

HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC) MEETING MINUTES

Date

August 28, 2023

Time

9:01am-10:02am

Location

Conference Room, Family Care Network
1255 Kendall Road, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401.

Members of the public were able to participate via Zoom.

Members Present:

Allison Brandum
Amelia Grover
Brenda Mack
Clint Weirick
Christy Nichols (Alternate for Nicole Bennett)
(Supervisor) Dawn Ortiz-Legg
Garret Olson
Jack Lahey
Janna Nichols
Kathy McClenathen
Kristen Barneich
Luke Dunn
Michelle Shoresman
Rick Gulino
Rochelle Sonza
Shay Stewart
Steve Gregory
Susan Funk
Susan Lamont
Wendy Lewis
William Crewe
Zara Landrum

Members Absent:

Aurora William
Bettina Swigger
Devin Drake

Elaine Archer
Jack Lahey
Janna Nichols
Jeff Smith
Jessica Thomas
Jim Dantona
Marcia Guthrie
Mark Lamore
Nicole Bennett
Rick Scott
Wendy Blacker

Staff & Guests:

Erica Jaramillo
Haley Ortez
Jon Nibbio
Laurel Weir
Merlie Livermore
Melissa Reed
Morgan Torrell
Russ Francis
Sarah Hayter
Skylar Caldwell

1. Call to Order

Susan Funk called the meeting to order at 9:01am

2. Introductions

No introductions presented.

3. Public Comment

Lauryn Searles from CAPSLO (Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo) provided a background and the significance of their funding request for the renewal of their contract for the Coordinated Entry program.

Melissa Reed representing T-MHA (Transitions- Mental Health Association) explained their application for funding for permanent supportive housing projects in the Cities of San Luis Obispo (SLO City Housing, with 20 beds) and Atascadero (Central Coast Permanent Housing-Bordeaux-38 beds). If funded, they would like to combine these two projects into one. T-HMA also applied for a Bonus grant funding, with the desire to add 10 more additional beds in collaboration with HASLO through the Anderson Hotel location.

Wendy Lewis of ECHO (El Camino Homeless Organization) in Atascadero shared that by September 1st, a single mother with three children is moving into permanent housing, making the total of women and children housed through ECHO to 120 so far, this year.

Susan Lamont shared that her agency Lumina Alliance provides emotional support, accompaniment, and housing for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Amelia Grover shared that more information will be coming out about the street medicine outreach program.

Supervisor Dawn Ortiz-Legg shared that she and SLO Mayor Erica Stewart will be at the Dave Congalton radio show at 2pm this afternoon to promote the upcoming "Welcome Home" Village community information session on Wednesday, August 30th at 6pm.

Brenda Mack expressed her agreement regarding the importance of information dissemination regarding community outreach efforts for the unhoused.

4. Action/Information/Discussion

4.1 Action Item: Vote to recommend the Board of Supervisors appoint Starlene Graber to fill the County Government Service Providers seat on the HSOC that was previously held by Anne Robin

Laurel Weir provided a brief explanation on the position that is applied by Star Graber. Kristen Barneich proposed the motion to be moved, Kathy Mclenathen seconded. Roll was called and the motion passed.

4.2 Action Item: Vote to a) Make Funding Recommendations for Up to \$1,976,100 in Fiscal Year 2023 Funding from the Annual Continuum of Care (CoC) Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and b) to Approve Rankings of Proposed Projects

Erica Jaramillo presented an overview of the project applications for the FY 2023 CoC (Continuum of Care) Program competition. This included the description of the ranking process and the recommendations of project rankings. Shay Stewart proposed the motion to be moved, Garrett Olson seconded the motion. Roll called and the motion passed.

5. Next Regular Meeting: September 20, 2023

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:02am.