

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

Date

June 28, 2022

Time

2pm-3:30pm

Location

Zoom

Members Present

Anne Robin
Anne Wyatt
Brenda Mack
Elaine Archer
Kathy McClenathen
Yael Korin

Members Absent

Ken Trigueiro
Marianne Kennedy
Mark Lamore
Scott Smith

Staff and Guests

Abby Lassen
George Solis
Jeff Al-Mashat
Joe Dzvonic
Julien Powell
Laurel Weir
Russ Francis
Stephanie Zappelli

Teresa McClish
Wendy Lewis

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Elaine called the meeting to order at 2:04pm.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Consent: Approval of Minutes

Kathy made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Anne Robin. The motion passed with all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

4. Action/Information/Discussion

4.1 Discussion Item: Strategic Plan to End Homelessness

Laurel reported that the Strategic Plan Steering Committee has released the draft strategic plan on the HSOC website, and has been reaching out to stakeholder groups and soliciting public input. The Housing Committee discussed Line of Effort 1 and provided the following feedback:

- It is positive that Tiny Houses are included in the plan, but there are questions about who will be able to step up and build them
- There were questions about housing vouchers being able to catch up to the high rents in SLO
- The Committee discussed how the unit goals in the plan fit with RHNA (Regional Housing Needs Allocation) goals, and suggested the plan include information on how RHNA numbers were used in calculation of goals. This is important as HCD (California Department of Housing and Community Development) will be monitoring every jurisdiction's compliance with RHNA goals, so cities' work will be aligned to this
- The Committee discussed the distinction between Tiny Homes and Tiny Homes on Wheels on residential properties, and how tiny units are restricted by city zoning ordinances, and asked for clarification on how this will be addressed in the plan; and a distinction between Tiny Homes (which are situated on a private residence and are charged rent) and Tiny Home Villages, which do not pay rent
- It would be useful to incorporate data from the 2022 PIT Count

- People with lived experience should be included in the Citizens Commission
- There is a need for recovery programs along with housing. People in units and safe parking sites need to be able to access services. Partnerships should be formed between homeless service agencies and recovery agencies, with oversight to ensure accountability

4.2 Discussion Item: Federal and State Grants – Update on Opportunities

George reported that HUD (US Department of Housing and Urban Development) has released a special NOFO (Notice of Funding Opportunity) for their CoC (Continuum of Care) program. This is for a grant program that prioritizes reducing unsheltered homelessness. SLO County CoC will be eligible to apply for up to \$1.7 million, to be spent over a period of 3 years. This grant program will be highly competitive – only ten CoCs per state can be awarded the funding, regardless of score. The application deadline to HUD is October 20.

For the annual CoC grant, HUD has not yet released its NOFO for Fiscal Year 2022. Laurel reported that County staff held their public hearing on the HHAP (Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention) Round 3 program at the Board of Supervisors meeting on June 21. Final recommendations will be brought to the full HSOC in July, and then to the Board of Supervisors in August. An RFP (Request for Proposals) for HHAP Rounds 2 and 3 will follow this.

4.3 Discussion Item: Housing Developers Roundtable

Elaine reported that HASLO (Housing Authority of San Luis Obispo) and People's Self Help Housing are applying for a Low Income Housing Tax Credit grant program. HASLO are intending to acquire and renovate the Anderson Hotel with their proposal. HASLO will be opening their Section 8 waiting list on July 17, to select 250 names by lottery. HASLO is also able to assist people in applying for Section 8 vouchers. People's Self Help Housing expects to complete a new senior property in Templeton this Fall, for which they are continuing to accept applications.

Anne Wyatt shared that SmartShare Housing Solutions recently submitted an application for 16 new tiny houses plus 2 affordable housing units within SLO City.

4.4 Discussion Item: Sustainability of Tiny House Villages and Programs to Help People Move Forward

Discussed above (see 4.1). Yael added that sustaining Tiny House Villages will be much less expensive and easier than sustaining other types of housing facility.

5. Future Discussion/Report Items

- Sustainability of Tiny House Villages - Yael

6. Next Meeting Date: August 2, 2022

7. Adjournment

Elaine adjourned the meeting at 3:40pm.