HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC) Meeting Agenda



May 19, 2021, 1 p.m.

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San Luis Obispo Countywide 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness Or dial in: +1 669 900 9128 Meeting ID: 966 6590 7272 Passcode: 173732

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

- 1. Call to Order and Introductions
- 2. Public Comment
- 3. Consent: Approval of Minutes
- 4. Action/Information/Discussion
 - 4.1. Discussion Item: Update on Rent Relief Program Implementation
 - 4.2. Discussion Item: May Update on Homelessness to the Board of Supervisors
 - 4.2.1. Ten-Year Plan and Regional Framework Update
 - 4.3. Discussion Item: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
 - 4.3.1. Emergency Homeless Vouchers and Need for Special HSOC Meeting in June
 - 4.3.2. Supplemental HOME Program Funds
 - 4.4. Discussion Item: Upcoming State and Federal Funding Opportunities
 - 4.4.1. California Emergency Solutions Grant Continuum of Care Allocation

- 4.4.2. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care Program
- 4.4.3. Governor's Proposed Budget
- 4.5. Discussion Item: Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) Update
- 4.6. Discussion Item: Preventing, Preparing for and Responding to the Impacts of COVID-19
 - 4.6.1. Update on Efforts to Vaccinate People Experiencing Homelessness
- 4.7. Discussion Item: Winter Warming Centers Recap
- 4.8. Discussion Item: Situational Update/Roundtable
- 5. Committee Updates
- 6. Future Discussion/Report Items
- 7. Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday 21st July at 1pm
- 8. Adjournment

HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL HSOC Special Meeting March 17, 2021 1:00 p.m.

Members and the public were able to participate by Zoom call.

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF & GUESTS
Anna Miller	Amelia Grover (Liz Snyder)	Abby Lassen
Anne Robin	Bettina Swigger	Angela Smith
Bill Crewe	Carlyn Christianson	Blake Fixler
Brenda Mack	Mark Lamore	Brandy Graham
Caroline Hall	Susan Lamont	Cara Vereschagin
Dawn Addis		Carolyn Berg
Dawn Ortiz-Legg		Done Hare Price
Devin Drake		Elaine Archer
Grace McIntosh		Elaine Mansoor
Jeff Smith		George Solis
Jessica Thomas		Gregory Fearon
Kathy McClenathen		Jan Maitzen
Kristen Barneich		Janna Nichols
Mary Ann Reiss		Jessica Lorance
Nicole Bennett		Jill Bolster-White
Rick Gulino		Joanna Balsamo-Lillien
Scott Smith		Leon Shordon
Shay Stewart		Linda Wingert
Steve Martin		Lisa Howe
Susan Funk		Lisa Jouet
		Lori Hoffman
		Marianne Kennedy
		Matt Leal
		Owen Goode

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AGENDA ITEM		CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS
1. Call to Order and Introductions	Susan Funk called the meeting to order at 1pm and introductions were made.	
2. Public Comment	Susan Warren requested that HSOC consider a letter of support for the Roadway Inn detox treatment center in Morro Bay. Dawn shared that the project has been appealed and will go to the Planning Commission next. The majority of public comment has been against the project, so it is important for supportive people to have a voice in this process. Brenda asked about the status of the Atascadero warming center. Wendy confirmed it will be open every night through March 31st.	
3. Consent: Approval of Minutes		Mary Ann made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Grace. The minutes were approved, with all in favor, none opposed and no

			abstentions.
4.	Action/Information/Discussion		
	4.1. Discussion Item: United Way – Homeless Resource List	Riley demonstrated 211's SLO County Resource List, which had previously been discussed by the Alternatives to Encampments working group and Services Coordinating Committee. The Resource List is a digital resource list that would allow for agencies to create their own lists of local services that would automatically update. Future plans include developing a phone app which could access the same information. The Council discussed the project and was in support of it moving forward.	
	4.2. Action Item: Vote to Approve the HSOC Ad Hoc Encampment Committee's Alternatives to Encampment Recommendations Document	Laurel provided background on the Alternatives to Encampment Recommendations Document. In 2019, Supervisor Gibson requested that HSOC form a committee to look into the impact of encampments in the county and make recommendations to address these. The Encampment Committee formed a working group focusing on Alternatives to Encampments, which researched practices in other communities and produced five recommendations. These were brought to the full HSOC previously, revised by the Encampment Committee, and the document restructured by County staff. The revised and restructured document was presented to the HSOC. The next steps are to forward the document to the County Administrative Officer with the	Dawn Addis made a motion to approve the document, seconded by Scott. The motion passed with all in favor, none

	recommendation that it be shared with the Board of Supervisors.	against and no abstentions.
4.3. Discussion Item: Plans for Update of Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness	Carolyn and Laurel gave a presentation on Strategic Regional Collaboration & Addressing Homelessness. Carolyn shared that concurrent with the Ten-Year Plan update and encampments recommendations, the County Administrative Office is now looking at how the County and local agencies can align their efforts to address homelessness and the affordability of housing. The County is now starting to build strong regional collaborative partnerships, with the intention of initiating regional homeless pilot programs (Blue Bag and Safe Parking) at priority locations. Between spring and summer, the County will be focusing on a preliminary education effort regarding the resources that currently exist, and seeking support for these. From September, the County will be looking to educate communities and potential partners, build coalitions of partners, and develop an engagement and communication strategy, in coordination with the Ten-Year Plan consultant. Beyond July 2022, the County will be aiming to finalize a cohesive message for the implementation of actions.	
	Laurel shared that the County will be updating the Ten-Year Plan this year. Having a Ten-Year Plan is required to access some funding streams. The	

	original plan was published in 2008. A Strategic Planning Leadership Group for the Strategy Committee will be set up, consisting of 8-12 key stakeholders, including all of the HSOC Executive Committee (which consists of the chairs of the other standing committees plus HSOC Chair and Vice Chair). A contractor will be hired to carry out an analysis of community resources and needs, including a data review, to meet with stakeholders and focus groups of people with lived experience, and to review funding sources and opportunities. The Council recommended involving people who have lived experience of homelessness, people in recovery, and people with mental health conditions.	
4.3.1. Action Item: Framework for Regional Homeless Action Plan	The Council indicated support for the Regional Homeless Action Plan.	
4.4. Discussion Item: Preventing, Preparing for and Responding to the Impacts of COVID-19		
4.4.1. Discussion Item: State Rental Assistance Program	Janna shared that the State launched the California COVID Rental Relief program on Monday 15 th March. This program allows landlords to receive 80% of owed income, from April 2020-March 2021, if they waive the remaining 20%. Applications can be made online. Eligibility is based on income. Details of the program	

4.4.2. Discussion Item: Update on Preparing for Efforts to Vaccinate People Experiencing Homelessness	requirements for both tenants and landlords can be found on 5CHC's (5Cities Homeless Coalition) website. Janna shared that the Vaccine Task Force has been meeting and planning for the vaccination of homeless people in the county. The one-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine is now available in the county, which makes vaccination of those in hard to reach populations easier, as it avoids the need to find people again for their second shot.	
5. Committee Updates	Janna shared that the Finance & Data Committee has been looking at performance metrics, some of which were included in the agenda packet. Scott reported that the Housing Committee did not meet as there were no pressing items. Devin shared that the Services Coordinating Committee's updates were mostly covered in the presentations already given. The Committee also discussed HUD's (Department of Housing & Urban Development) recently released recommendations for tracking client vaccinations; no agencies were interested in using these.	
6. Future Discussion/Report Items		
7. Next Meeting: Wednesday 19th May at 1pm		

8. Adjournment	Susan adjourned the meeting at 3:08pm.	