

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

**Date**

February 7, 2023

**Time**

2pm-3:30pm

**Location**

Zoom

**Members Present**

Anne Robin  
Anne Wyatt  
Brenda Mack  
Elaine Archer  
Gary Peterson  
Kathy McClenathen  
Mark Lamore  
Yael Korin

**Members Absent**

Ken Trigueiro  
Marianne Kennedy

**Staff and Guests**

Abby Lassen  
Christy Nichols  
George Solis  
Jeff Al-Mashat  
Jeff Eckles  
Laurel Weir  
Merlie Livermore  
Morgan Torell

Russ Francis  
Skylar Caldwell  
Teresa McClish  
Wendy Lewis

### **1. Call to Order and Introductions**

Kathy McClenathen called the meeting to order at 2:00pm. Introductions were made. Gary Peterson of Shower the People and Morgan Torell from the SLO County Behavioral Health Department introduced themselves.

### **2. Public Comment**

No public comment presented.

### **3. Consent: Approval of Minutes**

Anne Wyatt made the motion to approve the minutes and Yael seconded. The motion passed with all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

### **4. Action/Information/Discussion**

#### **4.1 Discussion Item: Roles and Responsibilities of the Committee**

Laurel presented an overview of the Housing Committee description and its role as part of the whole HSOC. She also informed the members of the return to in-person meetings starting March. Meetings will be then held at the Social Services building on Higuera Street. Per Laurel, there might be the opportunity for non-members/public to participate remotely.

Laurel answered Kathy's question and confirmed that Elaine Archer has been approved by the Board of Supervisors as a member of the full HSOC, and HSOC has appointed Elaine the new Chairperson for the Housing Committee.

Yael commented that the language in the mission statement of the Housing Committee should be edited to include additional housing models such as encampments. Laurel suggested that this can be brought back to future meetings to revise the language and to make sure that it aligns with the Five -Year Plan. Anne Wyatt also mentioned that there should be a broader definition of what preventative housing means.

#### **4.2 Discussion Item: Five-Year Plan Line of Effort 1 – Create Affordable and Appropriately Designed Housing Opportunities and Shelter Options for**

## **Underserved Populations**

### **4.2.1 Discussion Item: Increasing Non-Congregate Shelter**

#### **4.2.1.1 Discussion Item: Tiny Homes on Wheels – Policies and Barriers**

Anne Wyatt shared that a Tiny Home on Wheels demonstration model arrived on Saturday, and is parked at the SLO Guild Hall on Broad Street. Photos and descriptions are available at [www.smartsharehousing.com/solutions.org](http://www.smartsharehousing.com/solutions.org) website. According to Anne, so far, the City of San Luis Obispo has permitted only four Tiny Home on Wheels. Schedule for touring this model soon to follow.

#### **4.2.1.2. Discussion Item: Update on Current Projects**

Janna from 5Cities Homeless Coalition provided an update on their pallet shelter facilities and its current residents.

Jeffrey Al-Mashat shared that SLO County purchased 33 units/beds from Boss Cubez and some showers with ADA compliance.

Gary Peterson commented on the HSOC's role in promoting Safe Parking plans in different cities in accordance with the Five-Year Plan.

### **4.3 Discussion Item: Encampment Committee Recommendations to Full HSOC from January 2021**

Laurel provided an overview of how HSOC was asked to put together recommendations. This is to be discussed alongside the Five-Year Plan.

### **4.4 Discussion Item: Federal and State Grants – Update on Opportunities**

George shared about the HHAP (Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program) Round 2 Request for Proposals which was released on January 20<sup>th</sup>. HSOC voted to prioritize the funding for homelessness prevention and operating subsidies for affordable housing units, emergency shelters and navigation centers. He also mentioned that HHAP 2 funding must be utilized by June 30, 2026. Applications are due to the county by 5pm on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

Laurel also shared that the State is expected to release another Request for Proposals in the spring for another round of Homekey funding.

### **4.5 Discussion Item: Housing Developers Roundtable**

Elaine shared that in the next two months, HASLO (Housing Authority of the City of San Luis Obispo) is hoping to close the purchase of the Anderson Hotel. They are also starting to move tenants out to start the renovation project. There will be 68

units that will remain affordable by going through this acquisition. She also reported that HASLO broke ground for building 23 units for seniors in Shell Beach, wherein three of the units will be dedicated to those who come from the Coordinated Entry system, for those individuals coming out of homelessness. There are also two projects anticipated to be finished for the summer: multifamily affordable housing for the Morro Bay and San Luis Obispo areas.

## **5. Future Discussion/Report Items**

- Committee members and attendees agreed to speak to the different jurisdictions within the county regarding policies and barriers to Tiny Homes on Wheels and other ADU projects and report back at next Committee meeting.

**6. Next Meeting Date:** March 7, 2023, at 2pm.

## **7. Adjournment**

Kathy adjourned the meeting at 3:21 pm.