

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

Date

December 14, 2022

Time

1pm-3pm

Location

Zoom

Members Present

Mark Lamore

Scott Smith

Susan Funk

Members Absent

Devin Drake

Kristen Barneich

Staff and Guests

Christy Nichols

Dawn Ortiz-Legg

George Solis

Jack Lahey

Janna Nichols

Jeff Al-Mashat

Joe Dzvonic

Merlie Livermore

Russ Francis

Skylar Caldwell

Stefanie Hernandez

Yael Korin

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Susan called the meeting to order at 1pm.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Consent: Approval of Minutes

Not reviewed.

4. Action/Information/Discussion

4.1 HSOC Administration

4.1.1 Discussion Item: Process for Approval of Member Alternates

Russ provided the update that the Board of Supervisors approved the change to the HSOC by-laws allowing for members to appoint alternates anytime. Once alternates are chosen by their respective members, the by-laws state that Executive Committee must review and approve the alternates. The Committee agreed to review a list of proposed alternates rather than a more formal process.

Susan suggested that for the Executive Committee members need to think alternates differently. For this Committee there is the chair, vice chair and committee chairs. It would be good for alternates for Executive committee to be other people from the committee and who are informed on what is happening at their committees, not necessarily their main HSOC alternate.

4.1.2 Discussion Item: HSOC Committee Roles and Leadership

Mark was happy to continue in his role as Finance & Data Committee Chair.

Scott recommended Elaine Archer for the Housing Authority seat on the full HSOC and as Housing Committee Chair. Susan also mentioned that there is a need for a new vice chair, and she suggested Supervisor Dawn Ortiz-Legg.

Supervisor Dawn Ortiz -Legg said there will be a new Board and they will be assigned roles for different committees.

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: Housing Committee Report

Scott reported two main discussion items which were Anne Wyatt's presentation on alternative types of housing, and returning to discussion around encampment. The City of SLO were anxious about the item and didn't want it discussed. So, the discussion instead was broadened to include other jurisdictions around encampments, and the alternatives to encampments group which produced recommendations.

Janna shared that the Cabins for Change Open House is taking place on the same day as the meeting at 3pm.

Scott mentioned challenges over replicability of Cabins for Change. Supervisor Dawn Ortiz-Legg agreed. Cabins for Change project came about partly due to long and involved process working with many departments and offices, including waiving of certain requirements.

The Executive Committee asked that the Housing Committee do a debrief of the process needed to figure out how to have requirements waived like Los Angeles which recently declared a State of Emergency, then come back to full HSOC with recommendations.

4.2.2 Discussion item: Structuring Discussions on Policy Topics That May Elicit Feedback About Policies or Performance of Specific Organizations or Jurisdictions

Scott reported that there was a very aggressive push back from SLO City regarding discussing the encampments and Martin v Boise issues. He felt there was a free speech issue here, in a jurisdiction attempting to control what HSOC could talk about.

Joe reiterated that the purpose of HSOC having elected officials and community leaders is to generate political will to make changes to meet the need of homelessness. This was exactly the kind of discussion HSOC should have been having.

4.2.3 Discussion item: Warming Shelter Capacity

5CHC (5Cities Homeless Coalition) and CAPSLO's (Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo) warming shelters open from December 14. The Committee discussed capacity and available funding for this purpose. Jack referred to problem of recruiting volunteers in warming centers. The main problem is resources for staffing and services.

4.3 Implementing Five-Year Plan Line of Effort 2: Reduce or Eliminate Barriers to Housing Stability

4.3.1 Discussion Item: Services Coordinating Committee Report

No update; report included with agenda packet.

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

4.4.1 Discussion Item: HMIS Business Case

Not discussed.

4.5 Implementing Five-Year Plan Line of Effort 4 – Create, Identify, and Streamline Funding and Resources

4.5.1 Discussion Item: Homeless Services Funding and Contract Delays

George mentioned that the grants team has been working to move along the backlog.

4.5.2 Discussion Item: HHAP 2 (Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program Round 2) Funding Priorities

George reported HHAP 2 funding must be obligated by May 31, 2023. Expenditure deadline is June 30, 2026. HSOC voted on priorities in 2021: Permanent Supportive Housing, Case management, operating subsidies, street outreach, and emergency shelter. Eight percent of the funding is set aside for youth population. An RFP (Request for Proposals) is to be released in January.

Susan recommended to accelerate rapid rehousing and shelter operating subsidies as priorities for HHAP 2 funding.

4.6 Implementing Five-Year Plan Line of Effort 5 – Strengthen Regional Collaboration and Line of Effort 6 – Public Engagement Through Information-Sharing and Partnership

4.6.1 Discussion Item: Review of Additional Comments on Five-Year Plan

Tabled.

4.6.2 Discussion Item: Lived Experience Committee

Tabled.

4.7 Discussion Item: Action Items for Executive Committee and Full HSOC

County staff will take prioritization on HHAP 2 funding back to the full HSOC for review.

4.8 Discussion Item: Learnings, Trends and Concerns, Future Issues and Next Steps

Yael wanted to follow up on lived experience committee.

5. Future Discussion/Report Items

None.

6. Next Regular Meeting: February 15, 2023

7. Adjournment

Susan adjourned the meeting at 3:07pm.