

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
 HSOC FULL COMMITTEE
 September 21, 2016, 1:00-3:00pm
 Veterans Hall Lounge**

| MEMBERS PRESENT | MEMBERS ABSENT | STAFF & GUESTS | |
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| Debbie Arnold John Ashbaugh Kristen Barneich Christina Bearce Patty Beck Jessica Thomas Rick Gulino Marianne Kennedy Aurora William Christine Johnson Grace McIntosh Jim Patterson Steve Martin Anne Robin Mariam Shah Danielle Veatch Tracy Schiro Scott Smith Janna Nichols | Amy Christey Sheila Blake Bob Kelley Theresa Scott Clare Battista Terra Clayton Dee Torres | Laurel Weir Ivana Yeung Carol Ziesenhenne Joe Madsen Jenny Wiseman Steven Orozco Morgan Torell Amelia Abernathy Keith Storton Jeremy Behrens Kathleen Belfontaine Tom Clough | |
| AGENDA ITEM | CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS | | FOLLOW UP |
| 1. Call to Order and Introductions of Guests | Debbie welcomed the group and introductions were made. | | |
| 2. Public Comment | Scott Smith made an announcement about the approval of 36 new affordable apartments, The Courtyard at the Meadows, as well as the approval of 34 | | |

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| | <p>supportive affordable housing units at the site of San Luis Obispo's old orphanage. John Ashbaugh also mentioned the opening of new affordable housing units on South Street in San Luis Obispo.</p> | | |
| ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION | | | |
| <p>3. Approval of Minutes</p> <p>4.1 HSOC Membership</p> <p>4.1A Action Item: Vote to recommend Christopher Johnson for appointment to the HSOC</p> <p>4.1B Membership for 2017</p> | <p>Laurel Weir encouraged members to apply. New applications are due</p> | <p>Minutes were approved with one correction. Motion was made by Mariam Shah and seconded by Tracy Schiro. Unanimous approval with no abstentions.</p> <p>Vote to recommend Christopher Johnson for appointment to the HSOC. Motion was made by Patty Beck and Kristen Barneich seconded. Motion passed. Grace McIntosh abstained.</p> | |

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| <p>4.2 Information and Discussion Item: Presentation on Senior Issues</p> | <p>at the end of October. A few seats are up for renewal or are vacant. Applicants wishing to renew their term may contact Laurel for a copy of their old application that they can use to see their previous answers. Seats available for application include: Local Government Agency Representative, Non-Profit Service Provider, Affordable Housing Developer, Interested Community Member, Local Business, and Law Enforcement. The application is two pages and straight forward. Patty Beck announced she will not be re-applying for her seat. Keith Storton said he would reach out to the Chief's Association regarding the Law Enforcement seat.</p> <p>Laurel introduced Tom Clough and Kathleen Bellefontaine with the San Luis Obispo County Commission on Aging. Kathleen, Commission Chair, shared that the Commission on Aging has been trying to get the word out on senior issues for the past 8 years in order to get more power behind the movement and give a voice to the County's vulnerable senior</p> | | |
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population. Tom then gave a presentation that highlighted the critical impacts of financial insecurity on senior well-being. San Luis Obispo County faces staggering numbers of senior households struggling to cover the cost of the most basic necessities. SLO ranks as the 8th highest (out of 58 CA Counties) in the number of Hidden Poor for “Single elder head of households” and 15th highest for the number of Hidden Poor for “older head of household.”

As the senior population is expected to grow, the current Federal Poverty Guideline no longer provides an accurate picture of the differences in poverty among population groups or geographic areas. According to the California State Plan on Aging 2013-2017, San Luis Obispo County’s senior population (ages 60+) is expected to increase by 60% between 2010 and 2030.

As of 2015, 20% of older Californians live in poverty with an average income of \$25,000/year. Of that percentage, 20.2% of single older women live below the Federal Poverty Level. 32.2% of

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| | <p>seniors with higher incomes still fall below California's Economic Security Index, which means they still face difficulties meeting basic needs, and 60% of <i>all</i> single elders of color face economic insecurity. More than 13,000 elders are struggling to make ends meet in San Luis Obispo County. A large number of these elders (9,000 or 27%) with incomes above FPL but below the Elder Index fall into the eligibility gap: cannot make ends meet but do not qualify for supports. Women living alone are disproportionately vulnerable. Without the support from a partner's income, and in the face of increasing costs and fixed incomes, over half of elder women living alone in SLO County cannot make ends meet. Renters also are disproportionately economically vulnerable, as 8 out of 10 elders in SLO County are trying to survive on incomes below the Elder Index. 4 out of 10 elders are also struggling to meet their basic needs. Some of these concerns that seniors struggle with are: maintaining affordable housing, obtaining access to medical care, meeting basic needs, obtaining in home support services, and living</p> | | |
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alone, and the effects of isolation and loneliness. A call to action: More Senior Advocates, Expanded Partnerships to Address Critical Senior Issues, Age Friendly Livable Affordable Communities, Attitude Shift in Society, Policy Focus on Providing Necessary Financial & Health Care Support, Resources Directed at Solving Critical Senior Issues.

Janna Nichols commented this presentation was a tie in to Anne Wyatt's presentation about Homeshare at the last Full HSOC meeting, as they cover some of the same issues. Tom noted that Anne presented to the SLO Commission on Aging, and that the Commission was very supportive of the project.

There was a question about resources to help stabilize some of the seniors that are displaced due to evictions, or rising rent prices. There are some Rapid Re-Housing funds available, however there are no age-specific programs aimed at the senior population currently. Another question was raised about in-home support, and the response was that SLO County

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| <p>4.3 Information Item: Update on MASH Events</p> | <p>Department of Social Services has a program, but other non-profit in-home support is dependent on volunteer participation.</p> <p>Thanks to Tom and Kathleen for coming out and presenting. The slides from the presentation will be made available.</p> <p>Laurel Weir gave an update on MASH events. Two past MASH events were successful. DSS took applications for Calfresh and were able to issue 8 same-day benefits. Mariam Shah and Kristen Barneich were there. Kristin stated that she attended the MASH event in her region. Fears from existing businesses. Mariam Shah: If nothing else, there was a lot of myth-busting. 86 people showing up for services and are willing to take help. Hillside Church was the provider. Neighbors were actually supportive and wanted to help. Kudos to Jessica Lorange – a seamless event. Janna Nichols: Community Foundation provided some funding to make the event happen. The community came</p> | | |
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| <p>4.4 Information Item: Update on 2017 Point in Time Count</p> | <p>together and provided the support for it. A testament to the County and the folks that work for them. A tangible way to make things happen and what a community does working together. Jessica worked very hard to make it happen. Clients left satisfied. Sheila Blake –got her food handlers permit for the event, provided food. Next MASH on October 27th, Paso Robles event center.</p> <p>Laurel Weir provided information regarding PIT Count for January. Several hundred volunteers needed. A Description will be released about volunteer positions, including Counters, Survey Takers, Logistics Volunteers, and Staff Center Volunteers. Laurel Weir asked for donations of coffee and snacks for homeless folks/volunteers. The Vulnerability Index will be used for the survey, pending contractor approval. HUD requires the count to occur during the last ten days in January.</p> | | |
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| <p>4.5 Information Item: Update on 2016-2017 Warming Shelter Planning</p> | <p>Laurel Weir reported the groups that will be operating Warming Centers this winter met and discussed communication strategies and Warming Center plans.</p> <p>Due to differences in microclimates throughout the county, the groups decided that each organization should set its own opening conditions based on its region. To ensure clients and case managers can find out if a Warming Centers is going to be open, the groups agreed to call 211 by 11 a.m. on the days the Warming Centers will be open to inform them it will be open. Clients and case managers may then call 211.</p> <p>Two locations are currently set. The Five Cities Homeless Coalition will have a Warming Center at the Department of Social Services in Arroyo Grande; and the Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo (CAPSLO) will use the Prado Day Center for its overnight Warming Center. Paso Cares is looking for a place for their dinner program and Warming</p> | | |
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| | <p>Center intake as the church they were previously sited at is no longer operating the program.</p> <p>Kathleen Bellefontaine noted that the County Library in San Luis Obispo will be closed during this winter (4 months starting in October) and asked where will homeless people hang out during the day. It was noted that the Prado Day Center was open during the day.</p> | | |
| 5. Committee Reports | <p>Janna Nichols reported that at the last Homeless Services Coordinating Committee, the Committee reviewed the results from the 2015 CoC Competition, and discussed development of a workplan. The group also talked about Warming Centers. A subcommittee will look at displacement services (outreach, notification); Marty Meltz will chair this subcommittee. On the issue of displacement, Patty Beck suggested contacting each of the jurisdictions for advance knowledge about places that are to be cleared</p> | | |

Scott Smith reported on behalf of the Housing Committee. At the last meeting, the Planning staff presented information about Action Plan grants. There will be a Board of Supervisors Study Session on October 4 for Affordable Housing. Supervisor Debbie Arnold commented that Planning staff was collaborating with EVC, the Home Builders Association, and other partners to get a snapshot on Housing Inventory. Scott reported the Committee also discussed Tiny Homes and will be bringing a proposal in November to the full HSOC.

HUD is considering changing their regulations for formula allocations (% poverty, # substandard housing). Laurel commented on how the current funding ceiling works. For the proposed formula, HUD ran analyses with housing data - % renters in the community, % low income renters with severe burden – and proposed four possible formulas based on the data that is most closely linked to rates of homelessness in a community.

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| | Shared housing will also be important – can't possibly build enough housing to solve our problem immediately. We need to get creative with housing, such as looking at zoning and code enforcement. Issue not related to health and safety – issue was to preserve scarce units | | |
| 6. Future Discussion/Report Items | tiny homes and secondary units | | |
| 7. Next Meeting Date | November 16, 2016, 1-3 pm | | |
| 8. Adjournment | Debbie adjourned the meeting at 2:41pm | | |