

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
 HSOC HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING
 March 15, 2016, 2:00-3:30pm
 Department of Social Services
 Room 101**

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF & GUESTS	
Bob Kelley Martin L. Meltz PhD Anne Wyatt Dee Torres Scott Smith Jerry Rioux John Ashbaugh	Theresa Scott Jim Patterson Marianne Kennedy	Laurel Weir Jessica Lorange Mark Lamore Ivana Yeung Tim Waag Joanna Balsamo-Lilien Sandy Murray Melanie Bustamante Jeannette Garcia	
AGENDA ITEM	CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS		FOLLOW UP
1. Call to Order and Introductions of Guests	Bob Kelley welcomed the group and introductions were made.		
2. Public Comment	<p>Anne shared with the group that the hearing for the health facility in Templeton is currently happening so Sue Warren may be joining us shortly to share the results.</p> <p>Anne also shared that a home share pilot program is going to start soon in the San Simeon area starting with a small population and region. Another update will be available soon.</p> <p>Anne informed the group that the Sunbeam Motel that has been up for sale is still for sale.</p> <p>Scott Smith reported that the HASLO project for veterans is going to break ground next week. The project will create 20 apartments in San Luis Obispo.</p>		

	Tim Waag shared with the group the article in the Wall Street Journal about home sharing. This article discussed multi generational homes.		
3. Review and Approval of Minutes		Minutes were unanimously approved after adding Jerry Rioux and Scott Smith to the absentee list	
4. ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION			
4.1 Discussion: Committee Membership	Laurel asked those who would like to remain on the committee: Tim, Dee, Marty, Bob, Anne, Scott, John, Joanne. Mark Lamore would like to be appointed as a new member by the chair.		
4.2 Information: Update on Tenant Based Rental Assistance Funding and Housing Choice Vouchers	<p>Sandy Murray informed the group that there is currently no funding left for Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) for this year and there are no applications being accepted at the time. Sandy explained that a meeting with county staff has happened asking for the amount for TBRA to be increased to more than \$45,000. If the request is accepted than the funding would become available around the fall of 2016.</p> <p>Jerry asked if the program has ever run out of money in the past 10 years? Sandy said yes, funding has run out before. For this year, the Supportive Housing Consortium discussed and voted on prioritization of funding. Sandy informed the group that there has been some discussion about the ESG state money and general funds as a possible funding source. She also noted some TBRA funding has been used for eviction prevention.</p> <p>Bob suggested that extra fee money collected by cities as part of their housing development fees could be redirected toward programs like this.</p>		

<p>4.3 Discussion: US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care and Emergency Solutions Grant Programs and Funding</p> <p>4.3 A. Discussion: New Performance Based Measurements for Evaluating</p>	<p>Housing committee would like to recommend increasing the amount of the TBRA funding or funding to help prevent those that will become homeless to the Full HSOC meeting tomorrow to go to the Board of Supervisors. Scott recommended looking at the policies regarding funding allocation. Sandy shared with the group that all of the numbers are broken down exactly how the money is being used and the uses have all been documented and can be shared with the group. Sandy informed the group the housing choice voucher list from 2014 still has about 80 people. 2015 has the original 500 lottery winners. No one is going to be taken off the list. Those waiting on the 2015 probably will not be looked at until 2017. No new list is being planned to be created this year. The only vouchers currently being issued are VASH vouchers.</p> <p>Jerry Rioux recommended asking the County to give a minimum of \$45,000 out of general funds to supplement the TBRA funding. There was agreement among those present with this recommendation.</p> <p>Martin recommended forming a working group to discuss additional funding sources. Those present were in support of this recommendation. Dee, Bob and Martin expressed interest in being part of such a working group.</p> <p>Laurel reported that at a recent national conference on homelessness, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) discussed its plan towards adopting performance based funding for federal McKinney-Vento Continuum of Care funding. HUD identified seven measures, including the number of homeless persons, along with length of time homeless, and returns into homelessness after exiting</p>	<p>Jerry made a motion to Recommend to the County that the state ESG funding be prioritized for Rapid Rehousing and street outreach programs. Seconded by Scott. Motion was passed by the</p>	
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<p>Continuum of Care</p> <p>4.3 B. Discussion: HUD Emergency Solutions Grant funding from the State</p> <p>4.3 C. Action Item: Recommend to the County that the state ESG funding be prioritized for Rapid Rehousing and street outreach programs</p>	<p>the programs.</p> <p>Laurel reported the County expects to receive federal Emergency Solutions Grant funding passed through by the State. This will be in addition to the federal ESG funding already received directly from HUD.</p> <p>The County has submitted an application to be the Administrative Entity for the funding. If approved, the County will be able to decide how to allocate the funding in accordance with state guidelines and federal regulations. HSOC needs to discuss priorities for funding once it has been received. According to the state requirements, a minimum of 40% of funding must be used for Rapid Rehousing. Outreach and engagement services are another eligible use, along with emergency shelter. Programs using this funding must agree to provide low barrier services. This means they cannot deny services to someone solely because the person is under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Programs, such as Rapid Rehousing programs, also cannot deny assistance to people solely because they don't meet a minimum income standard.</p> <p>ECHO and Maxine Lewis are the only 2 emergency shelters in the county. These shelters are not low barrier. There are currently no low barrier shelters in San Luis Obispo County.</p> <p>Ivana shared that the funding will not be available until at least October 2016. Martin asked about the possibility of using the ESG funding for detoxification centers. Laurel explained that it may be a possibility if the detoxification center was a social model detox center rather than a medical model detox program.</p>	<p>group. Joanna abstained.</p>	
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<p>4.4 Discussion Item: Shelter Crisis Declarations and Updates</p>	<p>Laurel shared that Morro Bay, Paso, Grover Beach and the County has all passed the shelter crisis declaration. There have been additional efforts. Morro Bay has opened their first Warming Shelter. It will open on Monday nights when the weather is bad. Monday nights were chosen because there is a dinner program in Morro Bay on Monday nights and the Warming Shelter will open in the same building following the dinner.</p> <p>An additional emergency shelter opened in Atascadero at the Kiwanis Club on Saturday night. This was a one time opening that occurred because the rotating church shelters were not open on Saturday nights and the weather was expected to be very bad.</p> <p>Jerry shared that San Mateo county has had legislation introduced to allow county land to be used for tiny homes to be built for homeless.</p>		
<p>5. Future Discussion/Report Items:</p>	<p>Jerry would like to discuss recommending RVs and park models to be used to provide housing.</p>		
<p>6. Next Meeting Date:</p>	<p>April 19, 2016 at 3:00pm</p>		
<p>7. Adjournment</p>	<p>John adjourned the meeting at 3:30pm</p>		