

HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
Full HSOC COMMITTEE
November 19, 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 Kristen Barneich Karen Bright (alt. for Grover Beach) Shelly Higginbotham Christine Johnson Sandy Murry (alt. for Scott Smith) Dee Torres Christina Bearce Jim Patterson Patty Beck Anne Robin Lee Collins Jennifer Kirn Rick Gulino Thomas Clough Dana Cummings Rod Youngquist John Ashbaugh Shirley Wright Steve Martin Bob Kelley	Marianne Kennedy Jessica Thomas Amy Christey Scott Smith Glenn Marshall	Laurel Weir Morgan Torell Emily Jackson Tyler Corey Martin L. Meltz Grace McIntosh Janna Nichols Peter Connery Sandy Murry Sue Warren Tyler Corey Erica A. Stewart Danielle Veatch Theresa Scott Jill Bolster-White Bill Watt Joe Madsen Robert Ellis Michael Ostash Kirsten Cahoon	
AGENDA ITEM		CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS	FOLLOW UP
1. Call to Order and Introductions of Guests	Members and Guests made introductions.		
2. Public Comment	none		
3. Approval of Minutes	Minutes were reviewed and approved with no changes.	Motion: Kristen Barneich Second: Bob Kelley Motion Approved with one abstention by Patty Beck	
4. ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION			

<p>4.1 2015 Point in Time Count Presentation by Applied Survey Research (ASR) Homeless Services</p>	<p>Peter Connery from ASR gave a presentation on the 2015 Point in Time Count and the role that the County has contracted with ASR to play in the 2015 PIT Count.</p> <p>Goals for 2015 included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • providing accurate data on homeless individuals and families • linking data collection to policy and strategic planning • retaining and improving funding • increasing community awareness <p>A participatory and peer data collection approach will be emphasized. This increases accuracy and leads to more reliable data. Staff and community volunteers will be teamed up with currently homeless people who will lead them in counting homeless persons in their assigned areas. The census component will include both sheltered and unsheltered populations. Doubled-up populations will not be counted as homeless. Couch-surfing youth may be counted, as their situation often changes nightly. The school districts have expressed interest in being involved and a youth count will be included. Surveys will be done over a three week period following the census and will be a source of data on HUD subpopulations.</p> <p>The census will be held early in the morning on January 26, with another youth count being done either later that day or another day. Providers will do their count in institutions on January 25.</p> <p>ASR will be able to report out data to each jurisdiction on how many homeless people were counted in their respective cities. Final numbers will be reported out by April 1, 2015, with the full comprehensive report being available by July 1, 2015. ASR would like to be involved in the report out of the data to educate the community, including causes of homelessness and</p>		
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	<p>goals of the homeless people themselves.</p> <p>Peter Connery encouraged the members of HSOC to identify those they know with unstable housing, living in vehicles, youth etc., as each will all require a different strategy to work with.</p> <p>The following were listed as needs for next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify training facilities • providers to do count, survey collectors • develop volunteer recruitment plan and database • project plan and timeline • develop a media and public awareness plan. <p>Peter Connery encouraged staff participation and increased outreach, especially in the 5 Cities and downtown SLO.</p> <p>Homeless participants will be paid \$10 an hr. for the census and must attend a training, which is also compensated. For the surveys the peer surveyors will be paid \$5 for each survey completed. He requests that service providers recruit the most capable and reliable homeless individuals for this. Reaching out to churches with homeless advocacy initiatives is important and special trainings can be done there.</p> <p>Peter Connery can be reached at connery@appliedsurveyresearch.org, or (831) 728-1356. Laurel Weir can also be contacted at (805) 781-1833.</p>		
<p>4.2 Homeless Services Coordinating Committee Update</p>	<p>Laurel Weir stated that the HSOC voted to eliminate the Supportive Services Committee and replace it with the Homeless Services Coordinating Council. The bylaw amendment that allows this change has now been approved by the Board of Supervisors. She recommended the appointment of Patty Beck as Chair of the new committee. The motion was voted on and approved.</p>		

<p>4.2.1.1 Action Item: Appoint Patricia Beck as Chair of the Homeless Services Coordinating Committee</p>		<p>Motion: Lee Collins Second: Dana Cummings Motion Approved Unanimously</p>	
<p>4.3 Action Item: Sponsor Homeless Persons Memorial Day</p>	<p>Laurel Weir provided an overview of the event, which HSOC has sponsored in the past. It usually takes place on the courthouse steps near the Winter solstice on Dec. 18 at 5:00pm. It is to bring awareness to those who have perished throughout the year due to homelessness and to bring awareness to the public. There is no cost to sponsor the event.</p> <p>Dana Cummings, Patty Beck and John Ashbaugh all said that they would like to volunteer. Supervisor Arnold asked anyone else who was interested to contact Laurel Weir.</p>	<p>Motion: Anne Robin Second: John Ashbaugh Motion approved unanimously</p>	
<p>4.4 Action for Healthy Communities Report</p>	<p>The brochure on the ACTION Folio on homelessness was handed out, which contained data compiled by the Community Foundation. The Folio contains information about homelessness in San Luis Obispo County, including causes and precipitating factors. The Folio may be of interest to policy makers and the anyone interested in addressing homelessness locally.</p>		
<p>4.5 Action Item: Endorse the Recidivism Reduction Grant application from the San Luis Obispo Superior Court</p>	<p>Laurel Weir presented an overview of the request from the San Luis Obispo Superior Court to support an application to the state for funding for a Recidivism Reduction Grant. Dana Cummings expressed his support of this program, in light of the reduced recidivism he has seen as a result of the Veterans Treatment court.</p> <p>Anne Robin stated that this would allow the Dept. of Behavioral Health to intervene for mental health cases and re-route them to more appropriate environments if needed before they are sent to jail. There are those that would be better off receiving treatment prior to criminal sentencing, lowering recidivism.</p>	<p>Motion: Karen Bright Second: Patty Beck Motion approved unanimously</p>	

	<p>Thomas Clough cited the work done by Restorative Partners in reducing recidivism and encouraged members to vote for this.</p>		
<p>4.6 Action Item: Vote to Approve the HSOC Ad Hoc Nominating Committee's recommendation for Danielle Veatch, Grace McIntosh and Theresa Scott for appointment to the HSOC</p>	<p>Laurel Weir presented the Nominating Committee recommendations. Jim Patterson clarified that Theresa Scott was nominated for the Health Provider seat that has been open for awhile. Laurel Weir and Theresa Scott confirmed this.</p>	<p>Motion: Lee Collins Second: Jim Patterson Motion approved unanimously</p>	
<p>4.7 100K Homes/50 Now Project and Rapid Re-Housing Updates</p>	<p>Jill Bolster-White provided an update on the 50 Now project. Currently there are 53 persons on the list, and 22 have been assessed and engaged. 10 people have been housed, and 5 are on deck to be housed. Persons in the Top 50 came from a variety of locations and sources, including Morro Bay, Grover Beach, Atascadero, Paso Robles, City of SLO, SLO Community Action Team (CAT) referrals, CAPSLO, and shared clients of TMHA and County Mental Health. TMHA ahead in terms of the timeline in the contract for housing placements, and they are looking at those that did not make the top 50 list to see if they can help them enroll in available health care coverage if they are not covered. They expect to house 19 people by the end of December. They have hired a therapist and an RN and may move up hiring process for other case managers since things are happening so quickly. Both the referrals and the locations where the people are being housed are countywide.</p> <p>Supervisor Arnold commended the group for the efforts over the last year and remarked how much has been accomplished.</p> <p>Erica Stewart from the United Way of SLO presented a flyer regarding a Welcome Home Kit drive for those being housed by 50 Now with overflow going to HUD VASH program participants and others in need.</p> <p>Dee Torres asked if those that have not been surveyed</p>		

	<p>yet will have a chance to be on it in the future. Laurel Weir answered that the list will be refreshed in January around the time of the Point in Time count. In the mean time, people in need of permanent housing can be sent to CAPSLO or TMHA to be put on the waiting list for Continuum of Care funded permanent, supportive housing.</p> <p>Kirsten Calhoun from Good Samaritan shared that they received SSVF funding and will be helping to house homeless Vets. Their case managers will be trained by the end of next week, You can reach her at: 805-354-9307. Robert Ellis stated that CAPSLO has hired four case managers for SSVF and are training them in December.</p> <p>Laurel Weir stated that the Department of Social Services has a new rapid re-housing program for CalWORKS families who are homeless. She encouraged providers working with these families to contact DSS.</p> <p>Rick Gulino provided an update on Klapproad funding for Janna Nichols. They will be serving homeless who have been homeless for less than a year, and less than 30% of AMI. They expect to start in January.</p>		
5. Future Discussion/Report Items			
6. Next Meeting Date	January 21, 2014		
7. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 3:08 by Supervisor Arnold.		