

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
 HSOC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
 February 20, 2019, 1 p.m.
 Department of Social Services Room 356**

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF & GUESTS	
Kristen Barneich Devin Drake Janna Nichols Mariam Shah	Anne Robin	Laurel Weir Cherise Day	
AGENDA ITEM		CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS	FOLLOW UP
1. Call to Order and Introductions	Kristen called the meeting to order and introductions were made.		
2. Public Comment			
ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION			
3. Review and Approval of Minutes		Janna made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Devin. Vote was unanimous to approve the minutes	
4.1 Discussion Item: 10 Year Plan Update	Laurel reported that an update to the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness had gone to the Board in January, along with a progress report. The updated plan is meant to be temporary, with a more detailed plan update being undertaken later this year.		
4.2 Discussion Item: Federal and State Grant Updates			
4.2.1 California Emergency Solutions and Housing Grant and Homeless	The County has released the Request for Proposals for the California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) grant and the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) program. The grant application is due to the County on March 19. A public information forum was held, and 23 people attended. There was much interest and the		

<p>Emergency Aid Program Grant</p>	<p>grants won't be able to fund all eligible projects, so it will be important to look for other funding opportunities to bring more projects to fruition. The HEAP and CESH grants are the first step but not the only opportunities.</p> <p>After the grant applications are received, an Ad Hoc Committee will review the proposals and make recommendations to HSOC. The HSOC will vote on April 3 and the Board of Supervisors will decide on April 23.</p> <p>The Committee discussed the need for recusals. Some on the HSOC would be applying for the grants or be on the Boards of agencies applying for funds. Laurel will double check with County Counsel regarding what persons must recuse and to let people know if they are not eligible.</p> <p>Laurel reported that there initially was an applicant for the competitive grant in January, NPLH site requirements were too difficult for the applicant to meet. The applicants withdrew app, we do have other rounds coming up. There is a noncompetitive round coming up.</p>		
<p>4.2.2 Discussion Item: No Place Like Home (NPLH) Grant</p>	<p>Laurel reported the Department of Social Services and Family Care Network worked with the Housing Authority of San Luis Obispo (HASLO) to apply for Family Unification Program (FUP) Vouchers. They applied for 20 vouchers and were awarded 38. These vouchers add to the total funding that HASLO gets for vouchers.</p>		
<p>4.2.3 Discussion Item: Family Unification Program Grant</p>	<p>Currently, HASLO has placed a hold on issuing new vouchers, except for FUP vouchers. HASLO has a certain amount of funding available for vouchers. Because the</p>		

<p>4.2.4 Discussion Item: Continuum of Care (CoC) Grant</p> <p>4.2.5 Discussion Item: Housing for a Healthy California</p>	<p>rent subsidy varies from household to household, there are a lot of calculations and HASLO must monitor closely to ensure they do not make commitments that would cause them to run out of funding later in the year.</p> <p>Eight of the FUP vouchers will be for former foster youth (up to age 24) who are experiencing homelessness. 30 of the vouchers will be made available to families in the child welfare system who are working towards reunification and for whom homelessness is a barrier.</p> <p>Laurel reported that HUD CoC grant announcements had come out and all of the local, existing CoC programs were renewed. The application for bonus funding for a DV program was not funded.</p> <p>The Notice of Funding Availability for this program is expected in Spring, most likely April. This funded may be used for housing development, but not services. The target population are homeless persons who are Medi-Cal recipients and who are frequent users of emergency health and safety resources.</p> <p>Laurel reported that over 100 volunteers participated in the 2019 Point in Time Count. North County had two launch sites for the enumerators this year. The Paso Robles count went smoothly but there were not as many guides for Atascadero as expected. There were a higher number of volunteers at Coastal sites in 2019 compared to the 2017 Point in Time Count. South County did not see a change in the number of volunteers from 2017 to 2019.</p> <p>Laurel reported that the County does not have the overall numbers yet. This is due in part to people</p>		
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<p>4.3 Discussion Item: 2019 Homeless Point in Time Count follow up</p>	<p>counted in tents, cars, or other places where it was difficult to see how many people at that place. Those numbers must be imputed.</p> <p>Kristen asked what happens if the numbers go up? Laurel reported that HUD gives the CoC a chance to explain factors that might have affected the count, such as weather, etc.</p> <p>Laurel also reported that there was a separate, afternoon count, of homeless youth around the county. That count used formerly homeless youth. Schools also provided information, as well as warming centers and shelters. Warming centers must be counted as sheltered.</p>		
<p>4.4 Regional Updates on Homeless Programs</p>	<p>In North County, ECHO is working to lengthen their shelter hours so that people can stay until 9 a.m. instead of having to leave at 7 a.m. They are also looking into classes or training. Three days a week, showers are available to those who are unsheltered. Staffing with volunteers.</p> <p>The City of Paso Robles looking into to setting up a Warming Center. This is in an exploratory stage, there is dialog between the City and Paso Cares.</p> <p>Janna noted that with the Continuum of Care, shelter is a component of care, shelters aren't only antiquated. Housing navigation centers are the new name. They focus on how can we move you forward? Build connections, etc. People who are not going to warming centers, some might go later, may be as a result.</p>		

	<p>Janna reported the South County Warming Center had been open 43 nights so far, 19 nights in February alone. There were a little under 1,000 bed nights provided.</p> <p>Staff reporting many new faces this year. Considering a Safe Parking Program in So. Co. Working w/hospitals and service providers. There will be a Pilot program with CAPSLO, with a certain number of beds set aside for people being discharged by hospitals. 5Cities is going to pilot providing transportation to see if it works.</p>		
5. Future Discussion/Report Items:	<p>Communications and Outreach</p> <p>Bylaws</p>		
6. Next Meeting Date:	<p>June 19, 2019 at 1 p.m. in Room 356 at DSS</p>		
7. Adjournment	<p>Kristen adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.</p>		