



**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC)
Executive Committee Meeting Agenda**

October 18, 2023, at 3 p.m.

Committee members must participate in person (unless excused with Just Cause reasons approved by the HSOC):

Conference Rm 1, County of San Luis Obispo Department of Social Services
3563 Empleo St., San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

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1. Call to Order and Introductions
2. Public Comment
3. Consent: Approval of Minutes
4. Action/Information Discussion
 - 4.1. HSOC Administration – Membership and Leadership
 - 4.1.1. Action Item: Vote to Recommend Seven Persons for Appointment to Vacant or Expiring Seats on the Homeless Services Oversight Council
 - 4.1.1.1. Committee Questions



- 4.1.1.2. Public Comment
- 4.1.1.3. Committee Discussion and Vote
- 4.2. Implementing Five-Year Plan Line of Effort 1 - Create Affordable and Appropriately Designed Housing Opportunities and Shelter Options for Underserved Populations
 - 4.2.1. Discussion Item: Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 5
 - 4.2.1.1. Committee Questions
 - 4.2.1.2. Public Comment
 - 4.2.1.3. Committee Discussion
- 4.3. Implementing Five-Year Plan Line of Effort 3 – Improve and Expand Data Management Efforts Through HMIS and Coordinated Entry System to Strengthen Data-Driven Operational Guidance and Strategic Oversight
 - 4.3.1. Discussion Item: Update on 2024 Homeless Point in Time Count
 - 4.3.1.1. Committee Questions
 - 4.3.1.2. Public Comment
 - 4.3.1.3. Committee Discussion
- 4.4. Discussion Item: Committee Reports
 - 4.4.1. Discussion Item: Action Items for Executive Committee and Full HSOC
 - 4.4.1.1. Committee Questions
 - 4.4.1.2. Public Comment
 - 4.4.1.3. Committee Discussion



- 4.4.2. Discussion Item: Learnings, Trends and Concerns, Future Issues and Next Steps
 - 4.4.2.1. Committee Questions
 - 4.4.2.2. Public Comment
 - 4.4.2.3. Committee Discussion
- 4.5. Discussion Item: Report from County Staff on County Initiatives
 - 4.5.1. Committee Questions
 - 4.5.2. Public Comment
 - 4.5.3. Committee Discussion
- 5. Future Discussion/Report Items
- 6. Next Regular Meeting: December 13, 2023
- 7. Adjournment

The full agenda packet for this meeting is available on the SLO County HSOC web page:

[https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Social-Services/Homeless-Services/Homeless-Services-Oversight-Council-\(HSOC\).aspx](https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Social-Services/Homeless-Services/Homeless-Services-Oversight-Council-(HSOC).aspx)

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

Date

August 16, 2023

Time

1pm-3pm

Location

Rm 356, County of SLO Department of Social Services
3433 S. Higuera St., San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Members Present

Elaine Archer
Jack Lahey
Steve Gregory
Susan Funk

Absent Members

Mark Lamore

Staff and Guests

Christy Nichols
Dawn Ortiz-Legg
Erica Jaramillo
George Solis
Janna Nichols
Laurel Weir
Luke Dunn
Marie Bolin
Merlie Livermore
Russ Francis
Sarah Hayter
Skylar Caldwell
Suzie Freeman

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Susan Funk called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm. She led the attendees to observe a moment of silence for the late Paso Robles Mayor Steve Martin. Steve Gregory, Supervisor Dawn Ortiz-Legg, Laurel Weir, and Susan Funk each shared their brief tributes about the late Mayor and his dedication to the issue of homelessness, making special mention of the establishment of ECHO in the north county. No introductions were made.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Consent: Approval of Minutes

Jack Lahey moved the minutes to be approved. Susan Funk seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Action/Information/Discussion

4.1. Discussion Item: Update on Initiatives from Counties and Cities Regarding Homelessness

4.1.1 Discussion Item: Report from County Staff

Laurel Weir reported that the Welcome Home Village project has been one of the main focus of the division recently. The said project is planned to be built at the dirt parking lot next to the Department of Social Services building on Higuera Street. A public informational session about this project is scheduled towards the end of this month. A press release will be sent out in the next day or two. Service provider Good Samaritan, Dignity Moves and SLO County staff will be there to answer any questions from the public.

Laurel also shared that Staff are working on some other projects, including a second tiny home project in Grover Beach. Janna Nichols from 5 Cities Homeless Coalition (5CHC) shared that they are in the process of finalizing the design plan for submission to the City of Grover Beach. Janna also shared that barring any issues with electricity, the goal for this second tiny home site is to be open by the end of the year. This will be a 30-unit non-congregate shelter, utilizing the Boss Cubez the SLO County has purchased.

In addition, the Staff is also continuing to work with the City of Morro Bay for a possible project next year, which will be funded either via a private funder or through an Encampment Resolution Fund (ERF) grant. A possible project with the City of Paso Robles is also in the works for next year. Steve Gregory

shared that there are two possible locations for this project being looked at right now.

On the HMIS side, Laurel reported that on August 8th, the Board of Supervisors approved the contract with Bitfocus as the provider to help with the HMIS transition process. Additionally, Laurel shared that HUD (United States Department of Housing and Urban Development) is issuing some data standards changes that will bring some updates to policies and procedures HMIS-related. One important update is the expansion of the definition of homelessness to make it easier to include people who are victims of human trafficking.

Lastly, Laurel mentioned that the Homeless Services Division celebrated its one-year anniversary and is now fully staffed. Supervisor Dawn Ortiz-Legg and Suan Funk both suggested to send out a press release celebrating the one-year anniversary of the Homeless Services Division and to highlight some of the projects that are happening in the realm of homelessness in the county. Supervisor Ortiz-Legg then circled back to the Welcome Home Project information session happening on August 30th. She reiterated the importance of communicating and conveying to the community the importance and difference these projects can make in the lives of people experiencing homelessness. She mentioned her last visit to Dignity Moves' Tiny Homes in Santa Barbara wherein she had conversations with residents who are now benefiting from these tiny homes.

4.2 Discussion Item: Continuum of Care (CoC) Administration

4.2.1 Discussion Item: HSOC Membership Update

Laurel shared that under about 1/3 of membership seats expire at any given year so there will be an announcement of the membership seats expiring at the September HSOC meeting. She also mentioned that there are no longer term-limits so anyone whose membership is expiring can reapply. Other members of the public interested in serving at the HSOC can also apply for those expiring seats. Russell Francis provided the list of the members whose seats are expiring, namely Devin Drake, Kathy Mclenathen, Wendy Lewis, Jim Dantona, Shay Stewart, Amelia Grover, Jessica Thomas, and Nicole Bennett. After these seats are announced and applications are received in September, an Ad Hoc Nominating Committee will be formed and will present the nominated applicants at the next Executive Committee meeting in October. These nominations will then be presented to the November Full HSOC meeting. The list of nominees will be taken to the Board of Supervisors in December to be appointed in time for the January 2024 HSOC meetings.

4.2.2 Member Recusals and Conflicts of Interest

Laurel explained that due to HUD conflict of interest policies related to financial interests of the Continuum of Care (COC) bodies, every time a grant recommendation is agendaized, members of the HSOC who are representing any of the agencies applying for the grant, will have to recuse themselves and leave the room while the grant is being voted on. Also mentioned was that during the public comment period, such HSOC appointed members cannot give any comments or speech or comment on their application. There must be another member of that agency who is not an HSOC appointed member to make the presentation. The County Counsel also said these members do not count towards the quorum. More guidance and clarification regarding the quorum requirements are requested.

4.2.3 Discussion Item: Planning for Bylaw Changes

As part of a larger effort to make HSOC more outcomes- focused, Laurel shared there have been discussions with the Services Coordinating Committee regarding proposing a new Committee focused on Coordinated Entry. Coordinated Entry sets the whole system up in terms of how people get referred and prioritized for the housing resources that are available. Having another option outside of the limitations of the Brown Act to accommodate the sharing of information and having larger conversations amongst agencies is deemed necessary. There will be further discussions on how to set up this committee and its functions.

4.3 Implementing Five-Year Plan Line of Effort 1 – Create Affordable and Appropriately Designed Housing Opportunities and Shelter Options for Underserved Populations

4.3.1 Discussion Item: Transitional Housing, Tiny Homes, and Bridge Housing

George Solis provided an update of upcoming housing projects coming up for occupancy this year. He mentioned the San Luis Obispo Broad Street Place development which has a total of 40 units: 30 affordable housing designations and 10 units set aside for Veterans. He also mentioned Templeton Place which has 10 units of its 36 units also allocated for Veterans. Other projects include the Paso Robles Home Key Renovation providing 34 vacant units; TMHA's Housing Now projects which has 8 units, specifically for people with disabilities; the Pismo Terrace, which according to Elaine Archer of HASLO (Housing Authority of San Luis Obispo) will have almost half of its 50 units housing individuals with mental illness. Elaine also mentioned the Rock View Place in Morro Bay, prioritized for those people

working in Morro Bay; and the Toscano Village in San Luis Obispo. Elaine also shared that they received approval to build on the Maxine Lewis location on Orcutt Street in San Luis Obispo. This project, which is expected to break ground next year, will create 41 studio units for permanent supportive housing for individuals with special needs.

4.4 Implementing Five-Year Plan Line of Effort 3 – Improve and Expand Data Management Efforts Through HMIS and Coordinated Entry System to Strengthen Data-Driven Operational Guidance and Strategic Oversight

4.4.1 Discussion Item: HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) Update

Laurel covered this topic on her County Staff update.

4.5 Discussion Item: Committee Reports

In addition to what were already discussed in earlier topics, Jack Lahey of CAPSLO (Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo) and representing the Services Coordinating Committee, shared an update on prioritization methodology. He also mentioned that VI-SPDAT (Vulnerability Index-Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool) is still using multipliers regarding length of time experiencing homelessness.

Elaine Archer for the Housing Committee mentioned the importance of creating a balance between meeting the needs of those on the housing lists and their impact on the community. She made special mention of the Pismo Terrace project which will house people with mental illness. She expressed the importance of working with service providers to help the residents achieve stability.

4.6 Discussion Item: Meeting Planning

4.6.1 Discussion Item: Agenda items for August and September HSOC Meetings

- Behavioral Health Gaps Analysis – September Full HSOC
- Overview of Coordinating Entry
- New camping ordinance in Grover Beach starting in April

4.6.2 Discussion Item: Consideration of Possible Time change of the HSOC

The suggestion was presented to have the Executive Committee and Full HSOC meetings moved to either the start of the day or towards the end of the day. It was agreed that the Executive Committee will move its meeting

time to 3pm. A doodle poll will be sent out to get the majority vote on the Full HSOC meeting time change.

5. Future Discussion/Report Items

- Homeless Services Division's 1 year anniversary press release
- How to handle HSOC function in relation to the lines of effort
- Safe Parking Program misconceptions/misinformation- Use of Best Practice Guide

6. Next Regular Meeting: October 18, 2023

7. Adjournment

Susan Funk adjourned the meeting at 3:03pm.

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
ACTION ITEM
October 18, 2022**

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 4.1.1

ITEM: Vote to Recommend Seven Persons for Appointment to Vacant or Expiring Seats on the Homeless Services Oversight Council

ACTION REQUIRED: It is requested that the Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC) Executive Committee: approve the nominations of Amelia Grover for a third term for the Hospitals seat she currently holds; Kathy McClenathen for a second term for the Advocates seat she currently holds; Jessica Thomas for a third term for the County Office of Education seat she currently holds; Shay Stewart for a third term for the Local Faith Community seat he currently holds; Wendy Lewis for a second term for the Nonprofit Homeless Assistance Providers seat she currently holds; Christy Nichols for a first term for the Other Community Organizations seat currently held by Nicole Bennett; and Marie Bolin for a first term for an At Large seat in the category of Nonprofit Homeless Assistance Providers, currently held by Jim Dantona in the Businesses category; and recommend them to the Homeless Services Oversight Council for appointment.

SUMMARY NARRATIVE:

There are 35 membership seats on the HSOC. Members are appointed to the HSOC by the County Board of Supervisors, with the exception of seven seats reserved for the representatives of the seven incorporated cities. These seven seats are held by City Council members who are appointed by their respective City Councils.

With the exception of the seats reserved for elected officials, members are appointed to three-year terms. To ensure continuity of the HSOC, term expirations are staggered among the seats, such that approximately 1/3 of the seats expire in a given year. Terms expire in January of the year in which the term ends.

There are currently eight seats due to expire in January 2024. Seven of these seats are tied to a specific category and can only be held by a representative from that category (County Government Service Providers, Advocates, Nonprofit Homeless Assistance Providers, Faith-Based Organizations, Hospitals, County Office of Education, and Other Community Organizations). The remaining seat is an At Large seat, meaning it may be held by a representative from any of the following categories: County

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Government Service Providers, Currently or Formerly Homeless Persons, Advocates, Affordable Housing Developers, Businesses, Faith-Based Organizations, Hospitals, Public Safety Organizations, Behavioral Health Agencies, Nonprofit Homeless Assistance Providers, Organizations Serving Homeless Veterans, Housing Authority, County Office of Education, Local School Districts, Social Service Providers, Victim Service Providers, and Other Community Organizations.

In addition, there are two vacant seats. Both of these vacant seats are tied to a specific category and can only be held by a representative from that category (Advocates and Housing Authority).

At the September 2023 HSOC meeting, expiring membership terms were reviewed and a request was made for applications from the public. A total of seven applications were received. An ad hoc Nominating Committee met in October to consider the applications and recommended the following seven candidates for seats on the HSOC for terms beginning in January 2024:

Amelia Grover for a third term for the Local Hospitals seat she currently holds, for a term that will begin in January 2024 and expire in January 2027. Ms. Grover is the Manager of Social Work for Arroyo Grande, French, and Marian hospitals, and oversees the Homeless Health Initiative program.

Christy Nichols for a first term for the Other Community Organizations seat currently held by Nicole Bennett, for a term that will begin in January 2024 and expire in January 2027. Ms. Nichols leads the Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program at CenCal Health, which provides funds to service providers to strengthen and expand services for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Christy has served as Nicole's alternate on the HSOC for the last year.

Jessica Thomas for a third term for the Local K-12 Academic Institution seat she currently holds, for a term that will begin in January 2024 and expire in January 2027. Ms. Thomas is the Program Coordinator for Homeless and Foster Youth Services for the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education. In this role, she works with all school district Homeless Liaisons, and works with the Cuesta College EOPS program, which serves students experiencing homelessness.

Kathy McClenathen for a second term for the Advocates seat she currently holds, for a term that will begin in January 2024 and expire in January 2027. She is currently the Deputy Director, Loan Portfolio Officer for the San Luis Obispo County Housing Trust Fund, which provides loans and grants to assist with creating and maintaining day centers, homeless centers, transitional and permanent housing.

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Marie Bolin for a first term for the At Large seat in the Nonprofit Homeless Assistance Providers category, currently held by Jim Dantona in the Businesses category. Ms. Bolin is the Manager for Housing Support Services at Family Care Network, a local nonprofit serving people experiencing homelessness.

Shay Stewart for a third term for the Local Faith Community seat he currently holds, for a term that will begin in January 2024 and expire in January 2027. Mr. Stewart is affiliated with Granite Ridge Christian Camp, San Luis Obispo Church of the Nazarene, 40 Prado and Leadership SLO.

Wendy Lewis for a second term for the Nonprofit Homeless Assistance Providers seat she currently holds, for a term that will begin in January 2024 and expire in January 2027. Ms. Lewis is the CEO of El Camino Homeless Organization (ECHO), and has worked in the field of homeless services for 6 years.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPACT

No current fiscal impact is anticipated.

STAFF COMMENTS:

It is recommended that the Homeless Services Oversight Council Executive Committee approve this item. Upon the HSOC's approval, staff will submit a recommendation for appointment to the full HSOC.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – All applications received

Attachment B – HSOC Membership Composition as of October 2023

Attachment C – Proposed Membership of the HSOC from January 2024

COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
TO A BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE

Date: 9/27/23

Applying For: Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC)

Name: Grover Amelia
Last First Middle Initial

Address: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Number Street City Zip Code

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Home Phone: [REDACTED] Business Phone: _____

Place an "X" next to the HSOC membership category below which you wish to represent:

- County Government Service Providers (Behavioral Health, Planning, Social Services, Veterans Services, or Probation)
- Non-profit Service Providers
- Which area(s) of the county does this organization serve?
 - Affordable Housing Developers
 - Local K 12 Academic Institution
 - Local Businesses/Business Organizations
 - Law Enforcement
 - Local Health Provider
 - Local Faith Community
 - Interested Community (preferentially with homelessness experience)
 - Currently or Formerly Homeless Person
 - Veterans Services Representative
 - Local University or School of Higher Education
 - Local Hospital
 - Victims' Services Representative

Please cite your affiliation, as staff member, board member or volunteer, with any community services agency or organization:

Current Hospital member chair. Current Manager of Social Work at the three hospitals on the Central Coast (AG, French, and Marian). Oversee Homeless Health Initiative program at Marian/AG and French.

Please describe how you qualify for the HSOC category which you have selected above:

Involved in continuum of care efforts for vulnerable homeless populations who are medically fragile and needy. Have expertise in acute medical needs and the social implications and vice versa. Dignity Health continues to expand their post-acute services to serve the larger homeless population outside of the hospital walls. Current Hospital chair holder

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While not necessarily required, knowledge of issues relating to homelessness and/or previous involvement in addressing homelessness are desirable for HSOC members and will be considered by the selection committee prior to making its recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. Please summarize your experience with the issue of homelessness or with homeless clients:

Have a history of working with homeless patients on skid row in Los Angeles and children and families who had unstable and/or homeless histories before relocating to the Central Coast. Have over 8 years of experience as a medical social worker where one of the primary roles is addressing the medical needs of the homeless population. Six of those years have been spent in management where I've worked closely with community partners to address gaps in care for this population. I started, grew, and currently oversee our Homeless Health Initiative.

Please explain why you would like to serve on the HSOC (attach a separate sheet if necessary):

The mission and vision of Dignity Health CommonSpirit Health, is to work with the most vulnerable and disenfranchised communities, which largely include the homeless population. We have several initiatives within our local hospitals that work to address this population, as well as larger efforts supported by the system office, including a Healthcare for the Homeless program. Dignity has been a key partner in working with local CBOs to be a part of the solution to homelessness and/or act as a resource to addressing the larger continuum of care needs. With our Homeless Health Initiative, we have partnered on grants and other projects to improve healthcare services for those experiencing homelessness. There are ample opportunities to continue with this work and be involved on a larger scale to address the medical needs of the homeless population across the healthcare continuum.

Please note: It is possible that the selection committee may contact you to ask for additional information if necessary to prepare its recommendations for HSOC membership to the Board of Supervisors.

If appointed, are you willing to participate in the majority of meetings each year and, if necessary, in numerous related meetings of subcommittees? Yes No

Should you be appointed, are you willing, if necessary for that particular body, to file a statement of disclosure as a public official under the standards set forth by the Fair Political Practice Commission? Yes No

Signed Amelia Grover Date 9/27/23

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Date called/interviewed ___ Recommended for appointment? ___ Yes ___ No

Appointee prefers not to have address or phone numbers(s) published? ___ Yes ___ No

Additional Comments:



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
TO A BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE

Date: 9/20/23

Applying For: Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC)

Name: NICHOLS CHRISTY
Last First Middle Initial

Address: [REDACTED]
Number Street City Zip Code

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: [REDACTED]

Place an "X" next to the HSOC membership category below which you wish to represent:

- County Government Service Providers (Behavioral Health, Planning, Social Services, Veterans Services, or Probation)
- Non-profit Service Providers
Which area(s) of the county does this organization serve? _____
- Affordable Housing Developers
- Local K-12 Academic Institution
- Local Businesses/Business Organizations
- Law Enforcement
- Local Health Provider
- Local Faith Community
- Interested Community (preferentially with homelessness experience)
- Currently or Formerly Homeless Person
- Veterans Services Representative
- Local University or School of Higher Education
- Local Hospital
- Victims' Services Representative

Please cite your affiliation, as staff member, board member or volunteer, with any community services agency or organization:

N/A

Please describe how you qualify for the HSOC category which you have selected above:

I work with CenCal Health, which is a public entity and not for profit. CenCal Health fits into the "Other Community Organization" category which is not listed as a category above.

While not necessarily required, knowledge of issues relating to homelessness and/or previous involvement in addressing homelessness are desirable for HSOC members and will be considered by the selection committee prior to making its recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. Please summarize your experience with the issue of homelessness or with homeless clients:

I lead the Housing & Homelessness Incentive Program, which gives funds to service providers to strengthen and expand services given to people experiencing and/or at risk of homelessness. While I have only been working on this project for 1 year, I have learned and continue to learn more about the issues and possible solutions for homelessness.

Please explain why you would like to serve on the HSOC (attach a separate sheet if necessary):

Serving for the last year as an alternate to Nicole Bennett on the HSOC has strengthen the collaboration between CenCal Health and the community services providers and helped me learn about the homelessness issues specific to San Luis Obispo County. Now that Nicole's 3-year term is coming to an end, I would like to continue servicing on the committee both to provide insight from CenCal Health and to continuing learning about and contributing to projects focused on housing and homelessness in our region.

Please note: It is possible that the selection committee may contact you to ask for additional information if necessary to prepare its recommendations for HSOC membership to the Board of Supervisors.

If appointed, are you willing to participate in the majority of meetings each year and, if necessary, in numerous related meetings of subcommittees? Yes No

Should you be appointed, are you willing, if necessary for that particular body, to file a statement of disclosure as a public official under the standards set forth by the Fair Political Practice Commission? Yes No

Signed Christy Nichols Date 9/21/23

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Date called/interviewed _____ Recommended for appointment? _____ Yes _____ No

Appointee prefers not to have address or phone numbers(s) published? _____ Yes _____ No

Additional Comments:



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
TO A BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE

Date: 10/3/2023

Applying For: **Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC)**

Name: Thomas, Jessica L.

Address:

Last	First	Middle Initial
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Number	Street	City	Zip Code
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Email Address: [REDACTED]

Home Phone: [REDACTED] Business Phone: [REDACTED]

Place an "X" next to the HSOC membership category below which you wish to represent:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> County Government Service Providers | <input type="checkbox"/> Advocates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Currently or Formerly Homeless Persons | <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Housing Developers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Businesses | <input type="checkbox"/> Faith-Based Organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitals | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety Organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit Homeless Assistance Providers | <input type="checkbox"/> Behavioral Health Agencies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organizations Serving Homeless Veterans | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Authority |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Office of Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Local School Districts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Service Providers | <input type="checkbox"/> Victim Service Providers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Community Organizations | |

Please cite your affiliation, as staff member, board member or volunteer, with any community services agency or organization:

Program Coordinator for Homeless and Foster Youth Services, San Luis Obispo County Office of Education.

Please describe how you qualify for the HSOC category which you have selected above:

As the San Luis Obispo County Homeless Education Liaison, I work with all school district Homeless Liaisons. We also work with the Cuesta College EOPS program, which services students experiencing homelessness.

While not necessarily required, knowledge of issues relating to homelessness and/or previous involvement in addressing homelessness are desirable for HSOC members and will be considered by the selection committee prior to making its recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. Please summarize your experience with the issue of homelessness or with homeless clients:

As Program Coordinator for Homeless and Foster Youth Services I provide technical assistance and professional development in McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act rights. I assist schools and homeless families with school enrollment, school placement disputes, identifying resources, and connecting families to services.

Please explain why you would like to serve on the HSOC (attach a separate sheet if necessary):

I would like to keep informed of all issues that relate to children and youth experiencing homelessness. This information will help me to better serve and support youth and families. I believe that I can offer a unique perspective to HSOC by representing K-12 public education.

Please note: It is possible that the selection committee may contact you to ask for additional information if necessary to prepare its recommendations for HSOC membership to the Board of Supervisors.

If appointed, are you willing to participate in the majority of meetings each year and, if necessary, in numerous related meetings of subcommittees? Yes No

Should you be appointed, are you willing, if necessary for that particular body, to file a statement of disclosure as a public official under the standards set forth by the Fair Political Practice Commission? Yes No

Signed Jessica Thomas Date 10/3/23

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Date called/interviewed _____ Recommended for appointment? ____ Yes ____ No

Appointee prefers not to have address or phone number(s) published? ____ Yes ____ No

Additional Comments:

COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
TO A BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE

Date: 10/3/2023

Applying For: **Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC)**

Name: McClenathen, Kathy D.

Address:

	Last	First	Middle Initial
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	Number	Street	City	Zip Code
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Email Address: █

Home Phone: █ Business Phone: █

Place an "X" next to the HSOC membership category below which you wish to represent:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> County Government Service Providers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advocates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Currently or Formerly Homeless Persons | <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Housing Developers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Businesses | <input type="checkbox"/> Faith-Based Organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitals | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety Organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit Homeless Assistance Providers | <input type="checkbox"/> Behavioral Health Agencies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organizations Serving Homeless Veterans | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Authority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Office of Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Local School Districts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Service Providers | <input type="checkbox"/> Victim Service Providers |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Community Organizations | |

Please cite your affiliation, as staff member, board member or volunteer, with any community services agency or organization:

I am the Deputy Director, Loan Portfolio Manager at the San Luis Obispo County Housing Trust Fund (HTF)

Please describe how you qualify for the HSOC category which you have selected above:

The HTF provides loans and grants to assist with creating and maintaining day centers, homeless centers, transitional and permanent housing. We have also provided grants for rental assistance loan programs.



While not necessarily required, knowledge of issues relating to homelessness and/or previous involvement in addressing homelessness are desirable for HSOC members and will be considered by the selection committee prior to making its recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. Please summarize your experience with the issue of homelessness or with homeless clients:

I have over 30 years experience in community banking and finance, including 8 years as the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) Officer of a local community bank. The last 7 years I have been at the HTF. My passion is grants writing, reporting / compliance and financing projects that make significant impact in the community.

Please explain why you would like to serve on the HSOC (attach a separate sheet if necessary):

I want to help make a difference in the unhoused community. I have enjoyed serving on the HSOC over the last two years. I would like to continue to serve on the HSOC.

Please note: It is possible that the selection committee may contact you to ask for additional information if necessary to prepare its recommendations for HSOC membership to the Board of Supervisors.

If appointed, are you willing to participate in the majority of meetings each year and, if necessary, in numerous related meetings of subcommittees? Yes No

Should you be appointed, are you willing, if necessary for that particular body, to file a statement of disclosure as a public official under the standards set forth by the Fair Political Practice Commission? Yes No

Signed Kathy McCherath Date 10/4/2023

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Date called/interviewed _____ Recommended for appointment? ____ Yes ____ No

Appointee prefers not to have address or phone number(s) published? ____ Yes ____ No

Additional Comments:



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
TO A BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE

Date: 9/28/2023

Applying For: **Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC)**

Name: Bolin, Marie

Address:

Last	First	Middle Initial
[REDACTED]		

Address:

Number	Street	City	Zip Code
[REDACTED]			

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: [REDACTED]

Place an "X" next to the HSOC membership category below which you wish to represent:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Government Service Providers | <input type="checkbox"/> Advocates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Currently or Formerly Homeless Persons | <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Housing Developers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Businesses | <input type="checkbox"/> Faith-Based Organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitals | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety Organizations |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit Homeless Assistance Providers | <input type="checkbox"/> Behavioral Health Agencies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organizations Serving Homeless Veterans | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Authority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Office of Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Local School Districts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Service Providers | <input type="checkbox"/> Victim Service Providers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Community Organizations | |

Please cite your affiliation, as staff member, board member or volunteer, with any community services agency or organization:

Family Care Network, Manager for Housing Support Services (HSP/BFH/Housing Navigators)

Please describe how you qualify for the HSOC category which you have selected above:
Family Care Network is a local Nonprofit serving the homeless population in San Luis Obispo County. I have worked in this field or related field for over 20 years in SLO County.

While not necessarily required, knowledge of issues relating to homelessness and/or previous involvement in addressing homelessness are desirable for HSOC members and will be considered by the selection committee prior to making its recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. Please summarize your experience with the issue of homelessness or with homeless clients:

I have been a management level role, directly supporting the homeless population for the past 2+ years. I have also worked directly with homeless individuals and families in my previous roles within behavioral health and foster care. Additionally, I have a sibling who battled addiction, chronic homelessness, & mental health challenges, in SLO County, for 10+ years.

Please explain why you would like to serve on the HSOC (attach a separate sheet if necessary):

I desire to be a contributing member of the HSOC team, to support the efforts with increased collaboration between providers, clients, and County/city officials.

Please note: It is possible that the selection committee may contact you to ask for additional information if necessary to prepare its recommendations for HSOC membership to the Board of Supervisors.

If appointed, are you willing to participate in the majority of meetings each year and, if necessary, in numerous related meetings of subcommittees? Yes No

Should you be appointed, are you willing, if necessary for that particular body, to file a statement of disclosure as a public official under the standards set forth by the Fair Political Practice Commission? Yes No

Signed  Date 9/28/2023

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Additional Comments:

COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
TO A BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE

Date: 10/09/2023

Applying For: Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC)

Name: Stewart Shay M
Last First Middle Initial

Address: [REDACTED]
Number Street City Zip Code

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Home Phone [REDACTED] Business Phone: [REDACTED]

Place an "X" next to the HSOC membership category below which you wish to represent:

- County Government Service Providers (Behavioral Health, Planning, Social Services, Veterans Services, or Probation)
- Non-profit Service Providers
- Which area(s) of the county does this organization serve?
 - Affordable Housing Developers
 - Local K 12 Academic Institution
 - Local Businesses/Business Organizations
 - Law Enforcement
 - Local Health Provider
 - Local Faith Community
 - Interested Community (preferentially with homelessness experience)
 - Currently or Formerly Homeless Person
 - Veterans Services Representative
 - Local University or School of Higher Education
 - Local Hospital
 - Victims' Services Representative

Please cite your affiliation, as staff member, board member or volunteer, with any community services agency or organization:

Granite Ridge Christian Camp, San Luis Obispo Church of the Nazarene, 40 Prado, Leadership SLO

Please describe how you qualify for the HSOC category which you have selected above:

Volunteer and Advocate

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I have served on the board for the last 2 years and have been a volunteer at our church for serving meals and housing overflow for the last 10 years.

Please explain why you would like to serve on the HSOC (attach a separate sheet if necessary):

I would like to continue to serve on HSOC and to see that work we have started continued.

Please note: It is possible that the selection committee may contact you to ask for additional information if necessary to prepare its recommendations for HSOC membership to the Board of Supervisors.

If appointed, are you willing to participate in the majority of meetings each year and, if necessary, in numerous related meetings of subcommittees? Yes No

Should you be appointed, are you willing, if necessary for that particular body, to file a statement of disclosure as a public official under the standards set forth by the Fair Political Practice Commission? Yes No

Signed Shay M Stewart Date 10/09/2023

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Date called/interviewed ___ Recommended for appointment? ___ Yes ___ No

Appointee prefers not to have address or phone numbers(s) published? ___ Yes ___ No

Additional Comments:



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
TO A BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE

Date: 10/5/2023

Applying For: **Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC)**

Name: Lewis Wendy M

Address:

Last	First	Middle Initial
[REDACTED]		

Address:

Number	Street	City	Zip Code
[REDACTED]			

Email Address: [REDACTED]
Home Phone: [REDACTED] Business Phone: [REDACTED]

Place an "X" next to the HSOC membership category below which you wish to represent:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> County Government Service Providers | <input type="checkbox"/> Advocates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Currently or Formerly Homeless Persons | <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Housing Developers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Businesses | <input type="checkbox"/> Faith-Based Organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitals | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety Organizations |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit Homeless Assistance Providers | <input type="checkbox"/> Behavioral Health Agencies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organizations Serving Homeless Veterans | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Authority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Office of Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Local School Districts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Service Providers | <input type="checkbox"/> Victim Service Providers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Community Organizations | |

Please cite your affiliation, as staff member, board member or volunteer, with any community services agency or organization:

I am the CEO of El Camino Homeless Organization

Please describe how you qualify for the HSOC category which you have selected above:

I am the CEO of El Camino Homeless Organization

While not necessarily required, knowledge of issues relating to homelessness and/or previous involvement in addressing homelessness are desirable for HSOC members and will be considered by the selection committee prior to making its recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. Please summarize your experience with the issue of homelessness or with homeless clients:
See attached.

Please explain why you would like to serve on the HSOC (attach a separate sheet if necessary):

I would like to serve on the HSOC to provide 6 years of experience running and growing a homeless organization. Please see my attached letter with more information.

Please note: It is possible that the selection committee may contact you to ask for additional information if necessary to prepare its recommendations for HSOC membership to the Board of Supervisors.

If appointed, are you willing to participate in the majority of meetings each year and, if necessary, in numerous related meetings of subcommittees? Yes No

Should you be appointed, are you willing, if necessary for that particular body, to file a statement of disclosure as a public official under the standards set forth by the Fair Political Practice Commission? Yes No

Signed Wendy Lewis Date 10/5/2023

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Date called/interviewed _____ Recommended for appointment? ___ Yes ___ No

Appointee prefers not to have address or phone number(s) published? ___ Yes ___ No

Additional Comments:



President & CEO

Wendy Lewis

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Floyd Butterfield
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Thursday, October 5, 2023

Dear Members of the Homeless Services Oversight Council, I am writing to express my strong interest in serving as a member of the Homeless Services Oversight Council as a representative of a homeless services provider. Having worked in the field of homeless services for 6 years, I have witnessed firsthand the challenges faced by individuals experiencing homelessness, and I am deeply committed to advocating for their needs and rights. Throughout my career, I have had the privilege of working with diverse populations of homeless individuals, including families, veterans, and those struggling with mental health issues and substance abuse. These experiences have given me valuable insights into the complex issues surrounding homelessness and have strengthened my determination to contribute to effective solutions. If appointed to the Homeless Services Oversight Council, I would bring to the table:

1. In-depth knowledge of the homeless services landscape, including an understanding of current programs, policies, and best practices.
2. A dedication to collaboration, working closely with fellow council members, government agencies, and community organizations to enhance the effectiveness of homeless services.
3. A commitment to equity and inclusivity, ensuring that the unique needs of all homeless individuals are addressed and that services are accessible to everyone.
4. A focus on data-driven decision-making, utilizing data and research to inform policy recommendations and track progress.

I am confident that my experience and passion for homeless services would make a valuable contribution to the Homeless Services Oversight Council. I am eager to engage in the vital work of improving services and outcomes for individuals experiencing homelessness in our community. Thank you for considering my application. I welcome the opportunity to discuss my qualifications further and contribute to the important mission of the Homeless Services Oversight Council.

Sincerely,

Wendy Lewis
President & CEO
wlewis@echoshelter.org
805-792-0090

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Membership of the Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC) as of October 2023

Seat	Member	Alternate	Organization	Term
Elected Officials	Kristen Barneich	Lan George	City of Arroyo Grande	Unlimited while holding office
Elected Officials	Susan Funk	Charles Bourbeau	City of Atascadero	Unlimited while holding office
Elected Officials	Clint Weirick	Zach Zimmerman	City of Grover Beach	Unlimited while holding office
Elected Officials	Zara Landrum	Laurel Barton	City of Morro Bay	Unlimited while holding office
Elected Officials	Steve Gregory		City of Paso Robles	Unlimited while holding office
Elected Officials	Marcia Guthrie	Mary Ann Reiss	City of Pismo Beach	Unlimited while holding office
Elected Officials	Michelle Shoresman	Erica Stewart	City of San Luis Obispo	Unlimited while holding office
Elected Officials	Dawn Ortiz-Legg	Kelley Abbas	County of San Luis Obispo	Unlimited while holding office
County Government Service Providers	Starlene Graber		County Department of Behavioral Health	9/12/2023-1/1/2026
County Government Service Providers	Devin Drake		County Department of Social Services	1/1/2021-1/1/2024
County Government Service Providers*	Allison Brandum	Sarah Reinhart	County Health Agency	4/19/2022-1/1/2025

Currently or Formerly Homeless Persons	Brenda Mack			1/1/2022-1/1/2025
Currently or Formerly Homeless Persons	Wendy Blacker	Jason Holland	SLOCO Recovery Network	1/1/2023-1/1/2026
Currently or Formerly Homeless Persons*	Luke Dunn			4/4/2023-1/1/2026
Advocates	<i>Vacant</i>			1/1/2023-1/1/2026
Advocates	Kathy McClenathen	Jeff Eckles	SLO County Housing Trust Fund	1/1/2021-1/1/2024
Public Safety Organizations	Jeff Smith		City of Pismo Beach Police Department	1/1/2023-1/1/2026
Public Safety Organizations	Rick Scott	Brian Amoroso	City of San Luis Obispo Police Department	1/1/2023-1/1/2025
Nonprofit Homeless Assistance Providers	Janna Nichols	Michael Azevedo	5Cities Homeless Coalition	1/1/2023-1/1/2026
Nonprofit Homeless Assistance Providers	Mark Lamore		Transitions Mental Health Association	1/1/2023-1/1/2026
Nonprofit Homeless Assistance Providers	Wendy Lewis	Austin Solheim	El Camino Homeless Organization	1/1/2022-1/1/2024
Nonprofit Homeless Assistance Providers*	Jack Lahey	Lawren Ramos	Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo	1/1/2023-1/1/2026
Affordable Housing Developers	Rick Gulino	Catherine Manning	People's Self Help Housing	1/1/2023-1/1/2026
Businesses	Bettina Swigger	Shannon DalPorto	Downtown SLO	1/1/2022-1/1/2025
Businesses*	Jim Dantona		SLO Chamber of Commerce	4/19/2022-1/1/2024

Faith-Based Organizations	Shay Stewart		Granite Ridge Christian Camp	1/1/2021-1/1/2024
Hospitals	Amelia Grover	Liz Snyder	French Hospital	1/1/2021-1/1/2024
Organizations Serving Homeless Veterans	William Crewe	Paul Worsham	Veterans Helping Veterans	1/1/2022-1/1/2025
Housing Authority	<i>Vacant</i>			2/7/2023-1/1/2026
County Office of Education	Jessica Thomas	Daniela Garcia	SLO County Office of Education	1/1/2021-1/1/2024
Victim Service Providers	Susan Lamont	Jennifer Adams	Lumina Alliance	1/1/2022-1/1/2025
Other Community Organizations	Nicole Bennett	Christy Nichols	CenCal Health	1/1/2021-1/1/2024
Social Service Providers*	Garret Olson	Molly Kern	SLO Food Bank	4/19/2022-1/1/2025
Behavioral Health Agencies	Aurora William		LAGS Recovery Centers	1/1/2023-1/1/2025
Local School Districts	Rochelle Sonza		Grizzly Youth Academy	1/1/2023-1/1/2026

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HSOC Ad Hoc Nominating Committee Recommendations

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