide talking points and a link for Survey Monkey to all members and urged them to go online to make comments individually.

There will be no Housing Committee meeting in August.

Supportive Services Committee:
Laurel Weir provided an update, and explained that they are transitioning into the Homeless Services Coordinating Council. She said they did discuss Western Best Practices, from a colloquy she attended. She announced that the VA now has a research center and they are learning that 20-25% of Vets do not

	<p>identify themselves as Vets to homeless services providers. The National Research Center has offered to analyze our HMIS Data, to learn how many of our Vets are not reporting that they are Vets, which may necessitate further outreach. Another thing she learned is that there is a group of people who are being disproportionately represented in the homeless population who are now approaching their 60s and will be a concern as they are likely in declining health and at risk for becoming chronically homeless.</p>		
6. Future Discussion/Report Items	<p>Susan Warren asked to be included on the HSOC email list.</p>		
4. Next Meeting Date	<p>September 17, 2014</p>		
5. Adjournment	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm by Supervisor Arnold.</p>		