

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL**  
**HSOC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**October 20 2021, 1:00-3:00pm**  
**Zoom Call**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>		<b>MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	<b>STAFF &amp; GUESTS</b>
Devin Drake Janna Nichols Kristen Barneich Susan Funk		Scott Smith	Caitlin Cox George Solis Harlee Hopkins Jack Lahey Laurel Weir Leon Shordon Russ Francis Tony Navarro
<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>			<b>CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS</b>
1. Call to Order and Introductions	Susan called the meeting to order at 1pm.  Tony Navarro and Harlee Hopkins from the SLO County Planning and Building Department introduced themselves.		
2. Public Comment	Janna commented that 5CHC (5Cities Homeless Coalition) are working with the Department of Planning & Building (Planning) on the environmental review process for the non-congregate emergency shelter project in Grover Beach. 5CHC have engaged People's Self Help Housing (People's) to help with some of the construction management navigation, and are now in the process of soliciting bids for electrical and site engineering. There has been almost no negative feedback, but strong outreach from the community to engage with the project, in terms of volunteering and donations. There are a number of factors as to why the reaction to this attempt to run a shelter in		

	<p>Grover Beach has been positive, including better communication with the public and City of Grover Beach, the facility is County owned, the program is shelter only rather than offering multiple services, and general fatigue in the community that something has to be done for the homeless population. Many people have also become supportive after seeing the negative reaction to the previous plans for a facility in Grover Beach.</p> <p>Jack reported that 40 Prado reopened as of October 19<sup>th</sup>, after closing several weeks earlier due to a client testing positive for COVID.</p>	
3. Consent: Approval of Minutes		Devin made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Janna. The motion passed with all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
4. Action/Information/Discussion		
4.1. Discussion Item: Ten-Year Plan Update	<p>Laurel reported that the Ten-Year Plan Steering Committee had its initial meeting to discuss and plan for a way forward. The next meeting is scheduled for November. The vendor is now working on gathering information and data for this meeting. There will be more to report following the November meeting.</p> <p>Janna reported that the Finance &amp; Data Committee has been reviewing metrics and data to look at how to inform the public and report to the full HSOC.</p> <p>Laurel shared examples of the data the County is providing to</p>	

	the vendor. The Committee discussed ways of publicly sharing data, e.g. through monthly data reports or a dashboard on the HSOC website.	
4.2. Discussion Item: Department of Planning and Building's Annual Action Plan Notice of Funding Availability	Tony provided background on the Department of Planning and Building's Annual Action Plan NOFA (Notice of Funding Availability). This NOFA includes CDBG (Community Development Block Grant), Federal ESG (Emergency Solutions Grant), PLHA (Permanent Local Housing Allocation), General Fund Support, and HOME funding (including additional HOME funding via the American Rescue Plan Act). The NOFA was released on September 27 <sup>th</sup> . A number of public workshops were held in early October, and Planning has also been meeting with City Councils to develop draft funding recommendations. Applications are due on November 1 <sup>st</sup> . Following this, County staff will carry out the threshold review, a Grant Review Committee will be convened, Cities will review some of the applications, and recommendations will be presented to the HSOC. Two public hearings on the Action Plan will also be scheduled so community members and nonprofits can input into local needs.	
4.3. Discussion Item: State and Federal Homeless Assistance Grants		
4.3.1. Discussion Item: Planning for Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP)	Laurel reported that the County and CoC (Continuum of Care) are eligible for a third round of HHAP (Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program) funding, worth approximately \$2 million for the County and \$2.2 million for the CoC. The County intends to seek a combined allocation, as it will be simpler to administer and monitor one grant rather than two	

<p>Round 3 Funding and Coordination</p>	<p>separate allocations.</p> <p>The HHAP funding will be released in two primary disbursements. 25% of the funding will be initially released. To receive this, the County must submit an agreement with HSOC. This will be brought to the November meeting of the full HSOC.</p> <p>The State requires recipients to establish priorities for at least part of the funding. An application form will be released in January 2022, and due no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>. One requirement is that recipients must develop an updated homelessness plan, which should fit with the updated Ten-Year Plan, but may include additional work for which the County will seek a contractor. County staff will bring recommendations regarding the scope of work for an RFP (Request for Proposals) to a future Executive Committee meeting. Other requirements include submitting goals linked to specific outcomes, meeting with the State to review the proposed goals, and holding a community input session.</p>	
<p>4.3.2. Discussion Item: HHAP Round 2 Funding</p>	<p>The County and CoC have approval for the second round of HHAP funding, and can begin to plan for the local RFP. The Committee discussed setting particular priorities for the second round. One opportunity is to give priority to projects seeking Homekey Round 2 funding.</p> <p>Susan requested that a file be circulated showing different grant programs, application deadlines, funding available, date of funds released, expenditure deadlines, particular focus of the grant, whether the grant is for capital costs or ongoing operations, and the contact person for the data. County staff to follow up on this.</p>	

4.3.3. Discussion Item: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care Grant	The full HSOC voted to approve recommendations from the Grant Review Committee earlier on the same day. This item is now going to the Board of Supervisors. The full Collaborative Application is due to HUD (US Department of Housing & Urban Development) on November 16 <sup>th</sup> .	
4.4. Discussion Item: COVID-19 Update		
4.4.1. Discussion Item: COVID-19 Grant Updates	George reported that all subrecipient agreements for both rounds of the State ESG-CV (Emergency Solutions Grant – Coronavirus) program have been executed. The County has received expenditures of \$628,000 so far. There are expenditure milestones that communities need to meet in order to comply with the CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security) Act. The County is working with subrecipients towards a 40% expenditure milestone.	
4.4.2. Discussion Item: Rental Relief Program	Laurel reported that the State has \$14.6 million still to be distributed under the next round of funding for the Rental Relief Program. This program continues beyond the end of the eviction moratorium. Janna reported that 5CHC's caseload is steadily increasing, so they have recruited new staff members to respond to demand. 5CHC has supported around 1,500 households with completing applications, which they estimate is around half of those at risk within the County.	
4.4.3. Discussion Item: Situational Update	Janna reported that 5CHC are working on finalizing a location for their South County winter warming center.	

from Members	Susan reported that Atascadero warming center is due to open on November 1 <sup>st</sup> , at the same location as last year.	
4.5. Discussion Item: Committee Updates	No reports.	
5. Future Discussion/Report Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Committee recommended an educational item on Coordinated Entry for a future full HSOC meeting.</li> </ul>	
6. Next Regular Meeting Date: December 15, 2021		
7. Adjournment	Susan adjourned the meeting at 3:09pm.	