

HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

HSOC Meeting

January 19, 2022 1:00 p.m.

Members and the public were able to participate by Zoom call.

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF & GUESTS
Amelia Grover	Anna Miller	Abby Lassen
Andy Pease	Bettina Swigger	Amy
Anne Robin	Bill Crewe	Brandy Graham
Brenda Mack	Dawn Addis	Carrie Collins
Caroline Hall		Christine Gaiger
Dawn Ortiz-Legg		Elaine Archer
Devin Drake		Elizabeth Pauschek
Janna Nichols		George Solis
Jeff Lee (alt for Anna Miller)		Jack Lahey
Jeff Smith		Jen Ford
Jessica Thomas		Jessica Lorange
Kathy McClenathen		Joe Dzvonic
Kristen Barneich		Kate Swarthout
Mark Lamore		Kelly Underwood
Mary Ann Reiss		Laurel Weir
Nicole Bennett		Leon Shordon
Rick Gulino		Liz
Scott Smith		Molly Kern
Shay Stewart		Nick
Steve Martin		Owen Goode
Susan Funk		Rita Holland
Susan Lamont		Russ Francis
Wendy Lewis		Sue Warren
		Tom Sherman
		Vince Pierucci

Yael Korin
Yesenia Alonso

AGENDA ITEM		CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS
1. Call to Order		
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		Janna made a motion 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, seconded by Anne. The motion passed with all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
3. Introductions	Kate Swarthout from ECHO (El Camino Homeless Organization) introduced herself. Andy Pease introduced herself as the new HSOC member from SLO City, in place of Carlyn Christianson who has stepped down.	
4. Public Comment	Jack reported that 40 Prado currently has COVID-positive clients, and are working with County Public	

	<p>Health to ensure people are isolated and quarantined. 40 Prado have halted client intake and will reopen after two weeks without positive test results.</p> <p>Wendy reported that ECHO also have some COVID-positive clients in Atascadero, and will be face a critical challenge if more staff contract COVID.</p> <p>Janna shared that around a third of 5CHC (5Cities Homeless Coalition) staff are currently absent due to COVID.</p> <p>Dawn shared that the County will soon announce the successful candidate for the Homeless Coordinator position.</p>	
<p>5. Consent: Approval of Minutes</p>		<p>Devin made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mark. The motion passed with all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.</p>
<p>6. Action/Information/Discussion</p>		
<p>6.1. Action Item: Vote to Elect HSOC Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee Chairs for 2022</p>	<p>Susan Funk nominated herself to continue as HSOC Chair.</p> <p>Kristen nominated herself to continue as Vice Chair.</p> <p>Mark nominated himself as Finance & Data Committee Chair, taking over from Janna.</p> <p>Scott nominated himself to continue as Housing Committee Chair.</p> <p>Devin nominated himself to continue as Services</p>	<p>Anne made a motion to elect those nominated to the positions of HSOC Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee Chairs for 2022, seconded by Dawn. The motion passed with all in favor, none opposed</p>

	<p>Coordinating Committee Chair.</p>	<p>and no abstentions.</p>
<p>6.2. Action Item: Vote to Approve Continuum of Care Letter of Support for Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo – Supportive Services for Veteran Families (Brandy Graham)</p>	<p>Brandy explained that the Letter of Support is for the SSVF (Supportive Services for Veteran Families) application to provide services for Fiscal Year 2023. The application deadline is in late February. As the applicant, CAPSLO (Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo) is required to provide a Letter of Support from the CoC (Continuum of Care) each time they apply to continue services.</p>	<p>Anne made a motion to approve the Continuum of Care Letter of Support for Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo – Supportive Services for Veteran Families, seconded by Jeff Lee. The motion passed with all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.</p>
<p>6.3. Discussion Item: CalWorks Housing Support Program Update (Jannine Lambert)</p>	<p>Kelly provided an update on the CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP). The HSP is receiving more funding (around \$1 million more) for the next budget year. To be eligible for HSP, clients must be eligible for the CalWORKs program, and must meet the definition of homeless, which now includes people at risk of homelessness. Additional program requirements include providing racial equity services, collaborating with the community, and using HMIS (Homeless Management Information System). The program is for families only. If applicants do not meet eligibility requirements, they are referred to partner agencies as appropriate.</p>	
<p>6.4. Discussion Item: Update on Measures to Prevent and</p>	<p>Vince Pierucci and Christine Gaiger from County Public Health introduced themselves and provided an</p>	

<p>Respond to COVID Among People Experiencing Homelessness</p>	<p>update on the County’s measures to prevent and respond to COVID among homeless people. Vince reported that when the EOC (Emergency Operations Center) was first activated in March 2020, the Care & Shelter branch provided food and support to COVID-positive homeless people. The first peak of the program took place in December 2020, when the EOC was housing people in hotels and trailers. The second peak came in the summer of 2021. Major challenges have included staff shortages and behavioral health issues. Another surge is taking place now, with hotels at maximum capacity, and six trailers in use at the Kansas Avenue site. Christine reported that all clients in the program are contacted every day to assess symptoms, establish an isolation period if necessary, and advise what medication should be taken based on medical history. If necessary, patients are evaluated in hospital.</p>	
<p>6.5. Discussion Item: Ten-Year Planning Process</p>	<p>Laurel reported that the Ten-Year Plan Steering Committee has continued to meet, and the vendor has begun holding racial equity focus groups with different organizations. The Committee has continued to work on data, and has experienced some challenges, most significantly with Coordinated Entry data not being incorporated into the overall HMIS (Homeless Management Information System), but this has now been included. In terms of a timeline, certain elements of the plan must be adopted by June, to provide measurable</p>	

	<p>outcomes for the upcoming HHAP (Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program) Round 3 grant. Public forums will most likely be conducted in April.</p>	
<p>6.6. Discussion Item: Safe Parking (Joe Dzvonic)</p>	<p>Joe reported that the Kansas Avenue Safe Parking site has now been in existence for five months, and has been full since the end of October. Around 90-110 people are present depending on the time of day. There are around 30 RVs and 35 cars. There were initially concerns about fire risks and environmental health as vehicles were parked too close to each other. A major upheaval at the site last week has allowed residents to meet recommended distances. Residents have also been issued fire extinguishers, smoke detectors and CO (Carbon Monoxide) detectors. The County is working on creating shade for common areas and installing new sinks. Vaccinations are available every Tuesday. The County is now looking at locations for creating other sites, as the Kansas Avenue site is at capacity.</p>	
<p>6.7. Discussion Item: Point in Time Count 2022 (George Solis)</p>	<p>George reported that the SLO County CoC has been granted an exception request by HUD (US Department of Housing & Urban Development) to conduct the PIT (Point in Time) Count in late February instead of January, due to the Omicron variant surge and its impact on volunteer availability. This is in line with other California CoCs. The 2022 PIT Count is now scheduled for the morning of February 23rd.</p>	

7. Committee Updates	Committee Updates were included in the agenda packet.	
8. Future Discussion/Report Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of staff shortages to be discussed at the next Services Coordinating Committee meeting • Reminder to all that there are privacy concerns with discussing individual or identifiable cases/clients 	
9. Updates and Requests for Information	Janna reported that 5CHC has ordered 20 cabins for delivery next month for their pilot program. They are close to finalizing site designs and electrical plans, and hope to be up and running in March.	
10. Next Regular Meeting: March 16 at 1 p.m.		
11. Adjournment	Susan Funk adjourned the meeting at 3:15pm.	