

HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
Full HSOC COMMITTEE
September 17, 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	Shirley Wright	Anne Robin	Rod Youngquist	Laurel Weir	Morgan Torell
Kristen Barneich	Dana Cummings	Jennifer Kirn	Marianne Kennedy	Emily Jackson	Joe Madsen
Shelly Higginbotham	Jeff Hamm (alt.)	Bob Kelley	Glenn Marshall	Tim Waag	Jill Bolster-White
Steve Martin	Lee Collins	Marie Chaney	Dee Torres	Robert Ellis	Martin Meltz
Christine Johnson	Rick Gulino	Patty Beck		Pearl Munak	Bill Watt
Scott Smith	Amy Christey			Mark Lamore	Luke Hickman-Adams
Christina Bearce	John Ashbaugh			Suzan Ehdaie	Grace McIntosh
Jim Patterson	Thomas Clough			Tyler Corey	Sue Warren
Jessica Thomas				Jeff Smith, SLO PD	Chris Staley, SLO PD
				Patrick Considine	
AGENDA ITEM				CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS	FOLLOW UP
1. Call to Order and Introductions of Guests		Members and Guests introduced themselves.			
2. Public Comment		Sue Warren announced a candlelight vigil for addictions victims being hosted by North County Connection in Atascadero on September 20 and provided flyers.			
3. Approval of Minutes		The minutes were reviewed and approved without changes.		Motion: Shelly Higginbotham Second: Jim Patterson Motion approved unanimously	
ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION					
4.1. HSOC ByLaws		The bylaw amendments were reviewed and approved without changes.		Motion: Lee Collins Second: Jim Patterson Motion approved unanimously	
4.1.1. Action Item: Vote to approve proposed amendments to the HSOC Bylaws to eliminate the Supportive Services Committee					

<p>4.2 Consolidated Plan</p> <p>4.2.1 Action Item: Vote to recommend that 1) a subcommittee of the HSOC discuss and identify housing and supportive services needs for homeless persons countywide for the County's 5-year Consolidated Plan (2015-2019), and 2) the full HSOC consider reviewing and approving the subcommittee's identified housing and supportive services needs for 2015-2019 at its November HSOC meeting</p>	<p>Suzan Ehdaie announced that they are seeking community input on needs to be included in the Consolidated Plan. They are recommending a committee be created to look at these needs, and that then the full committee should vote on these recommendations. The deadline for these recommendations will be in November. Applications for Federal funding will be due on October 15, 2014.</p> <p>Morgan Torell suggested using an existing subcommittee and Laurel Weir suggested the Housing Committee would be a good subcommittee to look at this.</p>	<p>Motion: Lee Collins Second: John Ashbaugh Motion Approved Unanimously</p>	
<p>4.3 100,000 Homes/50 Now Project</p>	<p>Laurel Weir announced that the 50 Now Project (100K Homes in SLO County), has been launched and the Board of Supervisors approved the case management proposal and awarded it to T-MHA (Transitions Mental Health Association).</p> <p>Over 300 surveys were conducted at various locations including CHCs, shelters, Jail, Sierra Vista Hospital, the Courthouse, and 2nd Baptist Church in Paso Robles. Surveys were done in each jurisdiction.</p> <p>Chris Staley from the SLO PD provided background on the SLO CAT Team, who assisted in collecting surveys from chronically homeless people throughout SLO.</p> <p>Laurel Weir announced that there will be a PIT Count in 2015 and they are working closely with DSS to establish maps of common encampment sites.</p> <p><u>Current Statistics from the 50Now Campaign:</u> 10% of those surveyed were Vets 4% of those surveyed were under 25 The average age of those not vulnerable was 46 ½, the average of those that were vulnerable was 50 yrs. old 7% over 65 years old, some over 70</p>		

	<p>14% in Foster care at some point 81% had been in jail at least once in their lives, 94% of top 50 86% answered yes to mental health, or had signs of mental illness according to surveyor 68% answered yes to substance abuse at some point in their lives 78% were living in this area when they became homeless, and the remaining people had some kind of connection to this area 60% have dual diagnosis 520 ER visits in last 6 months 124 inpatient visits in last 6 months On an average the top 50 have been homeless for at least 8 years Those on top 50 were spread out very evenly throughout County: 20% from North County, 26% from South County, 32% from SLO, 10% from the Coastal areas and 16% from institutions</p> <p>Jill Bolster-White said that Joe Madsen will be overseeing the case management team at T-MHA. She stated that they will start by looking at the top 50 and how to engage them. They have hired a nurse and a therapist already and will also be looking into housing options. HASLO has been working with T-MHA to identify possible housing.</p> <p>Joe Madsen stated that they have 16 units of housing already and hope to have another 12 next week, which is half off what's needed to house the top 50. They will report back in January about housing successes. The Homeless Outreach Team will work with the remainder of the people who did not make the top 50 as well, not just on housing options but on other needs such as signing up for health insurance, etc. CAPSLO will also be partnering with T-MHA to provide additional case managers. T-MHA has met with homeless service providers throughout the County, including 5 Cities Homeless Coalition to</p>		
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	<p>discuss how to effectively move forward.</p> <p>Sue Warren asked about how barriers such as bad credit and jail records will be negotiated for this. Jill Bolster-White answered that they already house people with some of these same issues, and HASLO is working with them on this. Joe Madsen stated that they will be master leasing so that these tenants can build credit over time and they also have gap funding available for rental repairs.</p> <p>Joe Madsen stated that they hope to engage everyone by the end of November.</p> <p>Jill Bolster-White said that they can release numbers of people on the top 50 list from each city to the jurisdictions but not specific names or information.</p>		
<p>4.4 Youth Committee One Year Report Back</p> <p>4.4.1 Action Item: Vote to direct the HSOC Strategic Planning Committee to work with the Youth Committee to incorporate the Youth Committee recommendations into the 2015-2018 Action Plan</p>	<p>Jessica Thomas from the SLO County Office of Education presented a one year report from the Ad Hoc Youth Committee she chairs. Two surveys were done throughout the County, one for 11-25 year olds conducted in schools, Family Resource Centers, Streets and homeless shelters, and one for Transitional Aged Youth ages 18-25 at One Stops, or Family Resource Centers. Jessica Thomas stated that most of the people who were surveyed were in areas where there is McKinney-Vento funding available, which meant there were more in SLO and South County than North County. She stated that Atascadero and Paso Robles can apply for McKinney-Vento funding this October and she will be assisting with this.</p> <p>Data was provided from each of the youth surveys, surveys conducted on streets and in Jail. Luke Hickman-Adams stated that the Mountain Brook Abolitionists group took surveys out into the streets and included another survey on sex and human trafficking. 15 of these surveys were conducted and most of those interviewed had either experienced</p>		

	<p>sex/human trafficking themselves or knew of someone who had.</p> <p>Laurel Weir mentioned that in partnership with the Sheriff's Dept. mini-surveys were given to currently and formerly homeless youth (ages 18-24) in the Jail. She also stated that 4% of those in the 50 Now Project were youth, and of the youth surveyed 36% were recommended for Permanent Supportive Housing, and 64% for Rapid Re-housing.</p> <p>Laurel Weir presented the recommendations that were developed as a result of the Youth presentation and asked the group to consider adopting a Youth PIT count as part of the 2015 PIT Count. The recommendations are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work towards the development of ten permanent, supportive housing units for Transitional Aged Youth. Housing should follow best practices for serving homeless youth. 2. Conduct outreach to homeless youth and other homeless persons about services available, including job search and preparation services. Utilize peers to help conduct outreach to youth. 3. Help youth obtain identification documents needed for employment and other services. 4. Hold a special Youth Point in Time Count as part of the 2015 Point in Time Count to more accurately determine the number of homeless youth. Use the Count to conduct outreach and engagement 	<p>Motion: John Ashbaugh Second: Shelly Higginbotham Motion Approved Unanimously</p>	
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<p>4.5 2015 Point in Time Count Planning Update</p> <p>4.5.1 Action Item: Vote to support the County’s request for Technical Assistance funding from “We Count, California!” to plan for the Youth portion of the 2015 Point in Time Count</p>	<p>Morgan Torell stated that the contractor she has been working with, ASR, has submitted a revised proposal. They will begin work in October on recruitment and planning. The count will take place at the end of January and will be reported out in March.</p>	<p>Motion: Kristen Barneich Second: Lee Collins Motion Approved Unanimously</p>	
<p>5. Committee Reports</p>	<p><u>Finance and Data Committee:</u> Lee Collins announced that DSS received a grant for over \$1 million to provide homeless assistance to CalWorks families. It would fund rapid re-housing for up to 160 families for one year, which if successful could lead to future funding in subsequent years. We were one of 20 counties to receive the full amount requested. This is subject to Board of Supervisors approval. Also, the Klapproad Foundation has awarded over \$800,000 for rapid re-housing in the South County along with their partners and will begin offering services in January.</p> <p>John Ashbaugh announced that a check was presented to Prado Day Center for \$8,700 from the parking meters downtown that were set up to collect donations from the community.</p> <p><u>Supportive Services:</u> (Committee did not meet)</p> <p><u>Housing Committee:</u> John Ashbaugh stated that they identified a pool of vacancy rentals that could possibly be tapped into for housing the homeless population. Some are intentionally kept off the market because landlords are hesitant to rent them out or because they do not have the time or money for necessary repairs.</p> <p>Jim Patterson stated that they are still tracking the Housing Elements in each jurisdiction to see whether HSOC’s recommendations were included, and will</p>		

	<p>follow in future to make sure they are implemented.</p> <p>Morgan Torell stated that County Planning will be sending out a RFP for Continuum of Care funding this Friday or Monday. It looks like there will be enough money to fund all of the renewal projects and there is bonus funding available of up to \$172,000 for permanent supportive housing for vulnerable, chronically homeless people for rental assistance and supportive services. HUD determined that due to our need we will get 60 points out of 100 to start out with but need to work on our leveraging to gain more points. She asked for a subcommittee to meet on October 2 or 3 and invited any interested members to contact her or Laurel Weir.</p> <p>Shelly Higginbotham announced the Empty Bowls event being hosted by 5 Cities Homeless Coalition on September 24, 2014 and encouraged members to attend. Tickets can be purchased online via the 5CHC website. She also announced that the RTA is considering doubling the cost for roundabout fares and there are community workshops being held if members are interested in attending.</p> <p>Jim Patterson announced ECHO is having a meeting on Sunday, October 5 to tour the shelter and learn about their programs. It will also double as a feedback session for neighbors who can give input into neighborhood impact from the shelter.</p>		
6. Next Meeting Date	The group decided to send out a Doodle poll for a special meeting because of the Continuum of Care funding which will be held on October 7, and then will meet as usual on November 19.		
7. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at by Supervisor Arnold.		