

HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
Full HSOC COMMITTEE
July 15, 2015, 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 Patty Beck Amy Christey Rick Gulino Sheila Blake Bob Ellis Jim Patterson Steve Martin Anne Robin Theresa Scott Mariam Shah Alison Ordille Jessica Thomas	John Ashbaugh Christina Bearce Marie Chaney Dana Cummings Marianne Kennedy Bob Kelley Jennifer Kirn Danielle Veatch Shirley Wright Christine Johnson	Mark Lamore Joe Madsen Martin Meltz Morgan Torell Tyler Corey Susan Warren Ivana Young Xzandrea Fowler Janna Nichols Kathleen Martin Katherine Zeiss Jessica Lorange Laurel Weir		
AGENDA ITEM			CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS	FOLLOW UP
1. Call to Order and Introductions of Guests	Supervisor Arnold welcomed the group and introductions were made.			
2. Consent Items				
2.1 Approval of Minutes	Jim Patterson noted that he was present at the last meeting. Rick Gulino also noted that he was present at the last meeting. Members were reminded to sign the attendance sheet for the meeting. Captain Amy Christey asked that the minutes be amended to altered to note that it was she who abstained from the vote on the Action Item to go before the Board of Supervisors.		Jim Patterson moved to accept meeting minutes as corrected. The motion was approved unanimously.	

ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

<p>3. 1 Presentation on the new Jail Discharge Planning Process</p>	<p>Alison Ordille from the County Sheriff’s office gave a presentation about new programs being implemented at the jail to try to reduced recidivism among those inmates most likely to re-offend.</p> <p>The new programs were implemented after a review of criminal justice best practices. Following sentencing, inmates are assessed for their risk of re-offending after they serve their time and are released. Inmates who are deemed medium to high risk are offered a chance to take an assessment tool that will help them identify what in-jail programming and support may help them to reduce their likelihood of re-offending. The jail has increased in-jail programming and support focused on those offenders who would otherwise be at the highest risk of re-offending and returning to jail.</p> <p>In addition, the jail has created a “Jail to Community “ transitions group to try to address some of the re-entry needs of those inmates who have completed their programs and are within 30 to 90 days of release. A meeting happens every two weeks to look at reentry plans with all involved service providers. This program was created to help realign inmates, helping getting them connected with service providers they need. About half of the inmates eligible to participate agree to participate.</p> <p>Other agencies are welcome to come to the Sherriff’s department to help inmates get set up with available services. A mental health mentoring program will be set up to help with inmates’ transition back into the community. Average lengths of inmate days in jail</p>		
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<p>3.2 Update on 50 Now Program</p>	<p>are 37 days.</p> <p>The jail is looking for additional partners. Examples of current partners include Casa Solano, and Gryphon Society to name a couple. For more information or if you are a service provider and are interested in helping inmates with re-entry services, contact Alison Ordille by email at aordille@co.slo.ca.us, or by phone at 805-788-2792.</p> <p>Susan Warren encouraged the jail to consider incorporating families of inmates into the re-entry process to create additional supports for people after they leave the jail.</p> <p>Laurel reported the second community survey was been completed in June and 232 surveys were conducted throughout the County. She noted that between the Fall 2014 survey and the most recent survey, almost 500 unique persons were surveyed, with only a small percentage of persons being surveyed in both rounds.</p> <p>During the survey, if people identified themselves as veterans, they were asked for permission to refer them to the Supportive Services for Veteran Family (SSVF) programs to see if they were eligible for VA-funded housing assistance.</p> <p>She also reported on additional outcome data from CenCal health: among the persons housed from the first round for whom there is data available, there was a 71% reduction in hospital days and an 80% reduction in re-admission days in the hospital from the year before the 50 Now program started until</p>		
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	<p>now.</p> <p>Mark Lamore from TMHA reported there were 11 individuals housed during the current quarter. Three individuals were placed from the new list. A total of 37 persons have been placed into homes. The program is 5-6 months ahead of schedule. It takes 34-46 days to get individuals housed. The time it takes to house people has lengthened since last Fall because it is difficult to find housing.</p> <p>Most individuals are participating with additional services and case managers. To date, 17 individuals have been housed for longer than six months, with more having been housed less than six months ago. About 50% are housed in a group setting.</p>		
<p>3.3 Presentation on Homeless Children’s Educational Rights and Resources</p>	<p>Jessica Thomas provided an overview of services available to assist homeless, school-aged children in San Luis Obispo County and discussed some of the rights of the children that were established by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.</p> <p>She began by noting the definition of homelessness used by schools and the U.S. Department of Education was broader than the definition used by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Continuum of Care programs.</p> <p>Under the definition used by schools, 75% of students considered homeless were living doubled up with other families. In addition, unaccompanied youth were also considered homeless.</p> <p>The McKinney-Vento Act provides homeless students in public schools the right to remain in the school that they were previously attending if they became</p>		

	<p>homeless during the school year. If identified by schools as homeless under the McKinney-Vento Act, students may also be eligible for additional services.</p> <p>Students have the right to immediately enter a school in whatever area they are currently homeless in and to continue services through the rest of the school year. Students that qualify for McKinney-Vento also automatically qualify for the federal free lunch program and the local education liaison will enroll them in that program.</p> <p>At the beginning of the year, each school district tries to identify homeless children by sending home cards for parents to fill out if the family is homeless. If school-aged children are not homeless during the beginning of the school year but become homeless later in the year, they are still entitled to their McKinney-Vento rights and can receive school-related homeless services for the remainder of the school year. The schools collect data on the number of homeless children through the CALPADS software program that schools use. This data is reported annually.</p> <p>Most school districts have special resources available to help homeless children, such as gas cards to help parents transport their children to school.</p> <p>Information about student programs and services can be found on the “Homeless and Foster Youth” section of the County Office of Education website at http://www.slocoe.org/student/foster.htm. Additionally, each school district has a homeless education liaison whose role is to identify homeless children in that school district and help connect those children to resources offered by the school district to homeless families. A list of these liaisons can be found at the County Office of Education website (noted above).</p>		
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<p>3.4 2015 Homeless Point in Time Count Update</p> <p>3.5 Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Availability Update</p> <p>3.6 Services Event in Paso Robles</p>	<p>Anyone who has a referral can call the education liaison for the appropriate school district. The Office of Education has been trying to get the word out and make families aware that the services are there. Schools are actively trying to find homeless youth. Staff and faculty are asked to keep an eye out for students who may qualify.</p> <p>The County Office of Education has a flyer with information about children’s educational rights and a listing of each school district’s homeless education liaison. New flyers are going to be printed and posted in other locations this Fall with updated contact information. The flyers are given out to many different agencies.</p> <p>Laurel: The first draft of the Point in Time Count report has been received and the Ad Hoc review committee met yesterday to look at the initial draft. Comments will be provided to the contractor and another draft is expected.</p> <p>Laurel reported HUD has not yet published the Notice of Funding Availability but it is expected later this summer.</p> <p>Laurel: Mayor Steve Martin has suggested holding an event in Paso Robles, similar to a Homeless Veterans Stand Down or Project Homeless Connect. He is working with the County and to others to plan an outreach program/day event in Paso Robles, most likely September or October at the fairgrounds. Service providers will be contacted and asked to participate. Further updates to come.</p>		
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<p>4 .Public Comment</p>	<p>Lee Collins noted the funding for the CalWORKs Housing Support Program was expected to be renewed. 93 homeless families have been housed into permanent housing since the program began in October 2014. Each family has an average of three members.</p> <p>He also noted two apartment complexes were being purchased in Atascadero to house families by Social Services/Family Care Network. One complex has 5 units, and one has 4 units. The deed will be for 20 years. The Department of Social Services must refer families.</p> <p>Most of the units are currently occupied. One family qualified to remain. The other families will receive assistance finding new properties and with moving costs, and will also receive rental assistance for more than a year on the new units.</p> <p>An Request for Proposals was issued for a nonprofit to provide Rapid Rehousing services to the families participating in HSP and one application was received.</p> <p>Ann Robin reported there was a new mobile crisis center. Call the manage care number. The hotline number is on the back of the flyers.</p> <p>Theresa Scott reported CenCal Health was partnering with health care providers on a new case management model called IMPACT. They were searching for funding to get clients into immediate housing and looking for additional housing opportunities.</p>		
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	<p>Patty Beck suggested HSOC consider establishing a subcommittee to help the IMPACT group with their goals.</p> <p>Laurel provided an update regarding the HSOC recommendation that the Board of Supervisors endorse efforts to end veteran homelessness in 2015. The Board of Supervisors agenda was full through the summer but the HSOC recommendation would go to the Board in the Fall.</p>		
<p>5. Committee Reports</p>	<p>Kristen Barneich provided an update from the Ad Hoc Committee on Warming Centers. The Paso Cares organization in Paso Robles has agreed to take the lead on establishing a Warming Center in Paso Robles and has drafted an operating plan. They are still looking for a location where they can have the Warming Center. A letter has been sent out to churches to see if any of them would be interested in helping. The Warming Center operated by Paso Cares is focused mainly in the Paso Robles area. There is a possibility of having transportation set up.</p> <p>Jim Patterson reported the Housing committee discussed legislation pending at the state level affecting the State's housing trust fund and affordable housing. Anne Wyatt has been working on an educational presentation on affordable housing models to show planning departments. More information will be available at the next meeting.</p> <p>Laurel reported the Homeless Services Coordinating Committee would be meeting a week from Friday down in south county to look at employment issues and youth issues.</p>		

6. Future Discussion/Report Items	NA		
7. Next Meeting Date: September 16, 1-3pm			
8. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 2:55pm		