

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
 HSOC FULL COMMITTEE
 January 20, 2016, 1:00-3:00pm
 Veteran's Hall: Lounge Room
 801 Grand Ave San Luis Obispo, CA 93405**

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF & GUESTS	
Debbie Arnold Patty Beck Tracy Schiro Marianne Kennedy Steve Martin Anne Robin Bob Kelley Amy Christey Kristen Barneich Scott Smith Jessica Thomas Rick Gulino Dee Torres Jim Patterson Danielle Veatch John Ashbaugh Miriam Shah Grace McIntosh Christine Johnson	Theresa Scott Sheila Blake Christine Bearce Marie Chaney	Laurel Weir Jessica Lorange Ivana Yeung Marty Meltz Morgan Torell Sue Warren Abby Lassen Jill Bolster-White Martin Larson Joe Madsen Cynthia Lambert Jennifer Adams Jenny Wiseman Xzandrea Fowler Bob Ellis	
AGENDA ITEM		CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS	FOLLOW UP
1. Call to Order and Introductions of Guests	Debbie Arnold welcomed the group and introductions were made.		
2. Public Comment	NA		
ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION			
3.1 Approval of Minutes		John made a motion to approve the minutes and Tracy seconded. All agreed.	

<p>4.1 Action Item: Recommend Allocation of County Community Development Block Grant (\$97,768), Emergency Solutions Grant (\$145,000), and County General Fund Support (\$180,000) Funds for Countywide Homeless Services Programs</p> <p>4.1A Item: Attachments</p>	<p>Ivana Yeung presented the staff report. The County has Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and County General Fund support to award for 2016 and is seeking recommendations from the HSOC.</p> <p>The HSOC Ad Hoc Grant Review Committee met to consider applications received by the County for the funding. The grant review committee was asked to make a recommendation for the funding. The funding amounts are similar to last year. The Committee's recommendations are contained in the attachment to this item.</p> <p>Patty Beck, who served on the Grant Review Committee, explained to the group that there never seems to be enough funds to cover all the services needed. Patty explained that although the Committee did not vote to fund the 5Cities Homeless Coalition's proposal for a social detox center, the Committee was supportive and recommended the County consider raising the general fund amount. Patty explained that Committee members felt strongly that new programs need to be able to receive funding without forcing needed, existing programs to lose their funding.</p> <p>Morgan informed the group that there are additional sources of funding for which groups could apply, including a Health funding application that is due next week. Please contact Morgan with any questions.</p> <p>Jim asked a question about the city matching the counties funding. Morgan explained that there is no guarantee every time. Anything that would be matched would be from General Funds. The county has stepped up and proved some funding to help in Atascadero.</p>	<p>Recommend Allocation of County Community Development Block Grant (\$97,768), Emergency Solutions Grant (\$145,000), and County General Fund Support (\$180,000) Funds for Countywide Homeless Services Programs: Patty Beck made a motion and the motion was seconded by John Ashbaugh. Debbie, Rick, Grace, Marianne, Jim abstained.</p> <p>Recommendation that the general funds be increased from \$180,000 to \$250,000: Patty Beck made a motion and the motion was seconded by John Ashbaugh. Debbie, Rick, Grace, Marianne, Jim abstained.</p> <p>Recommendation to increase county CPI: Patty Beck made a motion and the motion was seconded by John Ashbaugh. Debbie, Rick, Grace, Marianne, Jim abstained.</p> <p>Recommendation that HSOC send a letter to the cities in the area to consider homeless services when allocating their</p>	
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<p>4.2 Information and Discussion Item: Presentation by RISE and the Women’s Shelter Program of San Luis Obispo on domestic violence and services for survivors fleeing from intimate partner violence</p>	<p>Patty explained that the committee looked at how many individuals were served and in what way they were served.</p> <p>Patty also explained that Committee members are recommended the General Funds be increased so more organizations may apply for the additional funding. At a minimum, there should be a cost of living increase each year. The recommendation is to ask for general funds to be increased from \$180,000 to \$250,000. The \$250,000 was the amount identified that would have been needed to fund the services identified in the application that the Committee felt were greatly needed.</p> <p>Marianne Kennedy and Jennifer Adams presented on local services for households fleeing from domestic violence. Marianne Kennedy from the Women’s Shelter Program (WSP) of San Luis Obispo explained that domestic violence adds an additional complication to homelessness. When the clients come into WSP’s center, they have a very high level of trauma. The center offers advocacy and therapy to those who need it. The support decreases the likelihood that the individuals return to the abusive situation or go into another abusive situation. Transitional housing is available (10 units).</p> <p>Jennifer Adams from RISE explained that RISE provides services addressing domestic violence to persons who live north of the grade and into the coastal area, along with services of sexual abuse survivors throughout San Luis Obispo county. WSP helps persons in San Luis Obispo and south county. Clients are not required to take advantage of any services. Clients are welcome to stay at the shelter, with no strings attached.</p>	<p>general funds: Patty Beck made a motion and the motion was seconded by John Ashbaugh. Debbie, Rick, Grace, Marianne, Jim abstained.</p>	
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<p>4.3 HSOC Membership and Leadership</p> <p>4.3.1 Action Item: Vote to approve that HSOC Ad Hoc Nominating Committee’s recommendation of Terra Clayton and Clare Battista for appointment to the HSOC and Marianne Kennedy for re-instatement</p> <p>4.3.1A- Attachments</p>	<p>RISE also operates middle school and high school prevention groups. There are 30-40 volunteers that help at the 24 hour hotline. Neither agency has 24 hour staff so clients must be able to live in communal living.</p> <p>WSP also has a child abuse service grant and can see any child for any type of child abuse. The overnight housing includes children. Adults are screened as they enter the shelter. Staff is trained to deal with trauma. Tracy explained that there is team of 20 or so in the county that does training on trauma informed care that could be made available for shelter staff. The victim decides where and which shelter works best for them. Both RISE and women’s shelter work very closely with CalPoly. John recommended the fashion show to raise money on March 4 and 5th.</p>	<p>Vote to approve that HSOC Ad Hoc Nominating Committee’s recommendation of Terra Clayton and Clare Battista for appointment to the HSOC and Marianne Kennedy for re-instatement: Patty Beck made a motion and second by Anne Robin. Motion approved unanimously.</p>	
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<p>4.3.2 Nominations and Elections for Leadership Positions (Chair, Vice-Chair, Chair of the Finance and Data Committee, Chair of the Housing Committee, and Chair of the Homeless Services Coordinating Committee)</p>	<p>Supervisor Arnold asked to table this discussion till the March meeting to include the new members.</p>		
<p>4.4 Information Item: Reports from the Homeless Services Coordinating Committee (HSCC) and regarding Warming Centers</p>	<p>Laurel reported the HSCC committee met recently discuss warming centers. There is additional information about each warming center in the agenda packet. None of the warming centers have hit full capacity yet and the daily census has gone up and down at each facility.</p>		
<p>4.4A- Attachments</p>	<p>One of the biggest challenges for the warming centers has been finding volunteers to stay overnight. The Warming Centers have basic volunteer training on mental health and CPR in order to make volunteers more comfortable.</p> <p>Transportation has also been a large issue. Patty explained that the general consensus of the group was that the focus should be on making the current shelters run more efficiently rather than opening additional shelters that could increase the need for additional volunteers.</p> <p>Storing belongings was also an issue that some of the shelter staff identified as a challenge. Jim Patterson explained to the group that homeless persons have been asked in Atascadero what the barriers are that are keeping them from using the warming centers. The barriers identified included the aforementioned barriers as well as others. He noted that it would be very difficult to meet the barriers for all people. Jim recommended supporting the current shelters in the area. Rick explained that in the 5 cities area there was</p>		

<p>4.5 Report from the Housing Committee regarding Shelter Crisis Declarations</p> <p>4.5A Action Item: Vote to recommend local jurisdictions consider declaring a shelter crisis for purposes of making government owned buildings available for use as warming centers</p> <p>4.5A1- Attachments</p>	<p>a survey done to ask homeless people what their needs were as a shelter, unfortunately, not all the needs could be met in one facility. Marty asked the group to support all of these shelters.</p> <p>Laurel explained to the group that State government code section 86988698.1 et sequitur allows both city and county jurisdictions to declare a shelter crisis, provided that there is a finding that a substantial number of persons are unable to obtain shelter and that this poses a threat to the health or safety of those persons.</p> <p>Several other California communities have already declared a shelter crisis. Some cities like San Diego do this every year as their winter shelter plan, whereas others have only recently made such a declaration.</p> <p>The state code provides protection to local governments from certain liabilities if they make a government building available for purposes of providing a Warming Center. The code also allows communities to make a government building available without having to get a permit.</p> <p>Anne explained that this code protects the public facilities but not the liabilities of private facilities. Laurel noted that if the Board were to approve the recommendation, each city jurisdiction would still have to discuss and decide the issue for their city.</p>	<p>Vote to recommend San Luis Obispo County and local jurisdictions to agenzize a declaration of shelter crisis, pursuant to government code section 86988698.2 and consider making designated public and private facilities buildings available for use as warming centers allowing persons unable to find such facilities to occupy such facilities for the duration of the state of emergency: John Ashbaugh made a motion, seconded by Dee Torres. Debbie Arnold and Amy Christey abstained, all others present voted yes.</p>	
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5. Committee Reports	Patty shared the Homeless Services Coordinating Committee is looking at hosting additional MASH events throughout the county starting in South County. Marty asked that the coordinating committee meet on monthly bases at least throughout the summer of 2016.		
6. Future Discussion/Report Items	Dee asked for a report about Laura's Law in future meetings along with an update on the HSP program. Dee also requested a report from HASLO.		
7. Next Meeting Date:	March 16, 2016: 1-3pm		
8. Adjournment	Debbie Arnold adjourned the meeting at 3:24pm		