



***San Luis Obispo
Countywide 10 Year
Plan to End
Homelessness***

We envision a future in which the housing and comprehensive services necessary to remain housed are available for all, affording everyone maximum self-sufficiency, and the opportunity to be productive and participating members of our community

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC)
Meeting Agenda**

January 18, 2016 1:00-3:00 p.m.
San Luis Obispo Veterans' Hall, Lounge Room
801 Grand Avenue, San Luis Obispo, CA

1. Call to Order and Introductions of Guests
 2. Public Comment
 3. Consent Items:
 - 3.1 Approval of Minutes
 4. Action/Information/Discussion:
 - 4.1 Information Item: 2017 Homeless Point in Time Count – Presentation by Applied Survey Research
 - 4.2 Information Item: Continuum of Care Grant Update - 2016 Awards
 - 4.3 Action Item: Vote to support Supportive Services for Veteran Families Grant renewal applications from the Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo, the Good Samaritan Shelter/5Cities Homeless Coalition, and People Assisting the Homeless
 - 4.4 Action Item: Election of HSOC Leadership Positions (Chair, Vice-Chair, and Chairs of the Housing Committee, Finance and Data Committee, and Homeless Services Coordinating Committee)
 - 4.5 Discussion Item: Recognizing and remembering the contributions of Dr. Martin Meltz to local efforts to address homelessness
 5. Committee Reports
 6. Future Discussion/Report Items:
 7. Next Meeting Date: March 15, 2017, 1-3 p.m.
 8. Adjournment
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**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
 HSOC FULL COMMITTEE
 November 16, 2016, 1:00-3:00pm
 Veterans Hall Lounge**

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF & GUESTS	
Anne Robin Mariam Shah Janna Nichols Marianne Kennedy Patty Beck Martin Meltz Grace McIntosh Steve Martin Christine Johnson John Ashbaugh Jessica Thomas Rick Gulino Kristen Barneich Christopher Johnson Theresa Scott Terra Clayton Jerry Rioux	Sheila Blake Bob Kelley Christina Bearce Dee Torres Clare Battista Jim Patterson Danielle Veatch Tracy Schiro Scott Smith	Laurel Weir Jessica Lorance Ivana Yeung Mike Ostach Sue Warren Amy Vilalbe Jenny Wiseman Steven Rozoco Joe Madsen Bob Ellis Aurora William	
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	Martin Meltz announced that the County Board of Supervisors was going to be discussing the Inclusionary Housing ordinance on December 6. He would like to have support from Homeless Service Oversight Council members for the Inclusionary Housing policies. Joe shared with the group that Transition's Mental Health Association's proposed Bishop Street apartments were approved at the San Luis Obispo City Council meeting last night.		
ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION			

<p>3. Approval of Minutes</p> <p>4.1 HSOC Membership</p> <p>4.1A Action Item: Vote to recommend Christina Bearce, Deanna Cantrell, Rick Gulino, Robert Ellis, Joe Madsen, Janna Nichols, Anne Robin, and Aurora William for appointment to the HSOC</p> <p>4.2 Emergency Solutions Grant, Community Development Block Grant, and General Fund Support</p> <p>4.2A Action Item: Recommend Allocation of County Community Development Block Grant (\$95,093), Emergency Solutions Grant (\$142,00), and County General Fund Support (\$218,00) funds for countywide</p>	<p>The group discussed the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Nominating Committee regarding applicants for new or renewal appointments on the HSOC.</p> <p>Ivana Yeung from County Planning announced the HSOC Ad Hoc Grant Review Committee met recently to rank local applications for Emergency Solutions Grant, Community Development Block Grant, and General Fund Support.</p> <p>She provided an overview of the rankings and rankings process and asked the HSOC to vote on recommending allocation of County Community Development Block Grant (\$95,093), Emergency Solutions Grant (\$142,00), and County General Fund</p>	<p>Anne Robin made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Janna. All were in favor. No objections or abstentions</p> <p>John made a motion, seconded by Christine Johnson, to recommend Christina Bearce, Deanna Cantrell, Rick Gulino, Robert Ellis, Joe Madsen, Janna Nichols, Anne Robin, and Aurora William for appointment to the HSOC: Rick, Janna, and Anne abstained</p> <p>Kristen Barneich made a motion to Recommend Allocation of County Community Development Block Grant (\$95,093),</p>	
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<p>Homeless Services Programs.</p>	<p>Support (\$218,00) funds for countywide Homeless Services Programs in accordance with the recommendations of the Grant Review Committee. The grant review committee also asked that HSOC continue to support the match funding coming from the cities. (Please see attachment 4.2A of the agenda for details about where the funding is allocated.)</p>	<p>Emergency Solutions Grant (\$142,00), and County General Fund Support (\$218,00) funds for countywide Homeless Services Programs, seconded by Theresa, the group was all in favor with abstentions by Marianne Kennedy, Janna Nichols, Rick Gulino, and Debbie Arnold.</p>	
<p>4.3 Homeless Children and Youth 4.3A Information: Presentation from San Luis Obispo County Office of Education</p>	<p>Jessica Thomas shared with the group a new brochure from the County Office of Education that includes information about certain homeless services. She asked the group to please check for correct information about their organization and or anything to add. Please contact Jessica with additions or corrections. Jessica shared that the brochures are given out all over the county and if anyone was interested in having copies for their office, please let Jessica know.</p> <p>Jessica noted there had been a large increase of homeless youth in the last few years. The Office of Education uses a broader definition of homelessness than the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.</p> <p>Under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, schools are required to identify and serve homeless, school-aged youth. Recent legislation – the “Every Student Succeeds Act – strengthened the requirements of the McKinney-Vento Act. There is a PowerPoint available that explains these recent amendments. If anyone is interested in looking at the</p>	<p>Patty made a motion, seconded by Janna to designate the Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Task Force an Ad Hoc Advisory body to the Homeless Services Oversight Council as an official advisory body. All were in favor with no abstentions.</p>	

<p>4.3B Action Item: Vote to designate the Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Task Force an Ad Hoc Advisory body to the Homeless Services Oversight Council</p> <p>4.4 Information Item: Update on 2017 Point in Time Count</p>	<p>PowerPoint, please contact Jessica Thomas.</p> <p>Last year, there were 3475 homeless children in the County who met the U.S. Department of Education’s definition of homeless, which includes children or youth living doubled up with other families.</p> <p>80% of homeless youth who were counted in last year’s count were doubled up in other households. Jessica shared that posters with information are also available for those who would like copies.</p> <p>She also reported the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education received a grant and has started an unaccompanied and homeless youth task force. The new task force would help focus on unaccompanied and homeless youth in general. The task force invites about 20 youth that meet once a month at Arroyo Grande high school. The grant is currently \$5000 which has been used for food and bringing on additional staff to help.</p> <p>Laurel reported the County would be applying for a federal demonstration grant to assist homeless youth. To qualify for the grant, the Continuum of Care oversight body – i.e. the HSOC – needed to have a youth advisory board that reports to it. The HSOC is being asked to designate the Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Task Force as an Ad Hoc Advisory body to the HSOC.</p> <p>Laurel informed the group that preparations are moving forward. There are volunteer positions drafted. Laurel is looking for a few people to help beta test the volunteer software. The VI-SPDAT survey will be used. As per the Department of Housing and Urban Development requirements, the count will be done one day and follow up surveying will be done after the</p>		
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<p>4.5 Information Item: Update on 2016-2017 Warming Shelter Planning</p>	<p>count to obtain demographic information. HSOC will be seeking volunteers to help with the count. HSOC has agreed to put in \$15,000 and the county will be giving \$35,000. Laurel will be sending out a letter asking the cities a request for \$10,000. Laurel explained that Santa Barbara county uses an app that has the survey. Laurel will send a request not to make sweeps in the last part of January. Contact Laurel if you are interested in helping.</p> <p>Janna explained to the group that 5 Cities Homeless Coalition (5CHC) will be opening a warming center on nights when the temperature is forecast to be 40 degrees F. or below or there is a 50%+ chance of rain.</p> <p>The Warming Center will be operated the County of San Luis Obispo's Department of Social Services office in Arroyo Grande.</p> <p>Volunteers will be needed. People interested in volunteering for shifts can sign up at volunteerslo.org. The center is staffed and prepared for about 20 people per night. Transportation will be available from other parts of south county.</p> <p>To get the word out, 5CHC will send out an email is sent out 48 hours in advance with information about when the center will be open. If anyone is interested in being on the notification list, please contact Janna.</p> <p>Grace reported the Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo's warming center is also ready with opening criteria similar to 5CHC, except they will only open on night when the temperature is 36 degrees or lower. There are also efforts underway to establish Warming Centers in Atascadero and Paso Robles by local groups in the North County</p>		
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<p>4.6 Action Item: Amend HSOC bylaws to move strategic planning from November to Spring.</p> <p>4.7 Use of Tiny Homes as Secondary Dwelling Units</p> <p>4.7A Action Item: Encourage the County and every city in the county to amend their zoning, land use and/or development codes and any related guidelines or standards to specifically</p>	<p>This item was tabled.</p> <p>Jerry shared with the group a presentation on tiny homes. Typically, these homes are between 100 and 400 square feet. Tiny homes can be used on private lots, RV parks, as well as tiny home villages and secondary units. Jerry recommended allowing homeowners to build or set up tiny homes as secondary dwelling units in their yards. Jerry asked the group to encourage the County and every city in the county to amend their zoning, land use and/or development codes and any related guidelines or standards to specifically allow the use of tiny homes as secondary dwelling units in all areas that allow residential uses.</p> <p>In our area, the county code allows these homes to be used temporarily on a building site. This rule is a local choice. The current ordinance says that a secondary unit must be without wheels and needs to have their own water meter, utilities etc.</p>	<p>Anne Robin made a motion, seconded by John to encourage the County and every city in the county to amend their zoning, land use and/or</p>	
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<p>allow the use of tiny homes as secondary dwelling units in all areas that allow residential uses.</p>		<p>development codes and any related guidelines or standards to specifically allow the use of tiny homes as secondary dwelling units in all areas that allow residential uses. All were in favor with no abstentions.</p>	
<p>5. Committee Reports</p>	<p>Janna shared that the last Coordinating Committee met in September and not in October. The group was discussing sobering stations. Martin Meltz is heading up a new sub-committee dealing with displacement issues. Martin shared that the displacement committee will be accepting new members through the end of the year as well as suggestions for different displacement resolutions.</p> <p>Janna also reported the north county MASH event happened in the end of October and 100 homeless persons attended the event.</p> <p>Anne Robin reported that the Housing Committee has been discussing the inclusionary homes issue as well as the encouraging of the tiny homes as secondary dwelling units. HomeShare SLO is ready to start collecting names from interested home sharers. For anyone who would like to be involved or interested in sharing a home or for further information please contact Anne Wyatt. Jerry Rioux also reported that the San Luis Obispo County Housing Trust Fund received a grant.</p> <p>Laurel shared that the Finance and Data committee has been working on the Point in Time count.</p>		

6. Future Discussion/Report Items	NA		
7. Next Meeting Date:	January 17, 2017, 1-3pm		
8. Adjournment	Debbie adjourned the meeting at 3:00pm		

HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

ACTION ITEM

January 18, 2017

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 4.3

ITEM: Vote to support Supportive Services for Veteran Families Grant renewal applications from the Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo, the Good Samaritan Shelter/5Cities Homeless Coalition, and People Assisting the Homeless.

ACTION REQUIRED: Vote to support renewal applications from the Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo, the Good Samaritan Shelter/5Cities Homeless Coalition, and People Assisting the Homeless for funding from the federal Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Grant and instruct staff to write a letter of support on behalf of the HSOC.

SUMMARY NARRATIVE: The SSVF program is operated through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Its purpose is to provide Rapid Rehousing and supportive services grants to private non-profit organizations and consumer cooperatives who will coordinate or provide supportive services to very low income Veteran families who are i) residing in permanent housing, ii) are homeless and scheduled to become residents of permanent housing within a specified time period, or iii) after exiting permanent housing within a specific time period, are seeking housing that is responsive to very low income Veteran family's needs and preferences.

In 2014, the VA provided special "surge" funding to communities identified as having high needs. Factors for determining needs included current unmet service needs, level of Veteran homelessness, level of Veteran poverty, and overall size of the Veteran population. San Luis Obispo County was identified as a high need area and two local organizations were approved by the VA under SSVF's "Priority 1" funding, also known as "surge" funding. Priority 1 grants were given to the Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo (CAPSLO) and Good Samaritan Shelter/5Cities Homeless Coalition. The grants were for a period of three years. These grants will expire in 2017.

Additionally, from 2014 through the present, People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) has received a Priority 2 grant to serve homeless persons in San Luis Obispo County. That grant will be expiring in 2017. Since receiving the grants, the above noted SSVF

programs have served over 300 homeless veterans across the county. Services provided have included outreach, homelessness prevention, rapid rehousing, case management, and employment search assistance.

On, December 7, 2016, the VA published a Notice of Funding Availability for SSVF grant renewals. The VA strongly encourages applicants to provide letters of support from the local Continuum of Care in which the SSVF program proposes to serve homeless veterans. In order to provide support for these programs, it is requested that the Homeless Services Oversight Council vote to support renewal applications from CAPSLO, the Good Samaritan Shelter/5Cities Homeless Coalition, and People Assisting the Homeless.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPACT: No financial impact is expected to the HSOC. Should the renewal grants be funded, the three organizations noted above could receive a combined total of as much as \$1.5 million for the next fiscal year to provide Rapid Rehousing and homelessness prevention services.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the HSOC vote to endorse SSVF applications by Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County and the Good Samaritan Shelter/5Cities Homeless Coalition., and People Assisting the Homeless.