

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
 HSOC HOUSING COMMITTEE
 July 21, 2015, 3:00-4:30pm
 Department of Social Services
 3433 S. Higuera St, San Luis Obispo
 Room 356**

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF & GUESTS	
John Ashbaugh Jim Patterson Anne Wyatt Jerry Rioux	Bob Kelley Shirley Wright Dee Torres Dana Cummings Scott Smith Tim Waag Marianne Kennedy Steve Martin Marty Meltz	Laurel Weir Jessica Lorange	
AGENDA ITEM		CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS	FOLLOW UP
1. Call to Order and Introductions of Guests	John Ashbaugh welcomed the group and introductions were made.		
2. Public Comment	Marty reported there was an impending sheriff sweep of an encampment in Oceano and noted that was likely to have an impact on surrounding communities. Jim Patterson reported he attended a recent Board of Supervisors meeting and encouraged the supervisors to take up a proposed legislative platform plank supporting efforts to enact legislation to prohibit discrimination against Housing Choice Vouchers. The Board voted 3-2 against taking up a discussion of the platform on the grounds that there was no legislation currently pending.		
ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION			
3. 1 Approval of Minutes	As there was not a quorum present, the Committee		

<p>4.1 Discussion-List of affordable housing alternatives prepared by Anne Wyatt</p>	<p>did not vote on the minutes.</p> <p>Anne Wyatt gave an update on her draft list of affordable housing alternatives that could be distributed to city planning agencies. She reported that two additional options – Community Land Trusts Housing and “Live/Work” Housing has been added to the list.</p> <p>Committee members recommended putting this list into a presentation that would go to the full HSOC. They recommended the presentation be no longer than 20 minutes. If the HSOC approved the presentation, then Anne could make presentations to local city councils or city planning staff regarding these options. The goal would be to educate and inform local governments about steps they could take to increase the development of additional affordable housing.</p> <p>Anne Wyatt noted there was only a 1.7% rental vacancy rate in the county according to the most recent data available.</p>		
<p>4.2 Update on status of state affordable housing legislation</p>	<p>Jerry Rioux provided an update on the legislation that had been discussed by the committee last month. He noted that SB377 and AB35, which affect low-income housing tax credits, are looking like they will be enacted. Jerry requested the HSOC ask the board of supervisors to send a letter to the governor to sign these bills and support AB1355. Laurel noted that the HSOC Housing Committee had taken up the issue in June but did not have a quorum for the vote. This request will be put onto the Housing Committee’s August agenda for a vote. If approved, it will be taken to the full HSOC in September.</p>		

<p>4.3 Update on possibilities of using the Sunbeam Motel for affordable housing</p>	<p>Anne reported she had looked at this site and believes it has the structure that would allow it to be converted into affordable housing. Jerry Rioux suggested an agency wishing to redevelop the property may be able to apply for and obtain bond money from the state for veterans housing and that funding could be used to purchase the motel. It was noted that an affordable housing development agency was needed to take the lead on pursuing redevelopment of this site.</p>		
<p>4.4 Presentation on Santa Clara County Cost Savings study</p>	<p>Laurel reported on a recent study completed by Santa Clara comparing the cost of housing for homeless persons to the cost of letting people remain on the streets. The report found that the average cost of housing homeless persons, particularly those who were chronically homeless, was less than the average cost of public services used by homeless persons who were on the streets. For example, for persons who were chronically homeless, the report found they used an average of \$80,000 in public services. Post housing the cost dropped to just under \$20,000 per person. The costs of services were across multiple systems.</p> <p>Please see the link in the agenda for the detailed report.</p> <p>Laurel noted the Santa Clara County study's findings were consistent with data from the 50 Now program. That data has shown a reduction in the number of primary care physician visits, hospital admissions and re-admissions, and total days in the hospital post-housing.</p>		

4.5 Update on the CalWORKs Housing support program	Laurel: At least 94 families have been housed now and the state funding has been renewed. DSS is asking for additional funding for this fiscal year.		
4. Future Discussion/Report Items:	Debbie Aiello to come in and talk about the Housing Support Program.		
5. Next Meeting Date: August 18, 2015			
6. Adjournment	John adjourned the meeting at 4:53pm		