

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL  
 HSOC FULL COMMITTEE  
 July 20, 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 Grace McIntosh Aurora William Sheila Blake Anne Robin Patty Beck Tracy Schiro Janna Nichols Kristen Barneich Mariam Shah Rick Gulino	Debbie Arnold Marianne Kennedy Danielle Veatch Terra Clayton Dee Torres Scott Smith Clare Battista Theresa Scott Steve Martin	Laurel Weir Jessica Lorange Ivana Yeung Allison Rustick Carol Ziesenhenne Abby Lassen Sean O'Neill (Debbie's aide) Morgan Torell Bob Ellis Joe Madsen Mike Ostash Anne Wyatt Martin Meltz Jenny Wiseman Chris Johnson	
<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	NA		
<b>ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION</b>			
3.1 Approval of Minutes		Tabled until the next meeting due to lack of quorum	

<p>Action/Information/Discussion:</p> <p>4.1 HSOC Membership</p> <p>4.1A: Action Item: Vote to recommend Robert Ellis to fill the vacant Veterans Services Agency seat on the HSOC</p> <p>4.2 Information and Discussion Item: Continuum of Care (CoC) Grant Updates</p> <p>4.2A- June Notice of Funding Availability overview and timing for application</p> <p>4.2B- Process for scheduling a special HSOC meeting in August or early September to vote on the CoC funding recommendations</p>	<p>Laurel informed the group that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has issued the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Continuum of Care funding a few months early this year. The county receives funding from this program each year for homeless assistance programs, including Transitional Housing as well as permanent housing. Communities may also compete for Bonus funding.</p> <p>Current programs and new ones are being asked to apply to the County to be considered to be recommended for funding. Ivana informed the group that the local application is due on July 29 at 5pm to the County Planning department. The application is made available on the HSOC website or by contacting Ivana Yeung in the planning department. The application will look a little different than years prior.</p> <p>HUD is again requiring communities to rank local applications and divide them into two Tiers (Tier 1 and Tier 2). Last year the different tiers were ranked by a committee. 93% of the funding was in Tier 1 and projects in Tier 1 were funded. Those in Tier 2 were at risk of not being funded due to going up against other projects nationally. This will occur again this</p>	<p>Tabled until the next meeting due to lack of quorum</p>	
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<p>4.3 Update on local efforts to create a Shared Housing Program</p>	<p>year. Tier 2 project will go to the national competition again this year. Tier 2 projects are scored in large part based on the local Continuum of Care's overall score in the competition.</p> <p>The County must submit its overall application to HUD in September. The recommendations will be brought to the HSOC for a vote before going to the Board of Supervisors. An ad hoc committee will be called in August to vote.</p> <p>Laurel reported of showing HUD the increasing number of available beds each year. Bob asked about the supply and demand situation in our area. Laurel explained the importance of creating more permanent affordable housing in our area.</p> <p>Please see Ivana if you would like to participate in the grant review committee.</p> <p>Laurel introduced Anne Wyatt, who has been heading up an effort to create a shared housing program here in San Luis Obispo County. Anne explained that home sharing is a way to utilize existing housing stock more efficiently. Anne researched models throughout the country for the last two years and is proposing a model based on existing programs in other communities.</p> <p>In March, SLO Home Share received non-profit status. There is a 12 person board that is representing the agency.</p> <p>If they can get start up funding, they would like to begin matching clients in September countywide. The home share program will match housing providers with home seekers. There are over 10,000 single female seniors in San Luis Obispo county. There is a community village movement to help seniors stay in</p>		
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	<p>their homes.</p> <p>A survey of 150 seniors throughout the county found 20% would be interested in home share to stay in their homes. The senior population is being reached out to via print materials.</p> <p>Data from other programs around the country provides some information about what to expect. Most matches around the country last between 1-4 years. The average room rate now is about \$650 per month.</p> <p>There is a large potential to help those looking for affordable rooms and for seniors looking for help with home upkeep. The increase in financial help provided by renting a room could help those affected by the utility increases occurring throughout the county.</p> <p>Morro Bay has given the group \$5000 toward the shared housing program. The focus area has been on the north coast but the goal is to have the home share program throughout the county. Anne explained that part of the group programming is monitoring after the matches have been made, a type of case management. The upfront matching costs about \$600 which is partly covered by the clients.</p> <p>Another part of the costs will be the case management and monitoring needed after the matching. There will be initial income requirements for those wishing to find a room and some other requirements that may result in the program not serving homeless persons initially, but the program is hoping to relax the entry criteria later on in the program once the program is running smoothly. The group is looking at the program for now as more of a homeless prevention program rather than a homeless assistance program.</p> <p>Patty asked if the home share group also councils the</p>		
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	<p>homeowners about taxes. Anne explained that on the entry application there are some questions about this topic to spark discussions about concerns, but that the group does not provide tax advice. Tracy expressed the concern that those who receive in home care could possibly lose their in home care if their income increases. Anne informed the group that part of the preparation of becoming a shared home would be educating. A possibility would be having an accountant come discuss options with the clients.</p> <p>The group will look into solutions to the possible issues that will be run into. There may be some counseling and strategy about how some of the housing vouchers can be used for shared housing. There are currently 10 providers ready to go. Mariam asked if location of the home seekers is taken into consideration. Anne explained that the importance is the compatibility before the location and area; however, area will be taken into account.</p> <p>At the moment the start up funding in hand is \$5000. The group is in need of about \$30,000 for the initial budget. To scale up to what the group would like to implement, Anne hopes to eventually have about \$100,000 for the budget. Morro Bay city has provided \$5000 in funds. Kristen asked Anne about how she would go about reaching out to additional communities and cities. Anne explained that they would like to serve all areas and is still working on reaching out to groups throughout the county. The group will be reaching out for additional funding. If anyone knows of any providers please contact Anne if they would like to participate or if they have any questions.</p>		
5. Committee Reports	Janna informed the group that the Homeless Services Coordinating Committee discussed the results of the last CoC scoring and the reduction of funding that		

	<p>came from HUD. The committee discussed the issues surrounding how to increase the scoring on the next rounds of funding. The HSOC priorities were also looked at as well as at HUD's order of priorities for placement into permanent housing, which HUD would like the HSOC to adopt. The committee is going to be recommending the full HSOC adopt the order of priorities. Grace shared that HUD sees all the agencies in our area as one CoC and not as separate agencies. It is very important for all the agencies to coordinate and work together to keep as much funding in our community as possible. The documentation of the collaboration is very important this time around. The next Committee meeting will be held August 31, 2016 at 1:30-3PM in DSS Room 101.</p> <p>Tracy shared with the group that the finance and data committee has been discussing the Point in Time count and preparing for that.</p> <p>Laurel shared that the MASH event for north county is likely to happen in the Paso Robles Event Center again in October. Dates to be determined. A MASH in south county is being planned as well.</p> <p>Martin shared that the housing committee would like to hold a symposium to help house about 400 chronically homeless individuals throughout the county. This includes identifying a timeline and how many beds would be needed, possibly in a three-year schedule. The goal of the symposium would also be to create partnerships as well. This is a proposal by the housing committee. Laurel explained that at the forum there would be a possibility of challenging each community with realistic goals to ending chronic homelessness. If anyone is interested there will be more discussion at the next housing meeting on Aug 16, 2016 at 2-3:30pm in room 356.</p>		
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6. Future Discussion/Report Items	<p>Laurel explained the August special HSOC meeting will be looking at the funding and other measures the HSOC needs to be looking at to make us more competitive for funding please bring them to the meeting. A Doodle poll will be sent out to schedule the meeting and a notice will be published once the date is scheduled.</p> <p>Anne R. explained that the No Place Like Home proposal was accepted and we will be in competition with San Bernadino. Other potential places to build housing for mental health for homeless people please let Anne know.</p>		
7. Next Meeting Date:	September 21, 2016: 1-3pm		
8. Adjournment	Kristen adjourned the meeting at 2:12pm	Motion made by Janna and seconded by Anne R.	