

HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date

June 15, 2022

Time

1pm-3pm

Location

Zoom

Members Present

Devin Drake

Kristen Barneich

Mark Lamore

Scott Smith

Members Absent

Susan Funk

Staff and Guests

George Solis

Jack Lahey

Janna Nichols

Jessica Lorange

Joe Dzvonik

Laurel Weir

Leon Shordon

Nicole Bennett

Russ Francis

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Devin called the meeting to order at 1pm.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Consent: Approval of Minutes

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

4. Action/Information/Discussion

4.1 Discussion Item: Approve Alternate for New Member

Russ provided background on this item. At the last Executive Committee meeting, alternates were approved for three of the four new HSOC members who were appointed for terms beginning January 2022. The Committee questioned whether it was acceptable for new member Allison Brandum and her alternate to be employed by the same County department, and requested that County staff check on this. County Counsel have confirmed there is no issue with this situation. Scott made a motion to approve the alternate Michelle Shoresman for the new member Allison Brandum, seconded by Mark. The motion passed with all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

4.2 Discussion Item: Conflicts of Interest

Laurel reported that County staff have discussed formalizing the process of asking members to abstain or recuse themselves when HSOC is voting on items that may be of financial benefit to those members or to the agencies they represent. The Committee recommended placing the reminder at the top of the agenda for meetings where there is a vote on funding recommendations, and to include conflicts of interest as an annual item and in orientation for new members.

4.3 Discussion Item: Strategic Plan Committee Information Update

4.3.1 Discussion Item: Communication Plan

Laurel reported that the Draft Strategic Plan has been published on the HSOC web page, which also includes a link allowing people to give feedback. The Committee discussed actions taken for communicating that the Draft Plan is now live, including press releases to local media, sharing with service provider lists, and outreach to homeless people. The Committee also recommended reaching out to the Sheriff's Office, League of Women Voters, business groups, religious groups, Cal Poly, Cuesta College, and Community Health Centers. County staff to follow up and report back.

4.3.2 Discussion Item: Pathway on Healthcare

Laurel reported that healthcare is one area in which the CoC (Continuum of Care) will be looking to build partnerships. CenCal Health is currently involved, but the other major healthcare partners are not represented. Nicole and Janna will follow up with Laurel offline regarding contacts.

4.3.3 Discussion Item: Major Concerns or Weaknesses

Scott raised concerns that the unit goals for housing production may be too ambitious, and without a housing bond or equivalent, there won't be enough funding available for this. Laurel reported that Ken Trigueiro from People's Self-Help Housing has given similar feedback.

Joe suggested the plan could have been more specific about how to incorporate feedback from people with lived experience of homelessness.

4.3.4 Discussion Item: Implementation Monitoring

Laurel reported that the Homeless Services Division will be able to carry out the monitoring and evaluation work once it is established, but until that point, monitoring of the plan will fall to the HSOC at its bimonthly meetings. Committees may need to change their focus so they can monitor relevant lines of effort. Another possibility is to create a temporary monitoring working group to build out this process.

4.3.5 Discussion Item: Finalization and Approval Process

Laurel reported on the need for a process to bring a final plan to the HSOC and then to the Board of Supervisors. The Executive Committee considered the idea of holding a Special meeting to review feedback, but decided to allow the Steering Committee to lead on this. The Executive Committee recommended that other stakeholder groups, including cities, should endorse the plan before it is reviewed by the Board of Supervisors.

Building Support for the Plan will be added to the agenda for July's full HSOC meeting.

4.4 Discussion Item: State and Federal Homeless Assistance Grants

4.4.1 Discussion Item: Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP) Rounds 2 and 3

Laurel reported that a Public Hearing for Round 3 of the Homeless Housing,

Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program will take place at the Board of Supervisors meeting on June 21. This is a requirement of the application. The hearing will involve presentation of the Local Homelessness Plan (smaller in scale than the Strategic Plan, and specifically for the HHAP 3 grant), which will show the funds already in use in the county and how people are currently accessing services. The County has not yet released an RFP (Request for Proposals) for Round 2 of HHAP. The second and third rounds will be combined in a single RFP.

4.4.2 Discussion Item: Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program (HHIP)

Nicole reported that CenCal Health has the opportunity to receive \$10 million over two years through Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program (HHIP) funding. CenCal Health are working with the County and CoC to submit an application.

4.4.3 Discussion Item: Current Grants

Laurel reported that the state has now released its NOFA (Notice of Funding Availability) for the 2022 allocation of California ESG (Emergency Solutions Grant) program funding. The allocation for SLO County CoC is less than expected, so County staff are working with the applicant to revise their budget. This recommendation will be brought to the Board of Supervisors for approval in July.

4.5 Discussion Item: Committee Reports

4.5.1 Discussion Item: Action Items for Executive Committee and Full HSOC

4.5.2 Discussion Item: Learnings

4.5.3 Discussion Item: Trends and Concerns

4.5.4 Discussion Item: Future Issues and Next Steps

Committee reports were included in the agenda packet. Devin reported that the Services Coordinating Committee discussed contingency planning for COVID breakouts. CAPSLO (Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo) and County staff are working on a plan for this.

4.6 Discussion Item: Report from County Staff

4.6.1 Discussion Item: Parking Villages and Blue Bag Program Update

Tabled.

4.6.2 Discussion Item: Administrative Office Update

No update.

5. Future Discussion/Report Items

- Revising alternates section of bylaws
- Parking Villages and Blue Bag program update

6. Next Regular Meeting: August 17 at 1pm

7. Adjournment

Devin adjourned the meeting at 3pm.