

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL  
 HSOC FULL COMMITTEE  
 May 18, 2016, 1:00-3:00pm  
 Veteran's Hall: Lounge Room  
 801 Grand Ave San Luis Obispo, CA 93405**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	<b>MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	<b>STAFF &amp; GUESTS</b>	
Jim Patterson Scott Smith Jessica Thomas Steve Martin Tracy Schiro Patty Beck Clare Battista Anne Robin Kristen Barneich John Ashbaugh Rick Gulino Mariam Shah Janna Nichols Theresa Scott Grace McIntosh	Debbie Arnold Marianne Kennedy Danielle Veatch Amy Christey Terra Clayton Dee Torres Shelia Blake	Laurel Weir Jessica Lorange Martin Meltz Ivana Yeung Abby Lassen Aurora Williams Morgan Torell Joe Madsen Mike Ostash Jill Bolster-White Drew Washer	
<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>		<b>CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS</b>	<b>FOLLOW UP</b>
1. Call to Order and Introductions of Guests	Kristen welcomed the group and introductions were made.		
2. Public Comment	Laurel announced to the group that the HSOC executive meeting has been rescheduled to May 25 instead of June.		
<b>ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION</b>			
3.1 Approval of Minutes		Jim moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Scott, Jessica Thomas abstained	



	<p>also for cost reimbursement instead of providing a fixed rate for services. Quality assurance activities would also be reimbursable, and there would be more integration with other services. It would also allow the Behavioral Health Agency more say in who they contract with.</p> <p>The program would be limited to County residence only. To be eligible to receive services reimbursable under the program, the individuals must be Medi-Cal recipients.</p> <p>The County would be responsible for reporting on outcomes, and there will be measured outcomes around cost, and care among others. It will be additional work for the county. An evaluation will be done by UCLA.</p> <p>A number of services that have not previously been reimbursable under Medi-Cal would be under the new program, including recovery services, coaches and mentoring. More monitoring will be available for clients as well as reimbursement for those services. Drug and Alcohol case management will also be available.</p> <p>There will be need of more doctors to help. Short term residential treatment will also be a possibility, with different time frames available.</p> <p>If the County opts in, the Agency is working on a plan to site some services at the Prado Day Center or the new Homeless Services Center, possibly a mix of mental health and drug and alcohol services.</p> <p>There are many possible future services. When referring people: drug and alcohol specialists will be determining the level of treatment needed. The decision is a clinical decision.</p>		
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<p>4.3 Information Item: Update on Housing Choice Vouchers and Tenant Based Rental Assistance Programs</p>	<p>Youth treatment will also be expanded. Youth treatment will be available over at the South Street facility during the summer. Youth are defined as up to age 21.</p> <p>Funding matching will also be available. We can't use federal to match federal funding; however other types of funding will be matched.</p> <p>Anne also mentioned the No Place Like Home Initiative being considered by the state legislature and the initiative's potential impact on Behavioral Health Services. The initiative proposes to re-direct a portion of the State's Behavioral Health funding to create bonds for the development of housing. If the initiative were enacted as is, it would mean a funding cut of \$681,000 from Behavioral Health services in the first year and even more in years to come. It may not immediately affect our county but it will make a difference in the growth of Drug Medi-Cal and other Behavioral Health Services. We are in a disadvantage against poorer counties. The legislation is currently being monitored and Anne is planning on keeping the group updated. Laurel explained that the housing committee could also discuss the legislation and make recommendations to the HSOC and Board.</p> <p>Dr Graber will be making a similar presentation at the next Benefits ARCH meeting. Anne explained that there is a current allocation formula.</p> <p>Scott Smith updated the group about the recent challenges the Housing Authority of San Luis Obispo (HASLO) is facing with regard to its Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program.</p>		
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	<p>Under the Housing Choice Voucher program, clients pay 30% of their income toward their rent, and HASLO pays the difference between the client's payment and the actual rent. There are about \$17 million dollars worth of vouchers being paid to landlords each year currently in our county through the federal HCV program.</p> <p>The issue that HASLO has run into is that the amount of money they receive from the federal government for rent has been decreasing in recent years. At the same time, the rent in our area has increased. As a result, HASLO has had to decrease the number of vouchers being distributed.</p> <p>Since there is no new money for vouchers, in order to take people off the waiting list for the program, HASLO has relied on a certain amount of people returning vouchers each month to reissue them to others. Voucher holders return the vouchers when they move out of county, move into other housing situations, or become ineligible.</p> <p>There has been an 12-18% voucher turnover rate in prior years. This year it has decreased to 8-10%. As a result, there are fewer people being taken off the waiting list each month. It also has meant that HASLO is in danger of reaching the cap on the amount of money it is allowed to spend. To address this, HASLO has put a hold on issuing new vouchers temporarily.</p> <p>Rick Gulino reported the Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program (a program of the federal HOME program) has also been affected by this. Rick</p>		
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<p>4.4 Information Item: Update on the mayors' request regarding the availability of California Youth Authority property in Paso Robles</p>	<p>explained that TBRA clients pay 1/3 of their income toward their rental, similar to the housing choice vouchers that HASLO uses, except TBRA is a Rapid Rehousing program and only provides the subsidy for a few months. There are case managers for clients participating in TBRA; however, there are no reimbursements for the case management services.</p> <p>TBRA is typically used for assistance on a temporary basis. It is used to help homeless persons get into housing. The demand has exceeded available funding and TBRA funds have been gone since January. It sounds like the TBRA program will be shut down for about 2 years. Rick asked if HSOC could look at additional funding sources for TBRA. The units do get inspected before the tenant moves in due to health and safety reasons. Every two years the unit gets re-inspected.</p> <p>Scott noted the 50Now program was offered 50 vouchers from HASLO. There are currently 29 of the 50 vouchers being used, with some of the other 50 Now clients being housed through other programs.</p> <p>2016 HCV funding was cut nearly \$100,000. VASH Vouchers are still being issued at this time, but other vouchers are on hold.</p> <p>Mayor Martin shared with the group that the mayors' request regarding the availability of California Youth Authority property in Paso Robles that an email will go out to update the group due to lack of time. The email will be made available in the meeting materials posted online.</p>		
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4.5 Committee Reports	<p>John reported that the Housing Committee is looking at ways to make it easier for tiny homes to be able to be built within our community. The committee discussed a motion to come before the Full HSOC. The motion will be looked at in September. Jim also brought up the shared housing program. He asked that the shared housing program update the HSOC committee.</p> <p>Janna updated the group about the HSCC next meeting is June 21. The discussions about work groups and the services that they will be in charge of. If anyone would like to be part of the work group to please attend. There were also discussions about possible one day service events in the future. There were also discussions about the recent encampment clearings and what can be done about future clearings. SOAR and upcoming events were also discussed.</p> <p>Tracy informed that Data and Finance have been mainly focused on PIT Count planning.</p>		
5. Future Discussion/Report Items	NA		
6. Next Meeting Date:	July 20, 2016: 1-3pm		
7. Adjournment	Kristen adjourned the meeting at 3pm		