

HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC) MEETING MINUTES

Date

August 12, 2022

Time

3pm-4pm

Location

Zoom

Members Present

Allison Brandum

Andy Pease

Anne Robin

Bettina Swigger

Brenda Mack

Devin Drake

Garret Olson

Jack Lahey

Janna Nichols

Jessica Thomas

Laurel Barton (alternate for Dawn Addis)

Marcia Guthrie

Mark Lamore

Molly Kern (alternate for Jim Dantona)

Nicole Bennett

Scott Smith

Shay Stewart

Steve Martin

Susan Funk

Susan Lamont

Wendy Lewis

William Crewe

Members Absent

Amelia Grover
Anna Miller
Caroline Hall
Dawn Addis
Dawn Ortiz-Legg
Jeff Smith
Jim Dantona
Kathy McClenathen
Kristen Barneich
Rick Gulino

Staff and Guests

Brandy Graham
Carmen Sampson
Carrie Collins
Elaine Archer
George Solis
Harlee Hopkins
Julien Powell
Kelly Boicourt
Kelsey Nocket
Lauryn Searles
Leon Shordon
Mayra
Russ Francis
Suzie Freeman
Yael Korin
Yvonne Morales

1. Call to Order

Susan Funk called the meeting to order at 3pm.

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

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

3. Introductions

Carmen and Mayra from LAGS Recovery introduced themselves.

4. Public Comment

Janna thanked Susan Funk for her hard work and leadership on the Strategic Plan and for the presentation to the Board of Supervisors earlier in the week, at which the Plan was approved.

George reported that the local RFP (Request for Proposals) for the CoC (Continuum of Care) special unsheltered grant program was released on August 10. The local RFP for the annual CoC grant will be released shortly, and there will be a very tight window for applications.

Jack reported that 40 Prado is not currently accepting referrals due to a COVID outbreak.

Brandy reported that the SSVF (Supportive Services for Veteran Families) program has received additional funding, which will raise the AMI (Area Median Income) ceiling for veterans eligible for the program from 50% AMI to 80% AMI.

5. Action/Information/Discussion

5.1 Action Item: Vote to Recommend the Final Goals to be Submitted as Part of the Application for the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program Round 3 (HHAP-3) Funding

Laurel reported that Cal ICH (California Interagency Council on Homelessness) set seven goals for CoCs to track in order to receive Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program Round 3 (HHAP-3) funding. If a CoC meets its goals, it will receive additional funding of around \$750,000 in 2023.

The CoC submitted its preliminary application to Cal ICH in June. Cal ICH subsequently gave feedback, and staff revised the goals on the basis of this feedback. The revised goals must be approved by HSOC before being submitted again to Cal ICH.

The Committee discussed the revised goals and Laurel clarified the following points:

- The revised goals propose to ‘bend the curve’ for some goals rather than reduce numbers. This is because, since 2020, the CoC has already been seeing rises from the baseline data in number of people experiencing homelessness and the number of days people are remaining homeless. Bending the curve represents achievable goals rather than stretch goals.
- Cal ICH specifically pushed back on measure 4 – the number of days that people remain homeless. The County has had access to new data since the initial application which has now been incorporated. There was also a typo on measure 1 which has been corrected.
- Cal ICH initially correlated more people getting housing with a *reduction* in people accessing HMIS (Homeless Management Information System). Following feedback from CoCs, Cal ICH reversed on this and are now correlating more people getting housing with an increase in people accessing HMIS.
- For outcome goal 6, successful Street Outreach placements refers to placement in Emergency Shelter as well as into Permanent Housing.
- The data for veterans as the subpopulation for goal 1b was drawn from the 2019 PIT (Point in Time) Count.

Anne proposed an amendment to replace the language “Persons with Serious Mental Illness” to “Persons with Behavioral Health Issues” in Target Subpopulations for Goals 3 and 5.

Janna made a motion to recommend the final goals to be submitted as part of the application for the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program Round 3 (HHAP-3) funding, with the above amendment, seconded by Anne. The motion passed with all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

6. Upcoming Meetings

Next Regular Meeting: September 21 at 1pm

7. Adjournment

Susan Funk adjourned the meeting at 3:45pm.