

HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
Homeless Services Coordinating Committee
June 21, 2016, 9:00-11:00pm
New Life Church, 990 James Way,
Pismo Beach, CA

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF & GUESTS	
<p>Martin Meltz Janna Nichols</p>	<p>Patty Beck Sheila Blake Theresa Scott Anne Robin Terra Clayton</p>	<p>Laurel Weir Jessica Lorange Sandra Bourbon Abby Lassen Kirsten Cahoon Lisa Fraser Grace McIntosh Maria Guerrero Sue Warren Karen Jones</p>	
AGENDA ITEM	CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS		FOLLOW UP
<p>1. Call to Order and Introductions of Guests</p>	<p>Janna welcomed the group and made introductions.</p>		
<p>2. Public Comment</p>	<p>Martin shared with the group that the sheriff received funding for the deputies to be doing outreach for the homeless in our community. Martin recommended inviting a member of the group to come talk to HSOC about the homeless outreach. Grace explained that this would be similar to the current team but for unincorporated areas as well.</p> <p>Martin also shared that the city of Huntington beach hired a single person to be in charge of homeless events in their area. Martin asked if the group would like to invite the person to share about what they do.</p> <p>Sandra informed the group that dignity healths grant of \$100,000 for homeless and medically fragile individuals, including affordable housing is now available. Janna will be sending out additional information.</p>		

	<p>Lisa Fraser shared that she is the director of Children’s Services Network in the community as well. The group will meet on July 6 at 1:15 p.m., at 3563 Empleo St. San Luis Obispo. Lisa is encouraging the public and possibly interested Homeless Services Oversight Council members to join into the group. Lisa would like the group to be aware of this network.</p> <p>Laurel informed the group that the Board of Supervisors awarded funding in June to two homeless service agencies. Back in January when Homeless Services Oversight Council voted on funding recommendations, there were two agencies that did not receive funding recommendations: El Camino Homeless Organization and 5 Cities Homeless Coalition. The Homeless Services Oversight Council had voted to ask the Board of Supervisors to consider increasing the amount of General Fund support available and to award some in the current fiscal year to El Camino Homeless Organization and 5 Cities Homeless Coalition. The Board of Supervisors allocated additional funding as of last week to both of these organizations.</p> <p>Janna informed the group that Scott Smith had explained at a previous meeting that there has been a decrease in Housing Choice Vouchers. There have been additional Tenant Based Rental Assistance set aside to help persons about to receive vouchers to get into housing while they waited for their vouchers to be processed. The intention is that the vouchers would become available. There are 15 families county wide that have been promised vouchers but there are none available. Tenant Based Rental Assistance was used for these particular families. This exhausted the TBRA funds. In 2016, there was additional funding awarded to replenish some of the funding. Janna is trying to help the families get off of the Tenant Based Rental Assistance funds and into other available programs. This discussion will happen in August at</p>		
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	the Supportive Housing Consortium. The goal is to keep the families in housing.		
ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION			
<p>3. Consent item: Approval of Minutes</p> <p>4.1 Discussion Item: Appointment of Committee Members</p> <p>4.2 Discussion Item: 2015 US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care Competition Results and Discussion</p>	<p>Laurel explained the importance of a quorum. Phone attendance is not allowed. Abby, Sue, Lisa, and Sandra have asked to serve on the Homeless Services Coordinating committee. Janna will have the ability to appoint members.</p> <p>Laurel updated the group on Continuum of Care (CoC) funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The CoC grant is a hybrid competition grant nationally. For the 2016 competition, communities will be scored based on overall community performance and communities that score higher will receive bonus funding while communities that score lower may lose some of their existing funding. The scoring is very important in order to protect existing homeless assistance or to be awarded additional funding to create new permanent housing beds.</p> <p>Janna shared with the group the importance of this funding and the application. Grace informed the</p>	<p>Martin moved the minutes be moved to be approved after the amendment. Seconded by Janna. All were in favor.</p>	

	<p>importance of the money remaining in the county and working towards the similar goal. HUD is recommending all of the county agencies work together. The new application is coming in just a few days. Janna would like a work plan to happen from this committee.</p> <p>Laurel shared that 9 points were lost by the community not formally adopting HUD's orders of priorities to determine which persons are placed first into permanent supportive housing beds when such beds become available. The orders are followed in practice.</p> <p>Laurel recommends the group to recommend formal adoption of the HUD orders of priorities. About \$150,000 was lost last round. HUD has also said that permanent supportive housing is housing first so a minimum income should not be required. The idea is to have a low barrier situation.</p> <p>Laurel informed the group that HUD also scores the community on how many permanent beds are in our HMIS system. There are very specific requirements that the CoC count beds specifically reserved for homeless, HUD VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) beds included. This is called the bed coverage rate. Our bed coverage is only about 38%. HUD VASH has the majority of the beds and unfortunately they do not enter their beds into HMIS. Laurel is working with HUD VASH to see if it would be possible to have them enter that information in order to raise next year's score.</p> <p>Nursing homes are not included as permanent housing, regardless of the long term of the stay. Each agency enters their own information into HMIS. The VA or the housing authority would be the agencies to enter the HUD VASH beds information into HMIS.</p>		
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	<p>Laurel shared that increasing earned income was another area we lost points in. HUD would like to see that each client's income has increased from the point when they entered the program to when they have exited the program. The change of income needs to be demonstrated. The permanent housing, transitional housing, and supportive services only programs need to show the change of income in HMIS as these programs are the ones HUD is focused on.</p> <p>The chronically homeless definition is based on disability and length of time homeless. Janna reminded the group that the focus is on moving clients from just being housed to being self sufficient. Social Security is counted as unearned income so it is not included as earned income according to HUD.</p> <p>An additional area that points were lost was that the CoC had not done a training on the HUD policy of not breaking up homeless families in shelters. Because local shelters do not break up families, no training had been done to prevent something that wasn't happening. HUD would like a training to happen explaining that keeping families together when sheltering them is very important.</p> <p>Lastly, HUD will be requiring that the CoC adopt a coordinated entry process to determine who gets available CoC housing resources. For example, everyone is using the VI-SPDAT in order to have a coordinated entry as people go through the coordinated entry points. The goal is by October 1, 2016 to have all CoC programs using coordinated entry.</p> <p>HUD has also established seven performance measures that it will use as part of the criteria for awarding points in the competition. These seven measures will be awarded increasingly more points in each competition until they account for the majority</p>		
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<p>4.2A Action Item: Approve an amendment to the Continuum of Care Policies and Procedures Manual to</p>	<p>of all points in the national competition. Thus, they are very important.</p> <p>The performance measures from HUD:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Earned income 2) Recidivism rate- how quickly those return or don't return to homelessness 3) Length of time homeless 4) Number of homeless 5) Employment and income growth 6) Successful placement from street outreach 7) Number of persons that become homeless for the first time <p>Laurel shared with the group that HUD would like to see a policy against criminalization of homeless. Laurel intends on bring more information back to the group.</p> <p>Janna shared the list that at the HSOC planning retreat last Fall:</p> <p>Create permanent affordable housing Increase supply of short term housing Creating flexible system of care Centralize and streamline access to support</p> <p>Karen mentioned that her office had been working to prevent discharge of nursing home residents into homelessness and she would write up some information on that to be shared with the HSOC committee.</p> <p>Abby suggested recommended changes: On page 2 of the amendment, last paragraph, first sentence: change would to will. Before the second sentence add the</p>		
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<p>conform with HUD Notice CPD-14-1012 regarding orders of priority for permanent housing and recordkeeping requirements, and direct staff to implement the amendment</p> <p>4.3 Action Item: Develop a 2016-17 Work Plan for the HSCC</p> <p>4.4 Discussion Item: Community Group and Ad Hoc Committee Updates</p>	<p>word “however”. While there was not a quorum and the group could not vote on the item, the group consensus was that the item should be brought to the full Homeless Services Oversight Council in July for consideration.</p> <p>Janna would like to see a work plan set up for this particular committee. Section 4.4 would be used for updates from each work group.</p> <p>Janna discussed with the group about reaffirming priorities that we can work on and focusing on the challenges we had during the last competition round. Coordinated entry that is currently being worked on and how that interfaces with our established priorities.</p> <p>Martin would like to see the following issues addressed with this committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CoC issues Decriminalization of homelessness Immediate needs: storage, showers, haircuts, overnight shelters etc Warming center continuation and expansion Displacement plan Substance Use withdraw management <p>Abby also recommended: hospital readmission issues</p> <p>Janna would like to look at work objectives for this committee.</p>		
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	<p>Laurel will be doing research on the decriminalization issue.</p> <p>Patty will be bringing together an ad hoc committee to discuss future warming center planning.</p>		
5. Future Discussion/Report Items:	Abby would like to have a report of the PIT Count information to be shared at the next meeting.		
6. Next Meeting Date:	August 31, 2016 1:30-3PM DSS Room 101		
7. Adjournment	Janna adjourned the meeting at 11am		