

San Luis Obispo Countywide 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness

We envision a future in which the housing and comprehensive services necessary to remain housed are available for all, affording everyone maximum selfsufficiency, and the opportunity to be productive and participating members of our community

HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC) Meeting Agenda

July 15, 2020, 1 p.m. Physical Location: Room 101, Department of Social Services, 3433 S Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, CA

Members and the public may also participate by Zoom video call: https://zoom.us/j/99281547809?pwd=YVFMR3dxOHpsTkhXS3UyZTBOVnR2dz09

> Or dial in: +1 669 900 9128 Meeting ID: 992 8154 7809 Password: 971216

- 1. Call to Order and Introductions
- 2. Public Comment
- 3. Consent: Approval of Minutes
- 4. Action/Information/Discussion
 - 4.1. Discussion Item: COVID Updates
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 - 4.1.1.1. Discussion Item: Possible special meeting in August
 - 4.1.2. Discussion Item: Safe Parking and other efforts to mitigate spread
 - 4.1.3. Discussion Item: Centers for Disease Control Guidance on Preventing Spread of COVID in homeless population
 - 4.2. Discussion Item: Public Review Draft of the Housing Element Update (2020-2028) Airlin Singewald & Cory Hanh
- 5. Committee Reports

The full agenda packet for this meeting is available on the SLO County HSOC web page: <u>https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Social-Services/Homeless-</u><u>Services/Homeless-Services-Oversight-Council-(HSOC).aspx</u>

- 6. Future Discussion/Report Items
- 7. Next Regular Meeting Date: September 16, 2020
- 8. Adjournment

HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

HSOC Meeting

June 5, 2020 1:00 p.m.

Physical Location: Room 356, Department of Social Services, 3433 S Higuera St, San Luis Obispo, CA Members and the public were also able to participate by phone.

Call In Number: (717) 275-8940

PIN #: 798 2958

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF & GUES	TS
Amelia Grover	Adam Hill	Brandy Graha	m
Anne Robin	Bettina Swigger		
Bill Crewe (alt for Paul Worsham)	Caroline Hall	Jan Maitzen	
Carlyn Christianson	Deanna Cantrell	Laurel Weir	
Devin Drake	Marlys McPherson	Russ Francis	
Grace McIntosh	Scott Smith	Tom Sherman	
Janna Nichols	Shay Stewart	Wendy Lewis	
Jessica Thomas	Steve Martin		
Kristen Barneich	Tim Waag		
Marcia Guthrie			
Marianne Kennedy			
Mariam Shah			
Mark Lamore			
Nicole Bennett (alt for Theresa Scott)			
Rick Gulino (alt for Joe Thompson)			
Susan Funk			
AGENDA ITEM			CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS
1. Call to Order and Introductions	Mariam called meeting to order.		
2. Public Comment	None		

3. Consent: Approval of Minutes		Janna made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Carlyn. All were in favor.
4. Action/Information/Discussion		
4.1.COVID-19 Homelessness Funding from the State of California	 Laurel provided some background: at the last HSOC meeting, HSOC voted on the allocation of funding from the State of California and COVID Emergency Homelessness Funding. A further \$105,897 is available to nonprofits to prevent and address COVID-19 among persons experiencing homelessness. At the last HSOC meeting, HSOC discussed splitting this additional funding between the two agencies that were recommended for award under the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council's COVID-19 Emergency Homelessness Funding program. These agencies are TFS (Transitional Food & Shelter), and 5CHC (5Cities Homeless Coalition), whose application was for a collaborative project involving CAPSLO (Community Action Partnership of SLO) and ECHO (El Camino Homeless Organization). Since the last HSOC meeting, County staff have been in contact with the two agencies, and have based their recommended budget on this. The recommendation is that TFS be awarded an additional \$7,797 for warming center activities for next winter, fully funding their original request, plus a further \$30,100 to increase 	

4.1.1. Action Item: Vote to recommend awards for \$105,897 in California COVID-19 Emergency Homelessness Funding	isolation capacity for people at high risk of medical complications from COVID-19; and that 5CHC's collaborative project be awarded an additional \$68,000 to create isolation capacity at the warming center, purchase Personal Protective Equipment and cleaning supplies, increase street outreach activities, and related staffing. Susan Funk requested a breakdown of costs for the additional \$30,100 awarded to TFS. Laurel clarified that the cost of unit will be between \$1,200-\$1,400 a month. This is in addition to two other units already funded, so the cost of case management includes funding for two full time case managers for clients in these units.	Anne Robin made a motion to approve the recommended awards, seconded by Susan Funk. All were in favor, except for Janna Nichols and Grace McIntosh who abstained. The motion passed.
5. Future Discussion/Report Items	 Executive Committee to discuss possibilities around moving from conference calls to video calls 	

6. Next Meeting Date: July 15, 2020		
7. Adjournment	Mariam adjourned the meeting at 1:15PM.	



July 15, 2020: San Luis Obispo Homeless Services Oversight Council



Introductions

HomeBase has been working with Continuums of Care and homeless service providers throughout the country for three decades on eradicating homelessness.



We help CoCs design and implement Housing First, Coordinated Entry, and other major system changes.



Homebase TA – Housing First and COVID-19 Response

- The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has contracted with Homebase to provide technical assistance to communities around effectively implementing Housing First, a best practice mandated by state law
- In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, HCD has authorized Homebase to support communities in implementing new funds to rehouse vulnerable people experiencing homelessness



New challenges, new funding, new opportunities

New state and federal funding opportunities continue to emerge to respond to the new challenges that have arisen related to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as ongoing homelessness needs, including funding for rehousing supports:

- HCFC Emergency COVID Funding
- Federal & State CARES Act funding for homelessness
- CDBG & CDBG-CV
- ESG & ESG-CV (Round 2 coming soon)
- HHAP (Round 2 coming this fall)
- Project Homekey (coming later this month)

A Homebase

How We Can Help

- Strategizing Use of State Funding: Identifying and prioritizing various state and federal funding streams to ensure funds are utilized in a way that maximizes their potential for impact, informed by data collection to project need and analysis of eligible uses of each funding stream
- TA to RRH and HP Providers: Assistance to review and recommend revisions to Rapid Rehousing and Homeless Prevention program policies and procedures as programs adjust to incorporate considerations regarding the impact of COVID-19; to include assistance with strategies for setting up projects in HMIS, and setting up HMIS policies to clarify data entry procedures



How We Can Help

- Exploring & Implementing Innovative Solutions: Assistance to identify and develop policies for implementing interim solutions to provide additional housing-focused homelessness prevention and bridge housing options for persons at risk of and experiencing homelessness impacted by COVID-19, that will facilitate transition to permanent housing
- Updating Coordinated Entry to Incorporate COVID-19 Considerations: Assistance in reviewing and updating Coordinated Entry policies and procedures to incorporate additional prioritization for persons experiencing homelessness impacted by COVID-19
- Projecting Need and Coordinating Investment Planning: Using tools that take into account populations served, existing and potential resources, and costs of implementing rehousing interventions, assist in projecting the local need and coordinating investments in additional resources.



Questions?



Thank You!

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2020-2028 HOUSING ELEMENT

County of San Luis Obispo

Context

Shaping San Luis Obispo County to better serve its current and future residents:

- **Participation.** The Housing Element provides information on planned County actions.
- Awareness. The Housing Element provides information on the housing shortage, its impacts on our communities, and how it can be addressed.

The Lack of Housing Affordability

- Low Affordability. San Luis Obispo County is one (1) of the least affordable housing markets in the United States (National Association of Home Builders, 2019).
- **High Home-Purchasing Costs.** According to a report by the National Association of Home Builders (2019 Fourth Quarter Housing Opportunities Index), only 16.5 percent of families can afford to purchase a median priced home in San Luis Obispo County.
- **High Home-Rentals Costs.** A study by Apartment List (a real estate rental site) determined that 52 percent of San Luis Obispo County renters spent more than 30 percent of their salaries on rent in 2017.
- **Homelessness.** A 2019 count of persons experiencing homelessness throughout San Luis Obispo County estimates that approximately 1,483 persons were homeless at some point during 2019.

What is the Housing Element?

The Housing Element is:

- One of the required elements of the County of San Luis
 Obispo General Plan
- The overarching strategic housing plan for the unincorporated county

The Housing Element serves four (4) main purposes:

- Establish Framework
- Assess Housing Needs
- Report on Progress
- Qualify for Funding

What the Housing Does Not Do **The Housing Element does not:**

- Provide funding
- Make actual changes to ordinances or zoning
- Construct or authorize construction of residential developments

Purpose of Updating the Housing Element

- The Housing Element update process allows the public, stakeholders, developers, decision makers, and staff to work together to develop a framework that achieves this purpose.
- This Housing Element will guide planning, development, and funding related to housing, through December 2028.
- At the end of this eight (8) year planning period, the Housing Element will be updated again.

Regional Housing Needs Allocation

		INCOME CATEGORY			
		Very Low	Low	Moderate	Above Moderate
JURISDICTIONS	TOTAL SHARE	24.6%	15.5%	18.0%	41.9%
Unincorporated County	3,256	801	505	585	1,365
Arroyo Grande	692	170	107	124	291
Atascadero	843	207	131	151	354
Grover Beach	369	91	57	66	155
Morro Bay	391	97	60	70	164
Paso Robles	1,446	356	224	259	607
Pismo Beach	459	113	71	82	193
San Luis Obispo	3,354	825	520	603	1,406
Regional Total	10,810	2,660	1,675	1,940	4,535
Note: Number of shares represent number of housing units needed					
Source: 2019 San Luis Obispo Council of Governments Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan					

Remaining Share of Housing Needs

		INCOME CATEGORY			
	TOTAL	Very Low ⁽¹⁾	Low	Moderate	Above Moderate
Unincorporated County's Share	3,256	801	505	585	1,365
Housing Units Approved, Under Construction, or Completed (Jan – Aug 2019)	388	15	14	0	359
ADUs Approved, Under Construction, or Completed (Jan – Aug 2019)	37	0	18	19	0
ADUs Projected Through Dec 2028	1,665	832 427		566	267
Remaining Share of Housing Needs	1,166			0	739
Note 1: The low-income category includes the extremely low-income category.					

Identified Vacant Parcels

		IDENTIFIED VACANT PARCELS		HOUSING UNITS		
	Income Category	Total Number of Parcels	Number of Parcels by Land Use Category	Number of Realistic Potential Housing Units ⁽¹⁾	Remaining Share of House Needs ⁽²⁾	Unincorporated County's Share
	Very Low and Low	36	RMF: 13	1,505	427	1,306
			CR: 23	1,505		
	Moderate	42 —	RMF: 13	1,361	0	585
			CR: 29	1,001		
	Above Moderate	193	RSF: 184	1,217	739	1,365
		195	RR: 9			1,505

Note 1: Based on realistic development capacity of 18 dwelling units per acre.

Note 2: For more information on this, see "Remaining Share of Housing Needs" section.

Housing Element Contents

- Chapter 1: Introduction
- Chapter 2: Glossary
- Chapter 3: The Need for Housing is a Regional Issue
- Chapter 4: Goal, Objectives, Policies, and Programs
- Chapter 5: Evaluation of Previous Housing Element
- Chapter 6: Housing Needs Assessment
- Chapter 7: Sites Analysis

Framework for Housing

The **GOAL** is what the County is planning for

Defined **OBJECTIVES** break down how the goal will be realized **POLICIES** guide the County in planning and decisionmaking

PROGRAMS are the actions the County plan on taking

Goal and Objectives

Housing Goal for Unincorporated County:

Achieve an adequate supply of safe and decent housing that is affordable to all residents of the unincorporated county.

- **Objective HE 1.00 (General Housing).** Facilitate the development and preservation of housing units that are diverse in type, size, and ownership level to meet the needs of residents of varying lifestyles and income levels.
- **Objective HE 2.00 (Affordable Housing).** Facilitate the development and preservation of housing that is affordable to households of moderate-income or lower, households of workforce-income, and seniors.
- **Objective HE 3.00 (Homelessness).** Provide support for services that reduce homelessness and housing of persons experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Policy Example #1

Policy HE 1.01

(Strategic Regional Residential Development)

Support and prioritize new residential development in areas identified for strategic regional residential development and other areas that are (a) located along priority transportation corridors (i.e. highways identified by San Luis Obispo Council of Governments as priorities for regional infrastructure investments), (b) located in or between areas with higher concentration of jobs and services, and (c) located within or in close proximity to existing urbanized areas or communities. This includes, but is not limited to, supporting and prioritizing the following in such areas:

- improvements to infrastructure and facilities;
- reductions in infrastructure constraints for the development of housing to the extent possible; and
- increases in the supply of land for residential uses.

Policy Example #2

Policy HE 2.04

(Barriers to Affordable Housing)

Reduce regulatory barriers to the development of affordable housing.

Policy Example #3

Policy HE 3.02

(Regional Approach on Homelessness)

Collaborate with other jurisdictions to support a countywide approach to reducing homelessness.

Program Example #1

Program A

Strategic Regional Residential Development

- **Purpose:** To focus public outreach, land use planning, infrastructure and facility improvements, and funding primarily in areas described under Policy HE 1.01.
- **Description:** Create an implementation plan to facilitate strategic regional residential development.

Program Example #2

Program B

AB 686 Affirmatively Further Fair Housing

- **Purpose:** To ensure that meaningful actions will be taken to combat discrimination, overcome patterns of segregation, and foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics.
- **Description:** Take actions and/or update the Fair Housing Plan to affirmatively further fair housing and ensure compliance with AB 686.

Program Example #3

Program V

Residential and Commercial Mixed-Use Developments

- **Purpose:** To incentivize developments that harmoniously incorporate residential and commercial uses.
- **Description:** Explore options to incentivize developments that harmoniously incorporate residential and commercial uses, and if appropriate, amend ordinances to include such incentives. The relationship between the amount of public benefit and the incentive options would be heavily considered.

Thank You

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Housing Element Update Website

https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Planni ng-Building/Active-Major-Projects/Housing-Element-Update-(2020-2028-Housing-Element).aspx

Survey

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