

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC)
COORDINATED ENTRY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Date

June 26, 2024

Time

11 am-12:30 pm

Location

Room 356, Department of Social Services
3433 S. Higuera, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Members Present

Jack Lahey
Janna Nichols
Lisa Fraser
Liz Smith (alternate for Jane Renahan)
Mark Lamore
Morgan Torell
Wendy Lewis

Members Absent

Linda Belch
Scott Collins
Susan Lamont
Wendy Blacker

Other Attendees

Derek Ferree
Erica Jaramillo
Jeff Al-Mashat
Kari Howell
Laurel Weir
Lauryn Searles
Merlie Livermore
Russ Francis

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Jack Lahey called the meeting to order at 11:06 am. Introductions were made by those present in person and those who attended via Zoom call.

2. Public Comment

Morgan Torrell shared the San Luis Obispo County Behavioral Health Department opened a new Sobering Center at the Health Agency Campus, 2180 Johnson Avenue, San Luis Obispo. Per additional information from the Behavioral Health Department website, the Sobering Center is a joint project among CenCal Health, San Luis Obispo Behavioral Health Department, and Good Samaritan. The 12-bed, 3,645-square-foot sobering center, operated by Good Samaritan, will offer 24-hour services to adult community members in need, providing medical supervision, counseling, and referral to ongoing treatment and support services. The center aims to reduce the burden on emergency departments and law enforcement

by offering a dedicated space for individuals to sober up safely. It is being funded by a grant from CenCal Health and the County's Opioid Settlement funds. Adult men and women referred by appropriate agencies will make up the client population at the sobering center. Adults can also walk in or be brought in by family and friends to reduce the harm of acute intoxication. No payment is required, and services are funded by CenCal Health through Community Support Services.

3. Consent: Approval of minutes

Minutes were not approved. Quorum was not met.

4. Action/Information/Discussion

4.1. Information Item: Committee Updates

Jack Lahey shared that this committee is no longer Ad hoc, and is now a full standing committee of HSOC. Per the Bylaws change, members of this committee who are also current HSOC members will have the same alternates assigned from HSOC, unless there is a conflict, and another designation is needed. Non-HSOC members can choose an alternate and relay that information to Jack being this Committee's Chairperson. Jack also mentioned that this committee needs a recommendation for one more member, preferably one who has formerly lived experience with homelessness. Jack also mentioned that there have been struggles in meeting attendance at meetings.

4.2. Discussion item: Update on Current Coordinated System Activities

Lauryn Searles presented slides showing the CES Activity Report.

Jack Lahey also mentioned that the approval processes of CES guidance policies is done at the workgroup level. The discussion of such is held during the Committee meetings.

4.3. Information Item: Policy Development Process

Jack Lahey presented slides showing the Coordinated Entry Policy Development.

4.4. Discussion Item: Universal Principles for Coordinated Entry

Jack Lahey shared slides showing the Governing Principles (also attached to the packet as attachment 4.4.1). Jack also mentioned that there is a need for more committee members to share their thoughts and feedback regarding the said principles.

To move forward, Janna Nichols suggested utilizing the feedback already received in formulating a CE Principles draft.

Jack also passed around additional materials showing examples of access policies.

5. Future Discussion/Report Items

- Action Item: Governing principles approval
- Discussion item: Access policy
- Current Activities: Coordinated Entry
- Task force committee to be implemented
- List of Permanent Supportive Housing projects-eligibility criteria referred to by CE
- CalAIM/CenCal rental assistance dollars information

6. Next Regular Meeting: July 24, 2024

7. Adjournment

Jack Lahey adjourned the meeting at 12:36 pm.