

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
 HSOC FULL COMMITTEE
 March 16, 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 Tracy Schiro Bob Kelley Steve Martin Grace McIntosh Rick Gulino Anne Robin Terra Clayton Kristen Barneich Jim Patterson Mariam Shah Dee Torres John Ashbaugh Patty Beck Theresa Scott Scott Smith Shelia Blake	Marianne Kennedy Christine Bearce Jessica Thomas Danielle Veatch Amy Christey Clare Battista	Laurel Weir Jessica Lorange Joe Madsen Bob Ellis Janna Nichols Morgan Torell Abby Lassen Sue Warren Richard Morrison Anne Wyatt Judie Najarian Caroline Hall Michael Ostash Martin Meltz	
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	Laurel informed the group that there is a vacant seat	Mayor Martin moved to approve the minutes and Jim seconded. All approved the motion.	

<p>4.1 HSOC Membership and Leadership</p>	<p>available for a representative of a non-profit organization. That seat had previously been held by Marie Chaney. There were four applications received for that position. The Ad Hoc Nominating Committee met, considered the applications and recommended Janna Nichols to fill the position</p>		
<p>4.1.1 Action Item: Vote to approve the HSOC Ad Hoc Nominating Committee's recommendation of Janna Nichols for appointment to the HSOC</p>	<p>The nominating committee decided for Janna Nichols.</p>	<p>Anne moved to recommend the nomination of Janna Nichols. Kristen seconded. All approved the motion.</p>	
<p>4.1.1A- Attachments</p>			
<p>4.1.2 Nominations and Elections for Leadership Positions (Chair, Vice Chair, Chair of Finance and Data Committee, Chair of the HOUSING Committee and Chair of the Homeless Services Coordinating Committee)</p>	<p>Laurel explained that the HSOC must vote on its leadership positions each year. This item had been scheduled for the January HSOC meeting but due to the large amount of business at the January meeting, was tabled until this meeting. The leadership positions to be voted one are: Chair, Vice Chair, Chair of Finance and Data Committee, Chair of the Housing Committee, and Chair of the Homeless Services Coordinating Committee. Supervisor Arnold said she is interested in continuing as Chair. Christine Johnson said she would like to step down as Vice Chair. Tracy Schiro said she would be willing to be considered to continue as the Chair of Finance and Data Committee. John Ashbaugh would be willing to be considered again for Chair of the Housing Committee until his term on the City Council ends, which would be in approximately eight months. Patty Beck said she would be willing to be considered for Chair of the Homeless Services Coordinating Committee if there is no one else who would like to nominate themselves.</p>	<p>John made a motion to appoint Kristen Barneich as Vice Chair, Tracy Schiro as Chair of the Finance and Data Committee, and John Ashbaugh and Anne Robin as Co-Chairs of the Housing Committee. Christine Johnson seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.</p> <p>Supervisor Arnold then turned over the meeting to the new Vice Chair, Kristen Barneich. Kristen Barneich asked members to submit a written ballot to vote for the HSOC Chair and Homeless Services</p>	

	<p>Dee nominated Mariam Shah for the HSOC Chair position. Kristen Barneich nominated herself for Vice Chair. Janna Nichols was nominated as a candidate for the Chair of the Homeless Services Coordinating Committee by Patty Beck. Anne Robin offered to be considered for a Co-Chair of the Housing Committee and to take over as the Chair after John steps down. Dee nominated herself for the Homeless Services Coordinating Committee chair.</p>	<p>Coordinating Committee (HSCC) Chair. The ballots were recorded as follows:</p> <p>Debbie Arnold voted for Janna Nichols for HSCC Chair and Debbie Arnold for HSOC Chair.</p> <p>John Ashbaugh voted for Janna Nichols for HSCC Chair and Debbie Arnold for HSOC Chair.</p> <p>Kristen Barneich voted for Dee Torres for HSCC Chair and Mariam Shah for HSOC Chair.</p> <p>Patty Beck voted for Dee Torres for HSCC Chair and Debbie Arnold for HSOC Chair.</p> <p>Sheila Blake voted for Dee Torres for HSCC Chair and Mariam Shah for HSOC Chair.</p> <p>Terra Clayton voted for Dee Torres for HSCC and Debbie Arnold for HSOC Chair.</p> <p>Rick Gulino voted for Janna Nichols for HSCC Chair and Mariam Shah for HSOC Chair.</p> <p>Christine Johnson voted for Janna Nichols for HSCC Chair and Mariam Shah for HSOC Chair.</p> <p>Bob Kelly voted for Marianne</p>	
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<p>4.2 Housing Options Presentation</p>	<p>Anne Wyatt gave a Power Point presentation on Housing Options that the HSOC Housing Committee put together for the purpose of educating the community and agencies about the challenges of housing in our area and possible affordable housing models for communities to consider.</p> <p>As part of the presentation, Anne noted there are currently over 1500 people who are homeless in the community. Our area has a less than 2% housing vacancy rate and last year was ranked the 11th least affordable area in which to live in the U.S.</p> <p>Examples of housing options shared in the presentation include: multi-family housing, manufactured housing or mobile parks, granny units or second units, tiny house communities or organized campgrounds, live-work housing, residential houses or boarding houses, group homes, shared housing, and independent and assisted living. She noted that there are also approximately 2000 vacant housing units in our county. While most of these are second homes or similar types of units, a portion are vacant for a variety of reasons, such as the previous owner passed away and the family has not sold it, the property is caught in probate court, or other reasons. She noted that in Morro Bay, she had been able to obtain water records for homes and through that method, to identify homes that were sitting vacant.</p>	<p>Final vote: Janna Nichols was elected as the new chair for Homeless Services Coordinating Committee and Debbie Arnold was elected to remain Chair.</p> <p>Supervisor Arnold resumed chairing the meeting.</p>	
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<p>4.2.1 Action Item: Vote to approve the Housing Options presentation developed by members of the HSOC Housing Committee and provide direction on the purposes for which it should be used</p>	<p>She noted that if there were resources available for follow up, it would be possible to approach owners to see if they would be willing to consider renting those properties.</p> <p>The Housing Committee was asking the HSOC to approve the presentation for public dissemination. If there is anyone interested in having this presentation shared with local governments, civic groups, or other groups, please contact Laurel Weir: lweir@co.slo.ca.us.</p>	<p>John Ashbaugh made the motion to approve the Housing Options presentation developed by members of the HSOC Housing Committee. The motion was seconded by Christine Johnson. All approved the motion.</p>	
<p>4.3 2017 Homeless Point in Time Count</p>	<p>Laurel reported the Finance and Data Committee had begun planning for the 2017 Point in Time Count and was recommending the count include a combined Point in Time Count and comprehensive survey of all homeless adults using the Vulnerability Index- Services Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool. The VI-SPDAT is currently being updated to be used to refresh the 50 Now list along with the continuum of care.</p> <p>Surveying all homeless adults also would help to compare data from count to count. The number of community volunteers would need to increase greatly in order to be successful. Laurel informed the group the cost for a contractor to conduct and analyze the count and survey may increase due to the increased effort needed to survey all homeless adults instead of just a sampling.</p>	<p>John made a motion to recommend a combined Point in Time Count and comprehensive survey of all homeless adults using the Vulnerability Index- Services Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool. The motion was seconded by Bob. All approved the motion.</p>	

<p>4.3.1 Action Item: Vote to recommend a combined Point in Time Count and comprehensive survey of all homeless adults using the Vulnerability Index-Services Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool</p> <p>4.3.2 Action Item: Provide direction to staff on whether to allocate the remaining HSOC funding for the planning and conduct of the 2017 Point in Time Count required by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as a condition of receiving HUD homeless Assistance funding</p>	<p>Laurel reported that the County will be paying for part of the necessary funds, but the exact amount has not yet been finalized. The County will again ask cities to contribute to the cost of the count.</p> <p>The HSOC currently has approximately \$20,000 remaining in its budget. That funding was provided a number of years ago from the County, local cities, and other sources of funding to serve as seed money for the HSOC to hire an Executive Director, which it did. After the County agreed to provide staffing for the HSOC and the Executive Director position was eliminated, the funding remained in HSOC's account and has been used primarily to help pay for Point in Time Count costs.</p> <p>If the cost exceeds the amounts given by the county and city, would HSOC be willing to provide up to \$15,000 to help cover the costs? If the HSOC were again to make funding available for the Point in Time Count, there currently is no plan in place to seek new funding for the HSOC.</p> <p>Laurel reported that she and Ivana recently attended a national conference on homelessness and heard</p>	<p>A motion was made by John Ashbaugh to make up to \$15,000 available from remaining HSOC funding for the planning and conduct of the 2017 Homeless Point in Time Count should the amount of funding provided by the County and cities be insufficient to carry out the count with the VI-SPDAT. The motion was seconded by Bob Kelly. All approved the motion.</p>	
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<p>4.4 HUD Continuum of Care and Emergency Solutions Grant Program</p> <p>4.4.1 Discussion Item: New Continuum of Care Performance Criteria</p> <p>4.4.2 Action Item: Recommend state pass through Emergency Solutions Grant funding be prioritized for outreach and engagement of unsheltered homeless persons, and Rapid Rehousing, provided that such priorities are consistent with guidelines to be issued by the state</p>	<p>presentations by national HUD staff on the future direction of HUD’s Homeless Assistance programs. HUD officials reported that the Continuum of Care program was moving towards performance based funding. Key measures of performance will include: the number of homeless persons in the community; the extent to which people return to homelessness after exiting funded programs; the length of time people remain homeless; and the extent to which people exit programs into housing. These measures will guide HUD funding decisions and should also guide local funding decision making.</p> <p>HUD provides McKinney-Vento Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding to states and entitlement communities. States must distribute their funding to the Balance of the State. San Luis Obispo County is an ESG entitlement community and as a County, has previously not been eligible for California’s Balance of State funding.</p> <p>The State recently notified the County that the State was going to provide some of its ESG funding that it received from the federal government to the County. This would be provide \$112,000 per year to the County for ESG activities.</p> <p>The County will be required to distribute the funding through a competitive process, which will occur in late Spring or early Summer. Staff are asking the HSOC to provide guidance on which eligible activities it would like to prioritize. Eligible activities are outreach and engagement, emergency shelters, and Rapid Rehousing. A minimum of 40% of the state</p>	<p>Jim Patterson made a motion to Recommend to the County that the state ESG funding be prioritized for Rapid Rehousing and street outreach programs. Seconded by Tracy. All approved the motion.</p>	
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	<p>funding needs to be used for Rapid Rehousing. The County must select areas of priority for the remainder of the funds and should be prioritized based on data showing unmet need.</p> <p>Laurel reported the Housing Committee voted yesterday to recommend prioritizing outreach and engagement services tied together with Rapid Rehousing or other housing options.</p> <p>Laurel reported that Point in Time Count data found there were between 74 and 90% of the homeless population who were unsheltered, suggesting a need for outreach and engagement services.</p> <p>Rapid Rehousing was also identified as a need. The Housing Committee heard yesterday that HOME Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) funding and Rapid Rehousing funding from the County's ESG entitlement community funding has been depleted for the fiscal year. Additionally, the County is expected to recommend fewer HOME funds be allocated for TBRA in order to allow more funds to be allocated for development of affordable housing units for very low income persons.</p> <p>To ensure that outreach workers have resources, the Housing Committee voted to recommend prioritizing outreach projects that also propose to use some of the funding for Rapid Rehousing or that can show they have other available housing resources to which they can connect homeless persons.</p> <p>Laurel reported that the County of San Luis Obispo, along with the cities of Grover Beach, Paso Robles,</p>	<p>Following approval of item</p>	
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<p>4.5 Information Item: Update from the Homeless Services Coordinating Committee regarding Warming Centers and Shelter Crisis Declarations</p>	<p>and Morro Bay had declared a shelter crisis, as requested by the HSOC. The County Board of Supervisors, in approving the motion, also asked the HSOC to identify reasons why some persons may not be coming to the Warming Centers. The Homeless Services Coordinating Committee has been meeting to discuss the barriers and develop recommendations on how to address them.</p> <p>Laurel reported a Warming Center in Morro Bay opened for the first time last Monday night. Mayor Steve Martin reported on the City of Paso Robles' efforts to move people out of the river bed during the possible flooding. Belongings have been collected out of the river bed, those missing items should contact Paso police department. He noted that up until recently there were no warming shelters in Paso Robles and acknowledged the work of Paso Cares to make that happen.</p> <p>Paso Robles has been working with community partners, including holding a MASH event last year.</p> <p>He also reported when the city of Paso Robles declared a shelter crisis, it set aside \$69,000 to help relocate homeless persons from the river bed.</p> <p>Mayor Martin stressed the importance of the different agencies working together toward ending homelessness in our area and reported he has drafted a letter of inquiry to the state asking if the state would consider making the California Youth Authority state owned property in Paso Robles available to be used for transitional or other types of housing and services. He has asked other mayors to sign the letter and also asked HSOC member agencies to sign the letter. He noted he would be bringing the letter before his City Council for their approval and other mayors planned to take it before their city councils.</p>	<p>4.1.1, Supervisor Arnold moved discussion of this item (4.5) up to follow 4.1.1.</p>	
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5. Committee Reports	No additional committee reports were presented.		
6. Future Discussion/Report Items	Patty Beck shared that there is a shelter declaration follow up meeting on Friday afternoon at 3 p.m. at the Department Social Services office in San Luis Obispo. Jim asked that a report on the Home Share efforts be placed onto the next agenda.		
7. Next Meeting Date:	May 18, 2016: 1-3pm		
8. Adjournment	Debbie Arnold adjourned the meeting at 3:12pm		