



HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC) SERVICES COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date

October 10, 2023

Time

9am

Location

Conference Room 1, Department of Social Services
3563 Empleo St, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Members Present

Jack Lahey
Michael Azevedo (alternate for Janna Nichols)
Wendy Lewis

Members Absent

Abby Lassen
Allison Brandum
Amelia Grover
Brandy Graham
Devin Drake
Jane Renahan

Staff and Guests

Erica Jaramillo
Jennifer Nitzel
Laurel Weir
Lauryn Searles
Marie Bolin
Michelle Pedigo

Riley Meve
Russ Francis
Scott Collins

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Jack called the meeting to order at 9:13am. Introductions were made.

2. Public Comment

Wendy commented that ECHO (El Camino Homeless Organization) will be reaching out to partner agencies for letters of support for a funding request to add 20 beds to their Paso Robles facility.

Laurel commented that the Homeless Services Division will be requesting to the Board of Supervisors to renew the Housing Now contract and expand the program to 80 beds.

Jack commented that CAPSLO (Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo) has begun a new matching and referral process through Coordinated Entry, and encouraged people to reach out to Lauryn Searles with any questions, including if service providers and Public Housing Authorities have people and units they are hoping to match.

3. Consent: Approval of Minutes

Minutes could not be approved due to lack of quorum.

4. Action/Information/Discussion

4.1 Implementing Five-Year Plan Line of Effort 2 – Reduce or Eliminate Barriers to Housing Stability

4.1.1 Information Item: Medi-Cal Renewals

Riley Meve from Homebase presented on Homebase's Medi-Cal renewal tool kit, which helps people experiencing homelessness to renew their Medi-Cal subscriptions. Homebase are in the process of translating the toolkit into Spanish. The CalAIM (California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal) Initiative provides access to housing related services as well as health care for people with complex health needs, including people experiencing homelessness. CalAIM's two main components are Enhanced Care Management and Community Supports. The Medi-Cal renewal process restarted in California as of June 2023. Medi-Cal renewal notices are sent by mail to the last known address, but people

experiencing homelessness often do not have a mailing address. It is estimated that 2-3 million people will lose their coverage, including 1.5 million people who are still eligible. People experiencing homelessness are at risk of losing their health coverage and CalAIM housing supports.

There are two rules that may mitigate this. First, if an individual is very low income, they may not have to complete a renewal packet. Second, if a jurisdiction knows that an individual is experiencing homelessness, expedited renewal may be possible, but the individual has to contact Medi-Cal. Providers can help by keeping contact information for individuals updated, ensuring people experiencing homelessness have a mailing address, creating Medi-Cal accounts online, and by calling or visiting a Medi-Cal office to renew directly.

4.1.2. Action Item: Vote to Recommend Creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to Focus on Coordinated Entry

The item was tabled due to lack of quorum.

5. Future Discussion/Report Items

- Categorization of all different service provider meetings relating to homelessness
- Action Item: Vote to Recommend Creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to Focus on Coordinated Entry

6. Next Regular Meeting: November 6, 2023, at 9am

7. Adjournment

Jack adjourned the meeting at 10am.