

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
 HSOC HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING
 July 2, 2019, 2:00-3:30pm
 Department of Social Services
 Room 358**

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF & GUESTS	
Anne Robin Joanna Balsamo-Lillien Marianne Kennedy Mark Lamore (alt. for Joe Madsen) Mike Byrd Ken Triguero (alt. for Rick Gulino)	Tim Waag Anne Wyatt Jerry Rioux	Laurel Weir Jessica Lorange Allison Rustick Wendy Lewis Sue Warren Airlin Singwald Carolyn Berg	
AGENDA ITEM	CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS		FOLLOW UP
1. Call to Order and Introductions of Guests	Anne called the meeting to order and introductions were made.		
2. Public Comment	Wendy reported that the El Camino Homeless Organization is seeking to become a 24-hour shelter and increase the number of shelter beds by 10 beds. They will be making presentations to the city of Atascadero to request to amend their use permit to allow for the expansion and increase in hours. They will be presenting to the Atascadero Planning Board at 6pm at the Atascadero City Hall on July 16. The presentation will be made to the Atascadero City Council in August. The Housing Trust Fund workshop is		

	<p>scheduled for July 17 between 3-5pm.</p> <p>Laurel announced the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care Notice of Funding availability has been posted. Due September 30, 2019. The application recommendations need to go to the Board in September. Tentatively expect local applications due the last week of July.</p> <p>Laurel reported the County was approved to receive technical assistance from the State to evaluate the coordinated entry process. The TA consultants will be in our area July 23 and 24. There will be schedules sent out to groups that participate or work with Coordinated Entry to meet with the TA consultants.</p>		
<p>3. Review and Approval of Minutes</p>		<p>Mike made a motion to approve the minutes, with the amendment that he was present at the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Marianne. The vote was unanimous.</p>	
<p>4. ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION</p>			
<p>4.1 Discussion Item: HUD Rulemaking re Equal Access, Verification of Eligible Status</p>	<p>Laurel explained that HUD has published a two proposed rulemaking changes and is seeking public comment.</p>		

<p>4.2 Discussion Item: State Housing and Homeless Grants</p>	<p>The first rulemaking proposes to modify HUD's Equal Access Rule. The new rule would take away some of the rights of persons who are transgender. The changes should not affect California, as our state laws provide more protections than the HUD rules, however, the HUD rules would affect other places.</p> <p>The second rule is about verification of eligibility status for households living in public housing. This rule says that if anyone in a household is undocumented, the entire family will be asked to leave the public housing. The group discussed eligibility for undocumented individuals in different programs.</p> <p>Laurel updated the group about the state housing and homeless grants. The 2019 CoC Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and the 2019 California Emergency Solutions Grant (CESH) applications have been sent to the state. The state ESG grant requires environmental reviews to be conducted of the proposed services sites. Contracts will be looked at with subrecipients soon.</p> <p>The governor's proposed new homeless program that used to be known as HAPS has been renamed and revised. The new</p>		
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	<p>proposal, called the Homeless, Housing Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAPP) will have similar eligible activities to HEAP funding but with a longer time to spend the money. The funding will be awarded to counties, large cities, and Continuums of Care, based on the point in time count distribution across the counties. The applications will be due in the beginning of next year. We have been told we likely will not know how much funding we will receive under the new program until December, when HUD releases the 2019 Point In Time count.</p> <p>Anne explained that County Behavioral Health receives funding to assist with those coming out of jail to help with mental health services as well as housing. Looking at licensed board and care.</p> <p>No Place Like Home is moving forward. Whole person care was approved in governors' budget that would add new counties to the program. Under the program, participating jurisdictions receive reimbursement for care provided as well as housing. More information to come.</p> <p>As part of the SB2; a non-competitive block grant from the state will be coming out in the</p>		
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<p>4.3 Discussion Item: County Housing and Infrastructure Efforts</p>	<p>fall. \$780,000 is estimated for the county. Activities include housing and homeless activities. Recommendations will go before the board.</p> <p>There will be tax programs and infill infrastructure grants for affordable housing. The state has been pushing for affordable housing.</p> <p>Carolyn reported there is currently a regional planning effort occurring that is looking at and anticipating developmental strategies and where affordable housing can be built. The next step in the process will be identifying infrastructure needs. Carolyn explained that this work is based on the Regional Housing Needs Assessment and will be moving forward over the next year and half. The goal is to address the housing needs in our area. Carolyn will be visiting the HSOC Housing Committee meeting with updates and looking for feedback and support for the coordination.</p> <p>Airlin explained that of the 10,810 additional units that the county needs to have over the next 8 years according to the state, 40% of those houses need to be affordable for very low-income households. The Planning Department is looking at having a nexus</p>		
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	study to assist with looking at long term funding sources and ensuring the success of this change in infrastructure.		
5. Future Discussion/Report Items:	Planning Department'ss consolidated plan		
6. Next Meeting Date:	August 6, 2019 meeting cancelled. Next meeting September 3, 2019 as DSS		
7. Adjournment	Anne adjourned the meeting at 3:06pm		