

HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC) MEETING MINUTES

Date

May 18, 2002

Time

1pm-3pm

Location

Zoom

Members Present

Allison Brandum

Amelia Grover

Andy Pease

Anna Miller

Bettina Swigger

Bill Crewe

Brenda Mack

Dawn Ortiz-Legg

Devin Drake

Garret Olson

Jack Lahey

Janna Nichols

Jessica Thomas

Kathy McClenathen

Kristen Barneich

Laurel Barton (alternate for Dawn Addis)

Marcia Guthrie

Mark Lamore

Nicole Bennett

Rick Gulino

Scott Smith

Shay Stewart

Steve Martin

Susan Funk

Susan Lamont

Wendy Lewis

Members Absent

Anne Robin
Caroline Hall
Jeff Smith
Jim Dantona

Staff and Guests

Aurora William
Brandy Graham
Carrie Collins
Donna Howard
Elaine Archer
Elizabeth Pauschek
Francis Lagatutta
George Solis
Jeff Al-Mashat
Jefferson Eckles
Jen Ford
Jessica Lorange
Joe Dzvonik
Jon Nibbio
Kelly Underwood
Kelsey Nocket
Laurel Weir
Lawren Ramos
Leon Shordon
Mia Trevelyan
Mimi Rodriguez
Molly Kern
Russ Francis
Sarah Montes Reinhart
Yael Korin

1. Call to Order

Susan Funk called the meeting to order at 1 pm.

2. Administrative Action: Vote to Approve a Resolution Acknowledging Governor Newsom's Proclamation of a State of Emergency and Authorizing Meetings by Teleconference Until the HSOC's Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting Pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act, as Authorized by Assembly Bill (AB) 361

Devin made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Jack. The motion passed with all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

3. Introductions

Garret Olson (Chief Executive Officer of SLO Food Bank), Frank Lagatutta (LAGS Recovery Centers), Donna Howard (Student Support Resolution Coordinator at Cuesta College) and Mia Trevelyan (Administrative Analyst for the County of San Luis Obispo) introduced themselves.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Consent: Approval of Minutes

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

6. Action/Information/Discussion

6.1 Discussion Item: Bringing Families Home Program Update – Kelly Underwood

Kelly provided an update on the Bringing Families Home Program, administered locally by the County of San Luis Obispo Department of Social Services. The program can now support people in family maintenance or family reunification. New program requirements will include the provision of racial equity services, collaboration with the community, and use of the HMIS (Homeless Management Information System). Undocumented residents are eligible but all clients need to be participating in child welfare services.

6.2 Discussion Item: CalAIM (California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal) Presentation – Nicole Bennett

Nicole gave a presentation on CalAIM (California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal), a multi-year initiative by DHCS (California Department of Health Care Services)

to improve the quality of life and health outcomes of the Medicaid population in California through a broad delivery system and reform of programs and payments. Through this program, CenCal Health will be proposing to offer housing transition navigation services, housing deposits, housing tenancy and sustaining services, and sobering centers, from January 1 2023. CenCal Health will be contracting with community services, primary care providers, and County health departments. Nicole will provide standing updates on the CalAIM program at HSOC Services Coordinating Committee meetings.

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

Laurel reported on HHIP (Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program), a two year incentive payment pilot program. Any Medical Managed Care program participating in HHIP must integrate with the regional HHAP (Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program) Round 3 strategies and goals. The County and CoC (Continuum of Care) will work with CenCal Health on this, including by data sharing.

6.3. Discussion Item: Strategic Plan

Susan Funk reported that the Board of Supervisors has given unanimous support for the direction of the Strategic Plan. The Steering Committee has incorporated feedback from HSOC and City Councils. The primary goal of the Plan is to reduce homelessness to 50% of the current level within five years. The Committee is in the process of finalizing the Plan, and a draft should be ready by the following week. Discussions with stakeholders will be held in June and early July, and feedback will be incorporated into the final draft for HSOC's July meeting.

6.3.1. Discussion Item: Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP) Round 3

Laurel reported on Round 3 of the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP). HHAP Round 3 will provide approximately \$4 million in joint funding to the County and CoC. This funding can be spent through Fiscal Year 2025-26. The application deadline is at the end of June. Eligible activities are similar to previous HHAP rounds, but also include Systems Support funding, which can include improvements to HMIS, Coordinated Entry, and other data systems. Applicants are required to produce a Local Homelessness Plan with two year outcome goals, and successful applicants will receive 18% bonus funding if they

meet these goals over two years. This plan is smaller in scale than the Strategic Plan but will tie into it, including specific outcome goals related to the HHAP 3 funding. Public hearings for HHAP Round 3, to solicit feedback for defining goals and strategies, will take place later in May. The HSOC and Board of Supervisors are due to vote on the goals and strategies in June.

6.4. Discussion Item: Committee Updates

Updates for the Services Coordinating, Housing, and Finance & Data Committees were included in the agenda packet. Mark added that the Finance & Data Committee discussed data quality, grant updates including an extension to the expenditure deadline for ESG-CV (Emergency Solutions Grant – Coronavirus) program, and next steps in approving an updated Release of Information form.

6.5. Discussion Item: Update on Oklahoma Avenue Parking Village – Jeff Al-Mashat

Jeff reported that the Safe Parking site at Oklahoma Avenue is now known as the Parking Village following a request from New Beginnings, who have a trademark on the name Safe Parking. New Beginnings have also invited Jeff to their site to learn from their best practices.

The Parking Village has seen some positive news recently, including several family reunifications. Fifteen new spaces and a pavilion for dining will soon be available. The Food Bank has provided picnic tables, barbecues, griddles and cook tops, as well as nutritional support, and will soon be setting up a pantry with fridge and freezer.

6.6. Discussion Item: Federal & State Grants Update

Russ and Laurel presented an updated version of the document shown at the last full HSOC meeting, showing homeless services funding currently in use, secured but not yet distributed, and anticipated in the county. Updates from last meeting include the ESG-CV expenditure deadline being extended into 2023, anticipated HHAP Round 3 funding, and the CoC FY2021 funding having been secured.

George reported that for the CoC FY2021 grant competition, the SLO County CoC scored fifth highest in Southern California, with the four higher scoring CoCs being large metropolitan areas. The median score nationwide was 143. SLO County CoC scored 152. County staff will present a more detailed debrief at the next Finance & Data Committee meeting. George also gave a reminder that the deadline for local

FY2022 CA ESG (California Emergency Solutions Grant) applications is Wednesday, May 25.

6.7. Discussion Item: Point in Time (PIT) Count Update

George reported that the full PIT Count report will be finalized by mid June. This will include data from the sheltered and unsheltered counts and the survey results. An Executive Summary is expected by the end of May.

7. Future Discussion/Report Items

None.

8. Updates and Requests for Information

Janna reported that construction has begun on the Cabins for Change project in Grover Beach.

9. Upcoming Meetings

Special Meeting: June 2 at 3pm

Next Regular Meeting: July 20 at 1pm

10. Adjournment

Susan adjourned the meeting at 3:05pm.