

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC)
SERVICES COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Date

December 5, 2022

Time

1pm-2:30pm

Location

Zoom

Members Present

Brandy Graham

Devin Drake

Jack Lahey

Janna Nichols

Nicole Bennett

Members Absent

John Klevins

Staff and Guests

Abby Lassen

Carrie Collins

Christy Nichols

Elaine Archer

George Solis

Heather B

Jeff Al-Mashat

Joe Dzvonic

Lawren Ramos

Merlie Livermore

Michael Azevedo

Rick Gulino

Riley Smith
Rosio Marquez
Russ Francis
Skylar Caldwell
Wendy Lewis
Yesenia Alonso

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Devin called the meeting to order at 1:05pm.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Consent: Approval of Minutes

Janna moved the motion to approve the minutes, Brandy seconded the motion. The motion passed, with no abstentions or against.

4. Action/Information/Discussion

4.1 Discussion Item: Cencal Health Housing Support and Sobering Centers and Medically Tailored Food Training

Nicole has asked to table this item.

4.2 Discussion Item: Recuperative Care

Tabled item.

4.3 Discussion Item: Update on Coordinated Entry

Jack shared the increasing impact of Coordinated Entry across ECHO (El Camino Homeless Organization), CAPSLO (Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo) and the 5CHC (5 Cities Homeless Coalition). He mentioned the importance of referring individuals experiencing homelessness to the correct jurisdiction handling their region. Clients from the North County region should be referred to ECHO. Those in San Luis Obispo, Morro Bay, Los Osos areas should be referred to CAPSLO. In the South County, from Avila Beach to Nipomo, clients should be referred to 5CHC. It has been an issue where the 5CHC was getting inundated by

people in the community for all referrals, then only to be routed out to other providers. Agencies need to first determine the location (where) of the individuals experiencing homelessness, before sending them to the appropriate agency in charge of their location.

Joe wanted to clarify if there is a process in referring an individual who says they are on the brink of homelessness and where to refer them to. Jack shared that they have a system wherein if they get a call from someone who was referred to the wrong region, whichever Coordinated Entry provider receives that call then can create the linkage to route to the right service and agency.

Janna, Brandy, and Joe agreed on the idea of producing something like a generic card with information containing Coordinated Entry providers plus Veteran services to help with the referrals.

Although not currently utilized, Jack also mentioned that Coordinated Entry referrals can be done via Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). He also mentioned that some grants require increased Coordinated Entry partnerships, thus the more providers and agencies inputting into this would reduce pressure on any individual agency.

Jack also shared that a meeting with housing providers HASLO and TMHA was initiated to build a housing inventory. This inventory is to take stock of all public housing opportunities in the county specific for homeless people. Per Jack, the goal is to understand the housing stock and the requirements on every unit. This is very useful in terms of matching people with the housing inventory and resources. Jack also mentioned working with the Department of Social Services to populate housing inventory with known projects from the HMIS. He also shared an example of what the housing inventory will look like.

4.4 Discussion Item: End of Life Protocol Task Force - Update

The Task force has not met since last update.

4.5 Discussion Item: CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security) Act Funding

George provided a reminder that ESG-CV (Emergency Solutions Grants-Coronavirus) funding through the State HCD (Housing and Community Development) has established 75% expenditure deadline as of January 31, 2023. All HCD ESG-CV subrecipients must submit payment requests by December 31 to give

County time to submit paperwork to the State. If 75 % expenditure is not met, the remaining amount between expenditure level and the 75% may be recaptured by the State. Currently, per George, we are at 50%, but anticipating a high level of expenditure before end of the year. The deadline for 100% expenditure is September 30, 2023, for both State and Federal ESG-CV funding.

5. Future Discussion/Report Items

- Cencal Health Housing Support and Sobering Centers and Medically Tailored Food Training
- Recuperative Care
- End of Life Protocol Update

6. Next Regular Meeting: February 6, 2023, at 1pm

7. Adjournment

Devin adjourned the meeting at 1:55pm.