

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
HSOC HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING
February 16, 2016, 3:00-4:30pm
Department of Social Services
Room 101**

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF & GUESTS	
Marianne Kennedy John Ashbaugh Jim Patterson Patty Beck Martin L. Meltz Rick Gulino Dee Torres Anne Wyatt	Theresa Scott Bob Kelley Jerry Rioux Scott Smith	Laurel Weir Jessica Lorange Bob Ellis Matt Leal Ivana Yeung Sue Warren Mark Lamore Judie Najarian	
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	Laurel shared with the group that the city of Grover beach has made an announcement that they have about \$186,000 in CDBG funds available until September 16. The funds are to be used to help Grover Beach residents. Funding categories include community services like homeless prevention, emergency preparedness, etc for residents in Grover Beach. The deadline for the application for the funds is due next week. Dee informed the group to look online at the Grover Beach council meeting minutes from February 1, 2016 for details.		
3. Review and Approval of Minutes	Marty moved to approve the minutes and was seconded by Jim. The group unanimously approved the minutes with the correction of the spelling of Marty's name.		
4. ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION			

<p>4.1 Action Item: Vote to recommend the County of San Luis Obispo to serve as Administrative Entity for State of California Housing and Community Development Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Funds</p>	<p>Ivana Yeung presented on the a new grant opportunity from the State of California. The County has an opportunity to get approximately \$120,000 in federal Emergency Solutions Grant funding passed through from the State of California’s Department of Housing and Community Development. To qualify for the money, the County must be respond to the State’s Solicitation of Interest for Administrative Entities and be approved by the state to be the Administrative Entity for our Continuum of Care.</p> <p>The deadline to apply is by the end of the month. The Committee is being asked, in support of the County’s application, to recommend that the County of San Luis Obispo to serve as Administrative Entity for State of California Housing and Community Development Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Funds.</p> <p>If the County is approved, there will be a grant competition, most likely in Spring or late Summer. The grants will be subject to the rules contained in the solicitation of interest. These include a requirement that funded projects provide low barrier access to services for people with the most severe needs. Grantees must also use a progressive engagement approach to services and financial assistance.</p> <p>Marty asked if the funding can be used on a social detoxification program. Ivana responded that yes, it could.</p> <p>If the HSOC Executive Committee and Housing Committee approve the recommendation, this item will go to the Board of Supervisors next week.</p>	<p>Marty moved to approve to recommend the County of San Luis Obispo to serve as Administrative Entity for State of California Housing and Community Development Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Funds. The vote was seconded by Anne. The group unanimously approved the recommendation.</p>	
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<p>4.2 Discussion Item: Update on Shelter Crisis Declaration and Related Activities</p>	<p>Laurel reported that the County Board of Supervisors voted in January to declare a shelter crisis. The Board also asked HSOC for information as to why clients are not participating in the warming shelters and requested possible ways to address these barriers. The Board asked that cities make similar declarations. The Board also set aside \$10,000 to be used toward the shelter crisis and asked the cities to consider matching the funding.</p> <p>Morro Bay has since declared a shelter crisis and Paso Robles is currently working on declaring a shelter crisis. Morro Bay has attempted to offer transportation to San Luis Obispo to the shelters, but most clients declined, wanting to stay in Morro Bay.</p> <p>Marty suggested contacting the governor in order to change the limitations on the camp ground rentals to more than 30 days. Jim recommended county camp grounds under county jurisdiction be made available. There are other possibilities. Dee shared with the group that most of the camp grounds allow you to stay 30 days per calendar year. 14 consecutive days at one camp ground, then the campers must leave for 2 consecutive nights and then they may return.</p> <p>Marty is planning to speak to South County local government, Jim will talk to Atascadero, and Laurel will talk to Paso Robles at their City Council meeting this evening. Laurel explained the Homeless Services Coordinating Committee will be discussing the same issue next week along with the list of why clients are not utilizing the warming shelters.</p>		
<p>4.3 Discussion Item: Update on Shared Housing presentation</p>	<p>Jim Patterson took over as chair person since John stepped out. Anne informed the group that the Housing Options presentation approved by the Housing Committee will be presented to HSOC in March. Anne suggested asking the full HSOC to recommend which groups should be shown the</p>		

<p>4.4 Discussion Item: Single Room Occupancy Housing</p>	<p>presentation. Anne explained to the group that the purpose of presentation is to inform the community about different housing options that could be available in our community, such as shared housing, and to create a common vocabulary.</p> <p>Sue reported Anne Wyatt also gave a presentation on Shared Housing recently in Morro Bay. 50 people came to the lunch session. Three speakers from Home Sharing programs in different areas in the state presented on home sharing and how their programs have been successful. The common response seemed to be “why are we not doing this in our area?” Some of the programs have been successfully operating since the 1970s.</p> <p>The Estero Bay Alliance for Care is planning to discuss this at the meeting next week. Marty shared that one of the speakers recommended that our county look at starting the home share program in a higher income area like Pismo, or Arroyo Grande with a focus on seniors since the average age of home share participants nationally is 65. Anne recommended a smaller pilot program to fund the initial set up of this program.</p> <p>Anne provided an overview of Single Room Occupancy (SRO) housing models. She noted that many communities have SRO housing, but local officials and the general public are often unaware that particular types of properties are considered SROs.</p> <p>She noted Residential hotels are an undefined category of housing aka Single Room Occupancy. They are furnished single room occupancy. Most of these are set up to be a 30 day or less occupancy. Some of the older versions have shared bathrooms, but the newer versions are lived in more than 30 days and have their own bathrooms and kitchenettes. This is</p>		
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	<p>an option for affordable housing. The Anderson hotel is an example of a residential hotel in San Luis Obispo County. Anne recommended that the community look at purchasing the existing hotels and use them as residential hotels.</p>		
5. Future Discussion/Report Items:	<p>HSCC meets next week Feb 24th at 1:30pm</p> <p>Update on the shelter crisis</p> <p>Marty suggested that the specific questions about data that was sent by Dee be answered by a working group to be brought to the appropriate committees' next meetings. Laurel suggested that the questions be answered by both the housing committee and finance and data committee. Marty also recommended that the Homeless Services Coordinating Committee make a list of all immediate needs of the clients.</p>		
6. Next Meeting Date:	<p>March 15, 2016 at 3:00pm</p>		
7. Adjournment	<p>Jim adjourned the meeting at 4:45pm</p>		