HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL HSOC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE February 19, 2020, 1:00-3:00pm Department of Social Services Room 356

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF & GUESTS	
Devin Drake		Laurel Weir	
Anne Robin		Jessica Lorance	
Susan Funk		George Solis	
Marlys McPherson		Lisa Howe	
Scott Smith		Joy Pedersen	
Mariam Shah		Kendall Perez	
Janna Nichols		Wade Horton	
AGENDA ITEM		CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS	FOLLOW UP
1. Call to Order and Introductions	Mariam called the meeting to order and		
of Guests	introductions were made.		
2. Public Comment	Joy shared with the group that she works as Associate Dean of Students at CalPoly. She assists students with basic needs including housing insecure students. There is emergency on campus housing. 12 units are available for students at risk or currently homeless. This program has been going on for 3 years and has so far proven to be successful. The group has not been at capacity yet. CalPoly Cares is a grant that the helps provide funds for unexpected expenses and emergencies one-time. There is also a food pantry available on campus as well as a meal voucher program. If anyone knows of students that need assistance,		

	please refer the students to Joy and her team		
	at <u>jmpeders@calpoly.edu</u> . The group		
	discussed mental health support of the		
	student population as well.		
	Laurel informed the group that the		
	Community Connections Event is from 1pm-		
	4pm at Vets Hall in Morro Bay Feb 24, 2020. If		
	anyone is interested in additional flyers,		
	please contact Jessica Lorance at		
	<u>jlorance@co.slo.ca.us</u> .		
	Laurel introduced Homeless Services new		
	team members Russ Francis and George		
	Solis.		
ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSI	ON		
3. Review and Approval of		Janna approved the	
Minutes		minutes, seconded by	
		Susan. Vote was	
		unanimous to approve	
		the minutes	
4.1 Discussion Item: Homeless			
Emergency Assistance Program	Laurel shared with the group that the		
(HEAP) Grant and Homeless	Homeless Emergency Assistance Program		
Housing, Assistance, and	(HEAP) Grant was awarded to our area last		
Prevention Program (HHAPP)	year. The Homeless Housing, Assistance, and		
Grant Update	Prevention Program (HHAPP) Grant was		
	recently applied for by the County as both		
	the County and the Continuum of Care.		
	Laurel explained to the group that the		
	differences between the new grants: HEAP		

	was less constricted regarding eligible activities than HHAPP. HHAPP eligibility requirements look for services that come with housing or warming centers. HHAPP eligibility also requires outcome tracking, exits to permanent housing, and the County and Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC) working closely together. The group discussed eligibility criteria, current projects and how they fit together. The request for	
4.2 Discussion Item: Marketing/Communications Process and Staffing	proposal for the HHAPP grant should come out sometime in spring of 2020. Devin informed the group of the importance of marketing and communications of homeless services as well as public education about supporting the community. The group discussed what it might look like to have a contracted marketing expert. The group discussed the importance of being updated on the new state laws around housing. The group discussed how this committee could help support this idea moving forward. Devin will be looking into a marketing company to assist with the marketing plan.	

4.3 Discussion Item: Amend the HSOC Bylaws section on Election and/or reappointment of members	Laurel shared with the group that in order to amend the membership section there is another part of the bylaws that need to be amended. The County Council is looking into the information and will be getting back to HSOC prior to bring the final recommendations forward.	
4.4 Discussion Item: Homeless Seniors	Laurel informed the group that this discussion item has been brought up by groups. There has been a rise in homeless seniors at a national level as well as locally. The current programs and services don't necessarily support this subpopulation. The shelters are finding that seniors stay longer than other due to the subpopulation having nowhere to go. Janna explained that so far south county/5 cities homeless coalition has seen that 20% of their clients are seniors. The group discussed this community issue. The group discussed what it might look like to open a facility in our area and find an agency to operate it. The group discussed what it would look like to have board and care facility. HUD has a section 202 program that supports seniors. The group discussed a current (HASLO) Housing Authority of San	

	Luis Obispo project in Nipomo that may be able to support the seniors.	
4.5 Discussion Item: Encampment Committee Update	Laurel informed the group that the encampment steering committee mapped out the goals for the committee:	
	1) Develop alternatives for folks to go	
	2) Improving public health and safety	
	 Improve coordination between cities, counties and districts 	
	4) Law enforcement staffing needs	
	5) Focus on outreach, engagement and moving people into housing	
	6) Documenting the cost	
	The committee chair is Jeff Smith from San Luis Obispo Police Department.	
	The group discussed funding options to assist encampment issues through safety and health.	
4.6 Discussion Item: Committee Reports	Housing Committee: Housing committee met and discussed committee membership, grant updates, tiny homes ordinance update, and Social Services programs. Future topic at the housing committee meeting will be section 8 vouchers. The next meeting is scheduled for	

	March 3 at 2pm at Social Services. Services Coordinating Committee: March 30 at 10am at Social Services. Finance and Data Committee: February 26 at 10am at Social Services.	
5. Future Discussion/Report Items:	New housing state laws County Council enforcement standards Senior updates Marketing updates	
6. Next Meeting Date:	April 22, 2020	
7. Adjournment	Susan adjourned the meeting at 3:03pm.	