

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC)
FINANCE AND DATA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Date

May 24, 2022

Time

10am-11:30am

Location

Zoom

Members Present

Brandy Graham
Bill Crewe
Carrie Collins
Janna Nichols
Jessica Thomas
Kelly Underwood
Mark Lamore
Shay Stewart
Sstoz Tes

Members Absent

Kate Swarthout
Mimi Rodriguez
Riley Smith

Staff and Guests

Abby Lassen
Aurora William
Brenda Mack
Dawn Ortiz-Legg
Elaine Archer
Elizabeth Pauchek
Garret Olson

George Solis
Jessica Lorange
Kelsey Nocket
Krista Jeffries
Laurel Weir
Lauryn Searles
Leon Shordon
Mia Trevelyan
Nicole Bennett
Russ Francis
Sarah Reinhart
Steve Martin
Susan Funk

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Mark called the meeting to order at 10am. Lauryn from CAPSLO (Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo) and Sarah from the County of San Luis Obispo Public Health Department introduced themselves.

2. Public Comment

Brandy shared that California Housing Partnership has published its San Luis Obispo County Housing Need Report 2022, showing the average rent increased in SLO County by 8.2% from 2020-2021.

3. Consent: Approval of Minutes

Russ clarified that two sets of minutes were being approved, as minutes could not be taken in the last meeting due to lack of quorum. Russ also noted there was a mistake in the second set of minutes, with the year given as 2002 rather than 2022. This will be corrected.

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

4. Action/Information/Discussion

4.1 Action Item: Approve HMIS Release of Information Forms

Jessica Lorange shared that the new HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) Release of Information forms will enhance data sharing and data quality,

improve communication between partners, and improve Coordinated Entry implementation. The new form allows for verbal consent for release of information, and changes the expiration date for consent from seven to two years.

Brandy made a motion to approve the new HMIS Release of Information forms, seconded by Kelly. The motion passed with all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

4.2 Action Item: Approval of Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP) Round 3 Application Outcome Goals and Strategies

Laurel presented on Round 3 of the HHAP Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program. \$4 million total is available to the County and CoC (Continuum of Care), for eligible activities including Permanent Housing, Emergency Shelter, Rapid Rehousing, Landlord Incentives, Outreach, Systems Support, Prevention and Diversion. The funding can be used to support existing services as well as new projects. Per the State, 10% of total funding is set aside for youth services, and \$1 million is prioritized for systems support. Bonus funding of 18% is available if applicants meet their goals for the program within two years.

The State has established seven outcome goals, based on HUD's (US Department of Housing and Urban Development) System Performance Measures. Outcome goals will be measured using data from HMIS or the 2024 PIT (Point in Time) Count. The State's own reports do not match with the County's HMIS data, as they use different data universes and adjustments. Also, the State has chosen CY (Calendar Year) 2020 as the year for baseline data. This will make it more challenging to meet outcome goals as 2020 was an anomalous year due to shelters reducing capacity, some reduction in services, an eviction moratorium being in place, unusual labor market disruption, and rapid increases in housing costs.

Laurel shared that County staff are due to meet with the State to discuss the data and baseline measures. The Committee advocated that County staff express to the State that using 2020 data as a baseline is a bad idea as this data is not representative.

Laurel presented County staff's recommendations on the seven outcome measures (included in the agenda packet). The Committee discussed the baseline data against which real world steps to change the measures will be assessed. Following a recommendation to move forward with the current baseline numbers, County staff will take the HHAP 3 outcome goals to public input sessions and meet with the State, then move forward to the full HSOC with final proposed goals.

Janna made a motion to approve the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP) Round 3 application outcome goals and strategies, seconded by Jessica Thomas. The motion passed with all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

4.3 Discussion Item: Strategic Plan

Laurel presented the third Line of Effort (Data) from the draft Strategic Plan (included in the agenda packet). Work on the draft plan is ongoing and will be presented in full to the HSOC in July.

4.4 Discussion Item: US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition

4.4.1. Discussion Item: Fiscal Year 2021 (FY2021) HUD CoC Program Competition Debrief

Tabled.

4.4.2. Discussion Item: HUD CoC Monitoring

Tabled.

5. Future Discussion/Report Items

- California Housing Partnership: San Luis Obispo County Housing Need Report 2022 (see item 2 above).

6. Next Regular Meeting: July 26 at 10am

7. Adjournment

Mark adjourned the meeting at 12 noon.