

HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
Homeless Services Coordinating Committee
April 27, 2015, 9:30-11:00pm
Social Services Department
Room 101

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF & GUESTS	
Patty Beck Martin Meltz Janna Nichols Sheila Blake Theresa Scott Anne Robin	Grace McIntosh	Laurel Weir Jessica Lorange Kevin Reeder Joe Madsen Abby Lassen Pati Garcia Bob Ellis Rod Youngquist Ivana Yeung Tephiny Jones Sue Warren Richard Morrison Larry Feldt	
AGENDA ITEM	CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS		FOLLOW UP
1. Call to Order and Introductions of Guests	Janna made introductions and welcomed the group.		
2. Public Comment	<p>Martin shared with the group a proposal to have the HSCC split into sub-committees or working groups like: mental health, detox, decriminalization, mentor program, jobs centers, warming shelters, overnight shelters, crisis, showers, storage, transportation, haircuts, family connecting, laundry, safe place for the day. Martin recommended that the HSCC look at these topics in the future.</p> <p>Theresa Scott shared the issue of patients transferring out of care and the transition is difficult. Some of the people are homeless. Theresa recommended that the group address this issue.</p>		

ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION			
<p>3. Consent item: Approval of Minutes</p> <p>4.1 Discussion Item: Upcoming one-day services events in South County</p> <p>4.2 Discussion Item: Winter 2015-16 Warming Center Updates wrap up</p>	<p>Laurel informed the group of the next MASH event was tentatively scheduled for May 24, 2016 in South County. We are currently reaching out to service providers to see who would be interesting in participating. We are hoping to have the key agencies that were requested by clients. Services likely to be offered are: medical assistance, counseling, vision, bike repair, child care, haircuts, showers, massage, pet services, clothing, substance abuse, cell phones, ID cards, etc. Martin shared the concern of a community member in south county about the animals belonging to the homeless clients not having their vaccines. Animal services was invited to the event to provide the services. There will be a similar event for youth on June 4, 2016. If anyone is interested in possibly participating please let Laurel or Jessica Lorance know.</p> <p>Janna reported to the group that the organizations that operated warming centers this past winter met to discuss the warming centers from last winter. There was discussion about standardizing policies throughout the warming centers. There was discussion of a facebook page for announcements about openings. Additional outreach was also spoken about. There has been a fact sheet that was passed around about each warming center that indicates transportation and logistics about the center. There will be fact sheets created for next year's warming centers as well. Please send Laurel feedback about the fact sheet to improve for next year's season. The group also explored additional ideas or options for pets. Abby asked if any of the \$10,000 set aside by the</p>	<p>Patty made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Martin and all were in favor.</p>	

	<p>Board of Supervisors as part of the Shelter Crisis declaration had been spent. Laurel replied that none of the money was spent because no agency had submitted a request for that funding.</p> <p>Paso Cares was the first warming center to open. That was the first warming center in recent winters in Paso Robles. In Morro Bay, a Warming Center was opened for the first time and was open on Monday nights only. The group in Morro Bay is actively looking to find another facility to have more open days next year.</p> <p>The 5 Cities Homeless Coalition has been discussing moving their warming center from the County Department of Social Services Office to a church in Arroyo Grande. It is currently being researched and discussed.</p> <p>Patty recommended that the north county warming centers also look at new locations that might allow pets.</p> <p>Theresa suggested that HSOC help find a way to incentivize different owners with possible housing in the area to offer up their space. Laurel shared with the group the affordable housing option presentation created by Anne Wyatt and the housing committee. The goal of the presentation is to educate the local governments and entities and agencies to look at expanding affordable units from tiny homes, shared housing, granny units, multifamily housing, etc. Anne shared with the group bill AB2442 Holden does offer incentives to builders. Patty revisited the possibility of offering up camp grounds as a possibility for those uninterested in utilizing warming centers. Laurel informed the group that if there are needs for the warming centers for next year in terms of funding, HSOC should be brought information about the needs and that should happen by early summer to give</p>		
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<p>4.3 Discussion Item: Encampments- challenges, clearings, and preventing displacement or alleviating displacement when prevention is not possible</p>	<p>enough time. Patty recommended that a sub-committee come together as a working group to plan for Warming Centers next winter and offered to chair the group.</p> <p>Laurel shared with the group that the encampment clearing issues were brought up in a previous meeting and that it had been requested that the committee discuss challenges and what could be done to prevent or alleviate displacement. Laurel opened the room up for discussion. Martin commented that rapid rehousing was available under the ESG programs. Those living in the encampments should be eligible for them.</p> <p>Janna reported that Grover Beach had a meeting last night about the displacement of a large encampment near a train station. Martin shared the main reasons given for the displacement: The encampment near 4th street was cleared due to estuary protection and community safety due to crime and community complaints. Also, the city was planning to develop that piece of property.</p> <p>Martin shared that the government, police and fire departments were looking for suggestions or guidance on how to deal with the issues. Martin suggested opening up a working group to prepare possible solutions to these particular issues. Janna also shared behavioral issues were a concern that cities gave for encampment clearings, such as causing fires, drug use, etc. There was a suggestion at the meetings that the possibility of rehabilitation would be preferable instead of constant ticketing since the ticketing approach has not helped.</p>		
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5. Future Discussion/Report Items:	Janna suggested sub-committees or working groups for specific future meeting goals. She also recommended formalizing the list of topics to look at and prioritizing the topics. There also has been a request about working groups to be made for warming centers and encampment issues.		
6. Next Meeting Date:	TBD		
7. Adjournment	Janna adjourned the meeting at 11:00am		