

HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
Homeless Services Coordinating Committee
January 17, 2017 9-10:30am
Social Services SLO, room 356

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF & GUESTS	
Janna Nichols Abby Lassen Joe Gossner Joe Madsen Aurora William Patti Beck		Laurel Weir Jessica Lorange Ivana Yeung Lisa Rivera	
AGENDA ITEM	CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS		FOLLOW UP
1. Call to Order and Introductions of Guests	Janna welcomed the group and made introductions.		
2. Public Comment	Janna shared with the group that there will be a celebration of life for Martin Meltz Saturday, January 28 th from 10am-12pm in the Venetian Room at the Madonna Inn.		
ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION			
3. Consent item: Approval of Minutes 4.1 Discussion Item: MASH Event Updates	Laurel announced that 4 MASH events are scheduled for 2017. The first event is the Coastal MASH at the veterans hall Morro Bay, Feb 27, 2017 from 1-4pm. The SLO MASH is on the calendar for MAY 25, 2017 at the Veterans Hall in SLO. South County MASH Aug 29 th , 2017 at Hillside Church. North County event is happening October 25, 2017 at the Paso Robles Event Center's Estrella Hall.		Abby made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Seconded by Joe Gossner. All were in favor.

<p>4.2 Discussion Item: 2017 Point In Time Count</p>	<p>Laurel shared with the group that the volunteer sign up website is up and ready. ASR is coming into town tomorrow starting training for the count around the county. All training dates and times are available on the sign up website. The Point In Time count training is going on this week and the survey training is going on next week. Please see slohomeless.com website for link to the sign up website. The regional locations are the same for the Point In Time count as well as the surveying.</p> <p>Volunteers are needed for the count, surveying, logistics, as well as food pick up. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Laurel Weir.</p> <p>Non-cotton socks are still being collected for the count. Please let Laurel know if you are bringing any with you to the count and at which regional location you will be.</p> <p>There is a webinar available for those who can't make the ASR count training. All volunteers are asked to please sign up on the website. The count will last until about 9 or 9:30am. The surveying will likely last until 10-10:30am. The surveying that will need to be done is also going to be put clients into the 50 Now database.. Next week there will be meetings with all of the local law enforcement agencies to help identify areas were people stay to help with the count and surveying.</p>		
<p>4.3 Discussion Item: Warming Centers updates</p>	<p>Aurora shared with the group that she is going to be working with Laurel to request funding for the Atascadero Warming Center. The largest number of persons that the Atascadero Center has had on a</p>		

<p>4.4 Discussion Item: Community Group and Ad Hoc Committee Updates</p>	<p>single night is 21. There have been 144 bed nights so far, including 2 children who have spent the night. Aurora commented that the levels of intoxication at the dinner program at ECHO have increased on the nights that the warming center is not open.</p> <p>CAPSLO's Warming Center at the Prado Day Center in San Luis Obispo has had about 40 people per night. Food is also served. A few people have been asked to leave due to behavior. SLO will be open Wed-Fri night this week.</p> <p>Janna shared that in South County, the warming center at the DSS building has provided over 700 shelter nights so far, with 100 of those night having been for people over the age of 65. As of late, there have been about 34 per night. Transportation is provided from throughout South County to the warming center location. There are five people that are now permanently barred, due to behavioral issues. The South County Warming Center will be open Wed-Sun. this week. Volunteers are needed.</p> <p>Janna noted it costs approximately \$20 per night per person to run the center. Aurora said that North county uses sheets sown together as inserts for the sleeping bags to keep from having such high laundry bills. Laurel said the Paso Cares Warming Center has been running as well but there are no numbers available at the moment.</p> <p>Janna informed the group that on the 8th of January Marty sent her a list of about 30 people interested in the encampment and displacement ad hoc committee. Janna will ask Marty's family to find out if he left</p>		
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<p>4.5 Discussion Item: Legislative Update</p>	<p>additional information about what direction he planned on going. Patti recommended Dee Torres might be interested in this committee. Abby shared that the updated community brochures were at Burdine printing, and that she will be the new contact person, in place of Marty.</p> <p>The Benefits ARCH meetings are still occurring. Anyone interested in attending please let Shon Cross know.</p> <p>The Ad Hoc Workforce Development Committee meetings have started for this year. Joe Madsen shared that there is a conceptual program through Transitions Mental Health Association about bringing homeless clients straight into work. More information to come later. There is a services and strategy committee meeting on Feb. 7, 2017. Please ask Abby for any additional details on location and time. The next Work task force is meeting on Feb. 23 at 10am at Transitions Mental Health.</p> <p>Aurora shared with the group that there is available funding for the sobering stations. She will have more information to report at the next meeting.</p> <p>Laurel provided an update on changes to the work requirement for those persons receiving CalFresh benefits. Persons who are between ages 18-50 and are able bodied, will have work requirements in order to continue to receive benefits beyond a certain time point. This requirement has existed since the mid-1990s, but when the recession occurred, it was suspended due to the high rates of unemployment. The requirement will go back into effect next year due to the unemployment rate decrease in the state of</p>		
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	<p>California.</p> <p>The Budget Resolution is under consideration. This will determine the amount of funding available for domestic discretionary programs. More information about final outcome and upcoming budget will be coming in the near future.</p>		
5. Future Discussion/Report Items:	<p>Point in Time count discussion.</p> <p>Coastal MASH Event update.</p>		
6. Next Meeting Date:	<p>February 28, 2017 room 356 at DSS SLO 9-10:30am</p>		
7. Adjournment	<p>Janna adjourned the meeting at 10:20am</p>		