
Path to a Home



**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
Homeless Services Coordinating Committee Agenda**

April 27, 2016, 9:30--11 a.m.

San Luis Obispo County Department of Social Services, Room 101
3433 South Higuera, 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 Discussion Item: Upcoming one-day services events in South County and San Luis Obispo
 - 4.2 Discussion Item: Winter 2015-16 Warming Center Wrap Up
 - 4.3 Discussion Item: Encampments - challenges, clearings, and preventing displacement or alleviating displacement when prevention is not possible
5. Future Discussion/Report Items:
6. Next Meeting Date:
7. Adjournment

HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
Homeless Services Coordinating Committee
February 24, 2015, 1:30-3:00pm
Social Services Department
Room 101

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF & GUESTS	
Patty Beck Shelia Blake Dee Torres Tim Brown (alt. Kristen Barneich)		Laurel Weir Jessica Lorange Nicole Holst Abby Lassen Tephiny Jones Janice Fong Wolf	Tim Waag Miriam Vargas Alison Ordille Jeanette Garcia Sue Warren Terra Clayton
AGENDA ITEM	CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS		FOLLOW UP
1. Call to Order and Introductions of Guests	Patty made introductions and welcomed the group.		
2. Public Comment	NA		
ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION			
3. Consent item: Approval of Minutes 4.1 Discussion Item: Committee leadership and meeting frequency	To be approved at the next meeting Patty reported that the frequency of meetings of the Homeless Services Coordinating Committee meetings were going to increase. She explained that the HSCC originally intended to meet quarterly, although it would have ad hoc committees that could meet more frequently to focus on specific issues. Due to the increased need to discuss topics, the committee will now start meeting on a bi-monthly basis. This can be changed based on the needs. The next meeting will likely be led by a new Chair of this committee, if the HSOC elects a Chair at the March meeting. If not, Patty will finish the rest of 2016 as HCSS chair but has notified staff that she would like to step down no later than the end of 2016. Laurel informed the group that the vote will happen on March 16 at the Vets Hall from 1-3pm at the Full HSOC committee meeting.		

<p>4.2 Discussion Item: Warming Center Updates and Discussion</p>	<p>Patty provided an overview of the issue, noting that last spring, the HSOC formed an Ad Hoc Committee to help support efforts to establish a warming center in Paso Robles. That group provided Paso Cares with sample policies and information about what needed to be planned for a Warming Center. The work of the committee helped Paso Cares to move forward and create a Warming Center, which they opened in December 2015.</p> <p>Currently in the North County, there are two faith based Warming Centers in Atascadero, as well as Paso Cares' Warming Center in Paso Robles. The Paso Cares facility is weather-based, meaning it only opens under certain weather conditions, whereas the two faith based Warming Centers operate on different nights of the week.</p> <p>In the South County, there is a weather based warming shelter in the County's Department of Social Services (DSS) building in Arroyo Grande. In San Luis Obispo, there is a weather-based shelter at the Prado Day Center.</p> <p>Despite rain and cooler weather at times, the Warming Centers in the various parts of the county have not been full. Laurel reported a variety of issues prevented people from accessing the shelters, including transportation issues, clients' concern about leaving their encampments or their belongings, pets, client uncertainty about Warming Center screenings and whether they'd meet the criteria, and other reasons.</p>		
<p>4.3 Discussion Item: Shelter Crisis declarations and related activities</p>	<p>The County Board of Supervisors declared a shelter crisis on February 2, 2016. The board made a declaration that a substantial number of persons were without shelter and this lack of available housing and shelter endangered the health and safety of those individuals. In addition to the Board declaring the</p>		
<p>4.3A Discussion Item: Updates on</p>	<p></p>		

	<p>medically fragile. Nicole recommended that the \$10,000 set aside by the Board be used for hotel rooms for clients on the nights of bad weather, particularly clients who could not go to the Warming Centers for health related reasons. The group discussed the possibility of having a group like Transitional Food and Shelter manage any hotel vouchers. It was also suggested that Womenade could manage funds for emergency needs if a nonprofit could be the lead agency that applies for the funds and subcontracts with Womenade to administer the funds. Laurel agreed to talk to TFS to see if they would be willing to consider applying for the funds and would talk to Womenade and ECHO to see if those agencies would consider applying.</p> <p>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 the end of June. 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 that are homeless and or low income. These funds could be used to help with immediate needs related to the shelter crisis. 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.</p> <p>Abby suggested asking County Administration about using the \$10,000 toward some other ideas other than warming shelters. Tim recommended helping with immediate needs like sleeping bags, tents, etc. Jim Patterson suggested that ECHO could be the nonprofit that applied for funds for hotel vouchers, camp sites, sleeping bags, etc. and contract with Womenade to distribute the funds as needed. Nicole suggested having a conversation with police to back off the</p>		
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<p>4.4 Discussion Item: Planning for upcoming Mobile Assistance and Services addressing Homelessness (MASH) event</p>	<p>ticketing particularly during the wet winter season.</p> <p>Laurel announced that there will be a MASH event in South County in the spring and there will likely be an event in Paso Robles in October. Anyone interested in providing services or volunteering at the event should contact Jessica Lorange at DSS.</p>		
<p>5. Future Discussion/Report Items: Ticketing of homeless persons, Grover Beach encampment clearings, lessons learned, Day Labor practices and opportunities, and Grievance policies for homeless programs.</p>	<p>NA</p>		
<p>6. Next Meeting Date:</p>	<p>TBD</p>		
<p>7. Adjournment</p>	<p>Patty Beck adjourned the meeting at 3:00pm</p>		