HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL HSOC HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING NOVEMBER 3rd 2020, 2pm-3:30pm Zoom Call

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF & GUESTS	
Anne Robin Anne Wyatt Cara Vereschagin Elaine Mansoor Joanna Balsamo-Lillien Kathy McClenathen Ken Triguero Marianne Kennedy Mark Lamore	Scott Smith	Angela Smith Frank Kopcinski George Solis Ian Levy Laurel Weir Leon Shordon Matt Leal Rick Gulino Russ Francis Steve Martin Tom Sherman Wendy Lewis	
AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION		CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS
Call to Order and Introductions of Guests	Marianne called the meeting to ord	ler at 2pm.	
2. Public Comment	None.		
3. Consent: Approval of Minutes			Kathy made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Joanna. The motion passed with none opposed and no abstentions.
4. Action/Information/Discussion			
4.1 Discussion Item: Project	Ken reported that the City of Paso I	Robles has now approved their part	

Homekey	of the agreement for the HEAP (Homeless Emergency Aid Program) and Homekey funded project to purchase the Motel 6. At the time of this meeting, Scott Smith was on a call with HCD (California Department of Housing and Community Development) to work through the last details for the program. This should be finalized by the end of November. The camp at Paso Robles was disassembled over the weekend, and a number of people who had been staying there have since been able to move into the Motel 6, through a separate arrangement. People's Self Help Housing are working on mitigating the small number of concerns that neighbors have, through several question and answer sessions and a Frequently Asked Questions video. The takeover date for the Motel 6 was scheduled to be November 10, but due to the current owner's concerns about this date, it will likely be pushed back by a couple of days, pending HCD approval. Around 50 of the rooms will be for shelter, and around 63 will be for Permanent Supportive Housing. The few remaining rooms will be used for office space and other non-residential use. People's Self Help Housing and HASLO are looking at installing kitchenettes and additional sinks, helping to qualify the property for Section 8 housing, thereby making it more sustainable.	
4.2 Discussion Item: Coordinated Entry Workgroup	George reminded the Committee that the Coordinated Entry Workgroup meeting is taking place on Tuesday, November 10. He provided some background on the workgroup – it came about after HUD (Department of Housing & Urban Development) recommended that CoCs (Continuums of Care) look at temporarily changing their Coordinated Entry system priorities due to COVID. As such, the County has invited healthcare partners to attend this workgroup to plan for this. Laurel clarified that HUD is encouraging CoCs to move the most vulnerable people out of congregate shelters, not by eliminating the current priority list but by creating two separate lists.	
4.3 Discussion Item: Action Plan Grant Update	Laurel reported that applications for the Action Plan grants were due on October 28. A Grant Review Committee is being convened on November 9, and will bring recommendations to the full HSOC at the November 18 meeting.	

	Matt clarified that for some programs, such as Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), there is a different process in which the applications go to the cities for draft recommendations in November-December, then to public review in January-February. The Board of Supervisors will be hosting a Needs Hearing on November 17 to review and discuss the needs identified via workshops and surveys. Since the Action Plan NOFA (Notice of Funding Availability) was released in September, the County has been informed that there is a third tranche of CDBG-CV (Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus) funding, so another RFP (Request for Proposals) is anticipated soon. The deadline for ESG-CV-2 (Emergency Solutions Grant – Coronavirus, Round 2) funding applications has been extended to December 17, due to updated guidance from HUD. This will also be the deadline for CDBG-CV-3 funding applications.	
	Rick asked if funding will be available for rental assistance, as many residents are struggling with being behind on rent, but the homelessness prevention funding that is available can only help those who have received eviction notices. Matt clarified that understanding needs like this is the focus of the outreach work already carried out, and the Board of Supervisors' Needs Hearing taking place on November 17. Matt recommended that Rick participate in this meeting to make this point, or to feed in this information in advance.	
5. Next Meeting Date: December 1, 2020		
6. Adjournment	Marianne adjourned the meeting at 2:50pm.	