

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
HSOC FINANCE AND DATA COMMITTEE MEETING
December 17 2020, 2pm-3:30pm**

| MEMBERS PRESENT | | MEMBERS ABSENT | STAFF & GUESTS |
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| Andrea Montes Alvarado Elaine Mansoor Janna Nichols Jessica Thomas Riley Smith Shay Stewart | | Jeff Al-Mashat Sstoz Tes | Bill Crewe George Solis Jan Maitzen Leon Shordon Russ Francis |
| AGENDA ITEM | | | CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS |
| 1. Call to Order and Introductions | Janna called the meeting to order at 2:10pm. | | |
| 2. Public Comment | None. | | |
| 3. Consent: Approval of Minutes | | | Shay made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Jessica. The minutes were approved, with none opposed and no abstentions. |
| 4. Action/Information/Discussion | | | |
| 4.1 Discussion Item: 2021 Homeless Point in Time Count (PIT) | | | |
| 4.1.1 Action Item: Vote to approve January 25th, 2021 as the date of the sheltered Point in Time Count | George reported that the CoC (Continuum of Care) is still required to do the sheltered Point in Time count, even with the exception to the unsheltered count. This is required in the last ten days of January, and in SLO County has traditionally been carried out on a Monday, so the County recommends January 25 as the date. | | Shay made a motion to approve January 25 th , 2021 as the date of the sheltered Point in Time Count, seconded by Elaine. The motion passed with all in |

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| | <p>George noted that the shelter count numbers will likely be lower than usual in the 2021 Count due to reduced capacity, but there will be an opportunity to explain this. There is also flexibility around the date, so this could be changed later if necessary through another vote.</p> | <p>favor, none against and no abstentions.</p> |
| <p>4.1.2 Discussion Item: HUD (Department of Housing & Urban Development) Exception Request for Not Conducting Full 2021 Unsheltered Point in Time Count</p> | <p>George reported the HSOC Executive Committee voted to ask the County to seek an exception to the unsheltered count from HUD (Department of Housing & Urban Development). County staff are in process of making this request to HUD. All other CoCs in Southern California are asking for this exception. HUD have stated that they have received around one hundred requests nationally, which accounts for around a quarter of all CoCs. HUD have typically been approving requests for an exception within 24 hours.</p> | |
| <p>4.1.3 Discussion Item: Other Efforts the CoC Is Taking to Understand the Needs of People Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness in Our Community</p> | <p>George shared that, as part of seeking an exception to the unsheltered count, the CoC must state what other efforts it will be taking to understand the needs of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the county. The HSOC Executive Committee discussed this and suggested referencing the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The HSOC Encampment Committee, which since early 2020 has been meeting monthly to track changes in homeless encampments across the county and work towards solutions • Partner agencies have used new funding programs to increase outreach staff in 2020 and collect new outreach data • Additional opportunities to increase staff through CARES Act funding • The County Administrative Officer has convened meetings to create a countywide approach to homelessness • A short survey and sampling of the unsheltered population will take place at a later time when conditions are safer • Agencies have increased their warming center capacity, which is often the first point of contact for homeless individuals <p>The Finance & Data Committee discussed other potential sources of data on unsheltered people, including:</p> | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data from schools on students who are not attending or showing up to online classes and fit the definition of unsheltered homeless • Increased coordination between agencies to prioritize people who are most medically fragile, such as collaboration between TFS (Transitional Food & Shelter) and ECHO (El Camino Homeless Organization), and between 5CHC (5Cities Homeless Coalition) and Cuesta College • The Coordinated Entry working group and prioritization process | |
| <p>4.2 Discussion Item: HUD-VASH (Department of Housing & Urban Development – Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing) HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) Data</p> | <p>George reported that the first upload of HUD-VASH (Department of Housing & Urban Development – Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing) data into HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) is now ready, but BellData and the County have agreed to prioritize LSA (Longitudinal Systems Analysis) data reporting first, then upload the HUD-VASH data in January.</p> | |
| <p>4.3 Discussion Item: Annual Reporting on the HEAP (Homeless Emergency Aid Program), HHAP (Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention) and COVID-19 Emergency Funding Programs</p> | <p>George reported that County staff have been working on end of year reports for the HEAP (Homeless Emergency Aid Program), HHAP (Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention) and COVID-19 Emergency Funding programs. Reporting is limited for the HHAP program as the RFP (Request for Proposals) for the first round has not yet been released. For the COVID-19 Emergency Funding programs, subrecipient agreements have not yet been drawn up, so there is no client data to report on, only data on expenses through the EOC (Emergency Operations Center).</p> | |
| <p>4.4 Discussion Item: Coordinated Entry & HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) Zip Code Data</p> | <p>George explained that the attachments (see agenda packet) show how data collected at project or client entry is used. The data from HMIS and Coordinated Entry are separate data points.</p> <p>Andrea asked about clients who have been in the county for a significant amount of time, but whose last address is out of state, and</p> | |

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| | if they can be considered county residents for the purpose of entry into HMIS. George answered that HMIS is set up to record their last known address, so these clients would be considered out of state. | |
| 5. Future Discussion/Report Items | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HUD-VASH data (when it is available) • LSA data (once completed) | |
| 6. Next Meeting Date: January 27, 2021 | | |
| 7. Adjournment | Janna adjourned the meeting at 3:05pm. | |