

# HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

## HSOC Special Meeting

October 20, 2021 1:00 p.m.

Members and the public were able to participate by Zoom call.

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF & GUESTS
Amelia Grover Anna Miller Anne Robin Bettina Swigger Brenda Mack Devin Drake Janna Nichols Jeff Smith Jessica Thomas Kathy McClenathen Kristen Barneich Mark Lamore Nicole Bennett Rick Gulino Scott Smith Steve Martin Susan Funk Susan Lamont William Crewe	Carlyn Christianson Caroline Hall Dawn Addis Dawn Ortiz-Legg Mary Ann Reiss Shay Stewart	Abby Lassen Brandy Graham Carrie Collins Elaine Archer Elizabeth Pauschek George Solis Jack Lahey Kelsey Nocket Laurel Weir Leon Shordon Lisa Howe Mimi Rodriguez Omar Rashad Rita Holland Russ Francis Sheena Jones Tom Sherman Tony Navarro Wendy Lewis Yael Korin
AGENDA ITEM	CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS	
1. Call to Order and Introductions	Susan called the meeting to order at 11am.	

<p>2. Public Comment</p>	<p>Applicants to the Fiscal Year 2021 Continuum of Care (CoC) grant program (see item 3.2 below) were able to speak during Public Comment about their applications.</p> <p>Mark from TMHA (Transitions Mental Health Association) gave an overview of TMHA's two applications. Both are renewal applications for programs have been operating for more than 15 years, providing Permanent Supportive Housing for 58 chronically disabled homeless individuals and family members. The two programs provide support through case management services. TMHA works with HASLO (Housing Authority of San Luis Obispo) to help clients move on with Section 8 vouchers.</p> <p>Jack from CAPSLO (Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo) provided some information on CAPSLO's Coordinated Entry program, a partnership between CAPSLO, ECHO (El Camino Homeless Organization) and 5CHC (5Cities Homeless Coalition) to administer a universal entry point or 'front door' for anyone who wants to engage in homeless services. The Coordinated Entry program allows agencies to share information about individual needs and to direct clients to where they will be best served. CAPSLO requested a small increase in funding this year to match cost of living increases.</p> <p>Janna from 5CHC (5Cities Homeless Coalition) explained that 5CHC made an application in</p>	
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	<p>partnership with Lumina Alliance to expand services to Domestic Violence (DV) survivors, particularly addressing needs in south county. 5CHC have been seeing a steady increase in requests for assistance from DV survivors, and are partnering with Lumina for their expertise. Susan Lamont from Lumina Alliance also shared that Lumina Alliance currently has 3 shelters, and the goal is to provide an additional shelter in an area of the county that is not as well covered at present.</p> <p>Elizabeth from The Salvation Army provided background on their application. The Salvation Army requested funding for a new Permanent Supportive Housing project in Atascadero. They have purchased a property to house four people with severe to moderately severe mental health disorders. They are planning to open a second property within six months.</p> <p>Carrie from TFS (Transitional Food &amp; Shelter) provided some information on TFS's application. TFS applied for funding for two transitional units and supportive services for bridge housing. The funding requested is for staff hours and costs for activities such as completing applications to rent, housing searches, and resolution of landlord/tenant issues.</p> <p>George explained that the HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) application is a requirement for the CoC program, as well as other</p>	
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	<p>grant programs including ESG (Emergency Solutions Grant). The County serves as the HMIS lead for the CoC.</p> <p>Other public comment, not related to the CoC grant under consideration at this meeting:</p> <p>Yael commented that the County is enacting a new ordinance of removing people from public streets, and in Los Osos, the only alternative site offered is a place people do not want to go to.</p> <p>Yael also asked about the status of the Encampment Committee. Laurel clarified that the Executive Committee decided to take the status of all committees under consideration as part of the Ten-Year Planning process, and the Encampment Committee does not currently have a mandate to meet.</p>	
3. Action/Information/Discussion		
3.1. Action Item: Vote to Approve a Resolution Acknowledging Governor Newsom's Proclamation of a State of Emergency and Authorizing Meetings by Teleconference Until the HSOC's Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting Pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act, as	<p>Laurel explained that the Governor's Executive Order, which waived certain Brown Act provisions and allowed public bodies to meet remotely, has expired. The California legislature has produced Assembly Bill 361 (AB361), which allows public bodies to continue meeting remotely, as long as certain conditions are met. County Counsel has provided a resolution that HSOC has to pass in order to continue meeting remotely. This resolution allows HSOC and its committees to continue meeting for 30 days. At the</p>	<p>Scott made a motion to approve the resolution acknowledging Governor Newsom's proclamation of a state of emergency and authorizing meetings by teleconference until the HSOC's next regularly scheduled meeting pursuant to the Ralph M.</p>

<p>Authorized by Assembly Bill (AB) 361</p>	<p>next full HSOC meeting, the HSOC will need to decide whether or not to pass another resolution authorizing itself to meet remotely for another 30 days. This situation will continue as long as there is a proclaimed state of emergency, and the HSOC decides that there is a risk which necessitates meeting remotely.</p>	<p>Brown Act, as authorized by Assembly Bill (AB) 361, seconded by Janna. The motion passed with all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.</p>
<p>3.2. Action Item: Vote to Approve the Ad Hoc Grant Review Committee's recommendation for prioritization of FY2021 Continuum of Care (CoC) grant applications to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)</p>	<p>Laurel explained that the CoC (Continuum of Care) grant is an annual grant from HUD (US Department of Housing and Urban Development). Eligible activities include Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Coordinated Entry (CE), HMIS (Homeless Management Information System), Rapid Rehousing (RRH), and joint Transitional Housing (TH) and RRH projects. SLO County CoC's estimated Annual Renewal Demand (ARD), representing the amount needed to renew all currently funded programs, is \$1,226,000. The ARD represents the formula grant portion of the CoC program – as long as the CoC meets the program's basic requirements, the CoC will receive these funds. SLO County CoC is also eligible to compete for two types of bonus funding. The first type of bonus funding is up to \$80,577 for new projects or expansion of existing projects. The second type is DV (Domestic Violence) projects, for which there is a separate pool of funding, so these applications do not compete with other projects in the priority ranking. HUD asks CoCs to rank applications into two tiers. Tier 1 is equivalent to the ARD. Tier 2 covers bonus applications, including the DV bonus applications. The</p>	

	<p>County also receives around \$48,000 in Planning funds for grant administration. The Planning grant is non-competitive, so this is not ranked.</p> <p>A non-conflicted Grant Review Committee was convened to review applications and use the criteria recommended by HUD to rank the applications and assign them to Tier 1 or Tier 2. The Grant Review Committee considered factors such as project cost efficiency, financial capacity, cost per client, and past performance of agencies.</p> <p>The Grant Review Committee recommended the following applications, which are renewal projects, for inclusion in Tier 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TMHA's SLO City and Central Coast + Bordeaux Expansion Permanent Supportive Housing projects</li> <li>• CAPSLO's Coordinated Entry renewal project</li> <li>• The County of San Luis Obispo's HMIS project</li> </ul> <p>And the following new bonus projects for inclusion in Tier 2, ranked in order of priority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Salvation Army's Atascadero Permanent Supportive Housing project</li> <li>• CAPSLO's Coordinated Entry expansion</li> <li>• 5CHC's DV project (although this competes for a separate pool of funding)</li> <li>• TFS's Permanent Housing and Improved Health project</li> </ul> <p>Approximately \$80,000 is available to fund Tier 2 projects, which would cover The Salvation Army's project and CAPSLO's expansion.</p>	<p>Anne moved to approve the ad hoc Grant Review Committee's</p>
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	<p>The next steps are to bring HSOC's recommendations to the Board of Supervisors in November for final action, then to submit the Collaborative Application to HUD. There is no guarantee that any Tier 2 funding will be received. HUD will likely inform applicants of the funding they can expect to receive in Spring 2022.</p> <p>George shared that, if SLO County CoC is considered competitive and does receive funding for Tier 2 bonus projects, this funding would be attached to the ARD for the next competition, so would increase the formula amount for future years.</p> <p>Scott questioned the Coordinated Entry funding, acknowledging that Coordinated Entry is a requirement of the CoC program but asking what specifically the grant money is spent on. Laurel responded that the funding goes primarily towards staff carrying out intake and case management on the progressive engagement model.</p>	<p>recommendation for prioritization of FY2021 Continuum of Care (CoC) grant applications to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), seconded by Anna. The motion passed, with none opposed. Devin, Janna, Mark, Nicole, Scott and Susan Lamont abstained.</p>
4. Next Regular Meeting: November 17 at 1 p.m.		
5. Adjournment	Susan adjourned the meeting at 11:50am.	