

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
 HSOC HOUSING COMMITTEE
 October 20, 2015, 3:00-4:30pm
 Department of Social Services
 3433 S. Higuera St, San Luis Obispo
 Room 145**

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF & GUESTS	
John Ashbaugh Anne Wyatt Martin Meltz Dee Torres	Jim Patterson Theresa Scott Tim Waag Bob Kelley Marianne Kennedy Shirley Wright Dana Cummings	Laurel Weir Joanna Balsamo-Lilien Ivana Yeung Becky Jorgesen Dan Duvall Judie Najarian John Stafford	
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	<p>Martin Meltz spoke about Sec 8698 -8698.2 of the 2010 Government Code which allows cities, counties, special districts and other public agencies authorized by law to declare a shelter crisis. Doing so under the law would allow the jurisdictions or bodies to utilize facilities as a warming shelter.</p> <p>Shelter Crisis was defined as “The dually proclaimed existence of a situation in which a significant number of persons are without opportunity to obtain shelter, resulting in a threat to their health and safety.”</p> <p>Marty asked that all local jurisdictions be made aware of that code.</p> <p>Dee asked whether anyone had heard whether there would be a Warming Shelter in South County. Marty noted that there was a coalition in South County that was working to try to establish one.</p> <p>Dee reported that Grover Beach had agreed to have a</p>		

	<p>public workshop on homelessness for the local business owners. Will be on December 10th at 6 p.m. Dee said there was a possibility there might be a separate workshop at a later date for people who were homeless to talk about their concerns.</p>		
ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION			
<p>3. Review and Approval of Minutes</p> <p>4.1 Discussion</p> <p>4.1A-Presentation on Sunny Acres</p>	<p>Judy (sp?) presented about Sunny Acres. She is on the Board. Where they're at with their building.</p> <p>Got permits and broke ground in Sept 2014. Old farmhouse 100 years old, 6 ? recovery rooms. 14 cottages built to house people but that use denied and so now they will be used as classrooms.</p> <p>14 brdms 10 baths, potential for more residents. Duvall house – Sunny Acres clients did stucco and finish coats.</p> <p>John Stafford</p> <p>Duvall House courtyard will provide outdoor meeting space. Were trying to get (outdoor?) showers approved but so far have been denied.</p> <p>Duvall House has 1 accessible bedroom. Have a multi-purpose room.</p> <p>Commercial kitchen. Has a serve and return dish window. Showed pictures of the rooms and facilities, including laundry.</p> <p>Sunny Acres clients provide the labor for their recovery home. Received donated labor from several</p>	<p>No vote taken due to the lack of a quorum.</p>	

	<p>local companies . A local union provided apprenticeships for clients</p> <p>Basic principles – hard work, show up for your job.</p> <p>Some clients come from the jail. Some have mental health issues.</p> <p>Some clients receive disability benefits. Program 550/month. Includes 3 meals per day. People who do chores can reduce it to \$410 by earning chore credits. They'll still work with people who can't pay anything.</p> <p>Leach field completed. High tech septic system – the first in the county.</p> <p>All has been done without a mortgage. Many local companies contributed materials and labor. If people who want to help, can make donations.</p> <p>Judy introduced John Stafford. John is the Program Manager at Sunny Acres. He is a recovering addict. Graduated from Drug Treatment Court. Earlier in his life, worked as a law enforcement officer.</p> <p>Talked about his struggle to find a treatment program after leaving prison. Dan Duvall said he would help.</p> <p>John said they weren't a recognized recovery program and wasn't sure why. They have NA and AA meetings, drug testing and full accountability. Help people get to county MH and Dand A treatment.</p> <p>He himself qualified for AB109 funding. He is working more than full time for the program. They would like recognition as a Clean and Sober program and referrals from County programs. Recognition would be helpful.</p> <p>Anne Wyatt asked what it meant to be a recognized</p>		
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	<p>program. John said that qualified programs qualify for funding from the state but Sunny Acres can't get on that.</p> <p>Judy - Drug and Alcohol last year invited them to explore a contract with them. Judy asked if the handicapped accessible part could be removed from the contract b/c it's a 100 year old house. Dan noted that other houses getting contracts do not have ADA compliant housing.</p> <p>County said they'd just wait until the new house comes online.</p> <p>11,000 bed nights in the current facility. Avg. of 30 clients per nights.</p> <p>Clients are people who are not eligible for SSI or welfare benefits. Contract with people who get to a certain point of sobriety and they go out and get jobs. Sunny Acres help them to look for work.</p> <p>Dan noted that a lot of clients not on GA or SSI. Some had applied for SSI but couldn't keep up with meetings. Stayed in the creek.</p> <p>Dan noted that after a year, people get dropped from (GA?) benefits because they didn't tell DSS that they have a job and housing. Dan said Sunny Acres lets people live there as long as they want.</p> <p>John noted that there are only 30 people right now. SLO Housing Connection is working with Sunny Acres and has applied for some funding.</p> <p>Issues for further discussion - showers, recognition as an SLE.</p>		
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4.2 Presentation on Hope's Village

Becky Jorgesen from Hope's Village. She commended John for his work.

Planning a village for at least 50 homeless people. Have a model developed. Have given away 45 RVs through the RV for Veterans program. Cherie Nicholson from Paso Cares has taken over.

What they have is licensed by the DMV. They just need a place to put them.

Everyone will work and a client council will bring concerns to the Board. Would be a transitional place for some persons until they are ready to move to other housing.

Will have a common house with bathrooms, a commercial kitchen, laundry facilities, etc. Solar powered.

Someone asked about zoning needs. Becky noted they had gone away from organizational camp concept and will be looking at other models.

Villagers will build their own cabins. Won't be a landlord-tenant situation, will charge program fees (30% of clients' income).

4.3 HUD Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Availability-Discussion of CoC application and overview of next steps

<p>4.4 Homeless Point in Time Count Report-update and discussion</p>			
<p>5. Future Discussion/Report Items:</p>	<p>John requested that representatives from Sunny Acres and Hope's Village be asked to present at a future meeting.</p> <p>Jerry would like 40 Prado to be put onto a future agenda.</p>		
<p>6. Next Meeting Date:</p>	<p>November 17, 2015: 3-4:30pm</p>		
<p>7. Adjournment</p>	<p>John Ashbaugh adjourned the meeting at 5:00pm</p>		