



**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 self-
sufficiency, and the
opportunity to be
productive and
participating
members of our
community*

HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC)

Meeting Agenda

July 24, 2019, 1 p.m.
Family Care Network
1255 Kendall Rd
San Luis Obispo, CA

1. Call to Order and Introductions
 2. Public Comment
 3. Consent: Approval of Minutes
 4. Action/Information/Discussion
 - 4.1 Discussion Item: Coordinated Entry Evaluation – Presentation by the Technical Assistance Collaborative
 - 4.2 Discussion Item: Unsheltered Homelessness
 - 4.2.1 Action Item: Authorize the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee on Encampments
 - 4.3 Discussion Item: 2019 Homeless Point in Time Count
 - 4.4 Discussion Item: Grant updates
 - 4.4.1 Discussion Item: Federal Homeless Assistance Grant Updates
 - 4.4.1.1 Discussion Item: Need to schedule special meeting in August to vote on Continuum of Care grant
 - 4.4.2 Discussion Item: State Homeless Assistance Grant Updates
 5. Committee Reports
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6. Future Discussion/Report Items:
7. Next Meeting Date: September 18, 2019 at 1 p.m. at the Veterans Hall,
801 Grand Ave., San Luis Obispo
8. Adjournment

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
 HSOC FULL COMMITTEE
 May 15, 2019, 1:00-3:00pm
 Family Care Network
 1255 Kendall Rd
 San Luis Obispo, CA**

| MEMBERS PRESENT | MEMBERS ABSENT | STAFF & GUESTS | |
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| Kristen Barneich Paul Worsham Jessica Thomas Devin Drake Marcia Guthrie Adam Hill Carlyn Christianson Grace McIntosh Amelia Grover Alt.- Courtney Warren Susan Funk Shay Stewart Rick Gulino Mariam Shah Janna Nichols Anne Robin Tim Waag Theresa Scott | Steve Martin Marianne Kennedy Marlys McPherson Scott Smith Caroline Hall Deanna Cantrell | Laurel Weir Jessica Lorange Allison Rustick Wendy Lewis Lisa Howe Sue Warren Elaine Mansoor Nicole Nix Donna Howard Jane Mason Tony Navarro | |
| AGENDA ITEM | CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS | | FOLLOW UP |
| 1. Call to Order and Introductions of Guests | Kristen Barneich welcomed the group and introductions were made. | | |
| 2. Public Comment | Elaine Mansoor expressed her interest in applying to be part of the Homeless Service Oversight Council (HSOC). | | |

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| 3. Consent: Approval of Minutes | | Rick moved to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Shay. All were in favor. Jessica Thomas abstained. | |
| ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION | | | |
| <p>4.1 Discussion Item: Emergency Solutions Grant via State of California</p> <p>4.1.1 Action Item: Vote to approve the Ad Hoc Grant Review Committee's recommendations regarding prioritization for funding allocations for the pass through federal Emergency Solutions Grant from the State of California</p> | <p>Mariam opened the discussion. Laurel explained to the group that the State had published a Notice of Funding Availability for the federal, McKinney-Vento Emergency Solutions Grant Program funds passed through to the County by the state of California. Laurel shared background information with the group and noted that the State requires at least 40% of the funds be used for rapid rehousing.</p> <p>The County published a local Request for Proposals and two applications were received: one from the 5Cities Homeless Coalition as well one from Transitional Food and Shelter. Laurel explained to the group that a non-conflicted Ad Hoc Grant Review Committee met to consider the applications and made the recommendations now before the Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC). The committee recommended that the funding be given to the 5Cities Homeless Coalition application that included rapid rehousing activities.</p> <p>The group discussed the possibilities for the funding and the discussion that the Ad Hoc committee had regarding the use of the funding. Mariam opened the group up to public comment. Two members of the public in attendance shared their support for Transitional Food and Shelters application. One member of the public shared their support for Five Cities Homeless Coalition application. Adam suggested allowing Ad Hoc committees more power to recommend funding allocations that were less than the amount requested by the applicants.</p> | <p>Adam made a motion to approve the Ad Hoc Grant Review Committee's recommendations regarding prioritization for funding allocations for the pass through federal Emergency Solutions Grant from the State of California and that should extra funding be given to the County by the State in an amount of at least \$10,000 over the original, estimated amount, that additional amount would be allocated to Transitional Food and Shelter, up to the amount of their total</p> | |

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| <p>4.2 Discussion Item: Homeless Youth Survey presentation by Donna Howard, Cuesta College Student Support Resolution Coordinator</p> <p>4.3 Discussion Item: Administration and timing of the 2019 California Emergency Solutions and</p> | <p>The group discussed the Ad Hoc review committee process. Devin mentioned that the amount of funding in the NOFA was an estimate because the State did not yet have the final amount from HUD. He noted that should that final allocation be higher than the initial estimate, it may be possible to provide at least some funding to both applicants.</p> <p>Kristen introduced Donna Howard, who is the Student Support Resolution Coordinator from Cuesta College. Donna shared with the group about her program at Cuesta that surveyed students to find out about the extent to which students were facing housing insecurities.</p> <p>Donna assists students with insecurities regarding housing, food, services, etc. Out of the 1,111 students who were surveyed, 22 were living in car, 14 in shelter and 4 in a motel. 197 students live with more than one family due to economic hardship. About 67% of surveyed students at Cuesta shared that they feel that they are prevented from passing classes due to housing insecurities. Donna shared that there are programs that Cuesta has to assist students and students have utilized: tutoring, academic advising, library, student success center, health center, food pantry, career connections, and help with applying for CalWORKS. The number one request from 33 of the homeless students was a request for safe parking. The group discussed other ideas for the students. Donna provided her contact information (Donna_Howard1@cuesta.edu) for anyone who would like to help support the collaborative effort at Cuesta or to make suggestions and connections.</p> <p>Laurel informed the group that the State of California has issued a Notice of Funding Availability for the 2019 California Emergency Solutions and Housing Grant. This is one-time only</p> | <p>request. The motion was, seconded by Anne. All were in favor. Janna, Grace, Kristen and Courtney abstained.</p> | |
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| <p>Housing Grant</p> <p>4.3.1 Action Item: Authorize the County of San Luis Obispo to serve as the Administrative Entity for the California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) Grant</p> <p>4.4 Discussion Item: Grant outlook for the next six months</p> <p>4.4.1 Discussion Item: Special HSOC meeting in June?</p> | <p>funding and it is the second round of the CESH grant. This money can't be used for capital funding.</p> <p>The State has requested that the Continuum of Care authorize an entity to serve as the Administrative Entity for CESH. The HSOC voted in 2018 to have the County of San Luis Obispo serve as the Administrative Entity for the 2018 CESH funding. This motion would designate the County to serve as the Administrative Entity for the 2019 CESH funding. Should the County be approved, the County will submit the application for CESH in June and issue a local Request for Proposals later this year.</p> <p>Laurel shared with the group that it will be a very busy spring and summer. The ESG application is due to the State in May, the CESH application in June, and the Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) is expected to be released from HUD any day now, with the application likely due in August if the application were to be released in May.</p> <p>If the HUD CoC NOFA were to be released in May, the local RFP process would happen in early to mid-June and the HSOC would need to meet in late June in order to ensure the Board of Supervisors could vote on the recommendations in July.</p> <p>If needed, a Doodle poll will be sent out to HSOC members about availability for a special HSOC meeting in June to support the grants.</p> <p>The Governor of California has also proposed a Homeless Aid for Planning and Shelter (HAPS) grant. Planning for that grant would likely happen in late summer and during the Fall and will be part of the next 10 Year Plan update process.</p> | <p>Shay made a motion to authorize the County of San Luis Obispo to serve as the Administrative Entity for the California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) Grant, seconded by Anne. All voted in favor.</p> | |
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| | The Action Plan process likely will begin around September and that will include the local competition for federal Emergency Solutions Grant funding, as well as Community Development Block Grant services funding, and General Fund support for homeless programs funding. | | |
| 4. Committee Reports | HSCC discussed the grant review process | | |
| 5. Future Discussion/Report Items | Discuss adding additional seats to HSOC | | |
| 6. Next Meeting Date: | July 17, 2019 at 1 p.m. | | |
| 7. Adjournment | Kristen Barneich adjourned the meeting at 2:44pm | | |

HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC)
ACTION ITEM
July 24, 2019

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 4.2.1

ITEM: AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF AN AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON ENCAMPMENTS

ACTION REQUIRED:

Vote to authorize the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee on Encampments.

SUMMARY NARRATIVE:

A substantial number of persons experiencing homelessness in the county are unsheltered. The 2017 Homeless Point in Time (PIT) Count found that 69% of the population of homeless people in the County were unsheltered on a single night in January 2017.

The impact of being unsheltered may have substantial impact on the physical and mental health of homeless adults, children and youth. For example, lack of access to hygiene and sanitation facilities may put homeless persons' health at risk. Being unsheltered also may make homeless persons more vulnerable to being the victims of violent crime.

Unsheltered homelessness also impacts the communities in which it occurs, including increasing expenses for those communities. Lack of sanitation and hygiene facilities and trash pick up for people living in encampments may lead to contamination of nearby waterways, and campfires started for the purpose of cooking or providing warmth may create fire dangers. Cleaning up encampments may cost communities as much as tens of thousands of dollars.

Some communities in California and elsewhere have implemented actions to try to reduce unsheltered homelessness or mitigate the impact of unsheltered homelessness on persons experiencing homelessness and the communities in which they live. These actions have included increasing the supply of permanent supportive housing and offering housing when clearing waterways of encampments,¹ creating tiny home villages,² leading public

¹E.g. <https://voiceofoc.org/2018/02/anaheim-approves-homelessness-policies-focused-on-housing/>.

² E.g. <http://cms.klove.com/news/2018/07/05/Tiny-Houses-On-Church-Property-Ease-Sacramento-Homelessness-podcast-/>.

health campaigns to immunize homeless persons from Hepatitis A,³ providing trash pick up to homeless encampments,⁴ and providing hygiene and sanitation facilities to encampments.⁵ Locally, cities and the County have implemented or are planning efforts to address some of these issues as well, such as by adding mental health therapists to law enforcement Community Action Teams, planning immunization campaigns, and other efforts.

On May 2, 2019, County of San Luis Obispo District 2 Supervisor Bruce Gibson sent a letter to the Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC), outlining some of the impacts of unsheltered homelessness on local communities and requesting that the HSOC create a Committee on Encampments (see Attachment 4.3.1A). The proposed goals of the Committee would be to assess the scope and geographic distribution of encampments, examine the severity impacts and identify resources needed to address, provide a forum for coordination – including coordination with agencies from unincorporated communities – and making recommendations as to programs and budget allocations needed to address these issues. At the June 19, 2019 meeting of the HSOC Executive Committee, Supervisor Gibson attended and requested that the proposal be brought to the full HSOC for consideration. The Executive Committee discussed and recommended that this proposal be brought to the July 24th meeting.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There would be no immediate financial impact from this recommendation.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Staff recommend that this item be adopted and that the Committee create subcommittees to work on specific issues of that include health and the environment, engagement and connection to services, Safe Parking, and public safety.

³E.g. <https://www.sfdph.org/dph/files/newsMediadocs/2017PR/DPH-release-Hepatitis-A-vaccination-campaign.pdf>.

⁴ E.g. <https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-homeless-encampment-cleanup-dumping-bathrooms-trash-20190619-story.html>.

⁵ E.g. see: <https://www.watereducation.org/western-water/can-providing-bathrooms-homeless-protect-californias-water-quality>.



**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Bruce Gibson District Two Supervisor

May 2, 2019

TO: Hon. Kristen Barneich
Chair, Homeless Services Oversight Council

RE: Proposal for HSOC sub-committee on encampments

Dear Ms. Barneich:

I write to propose that HSOC establish a sub-committee to address the community impacts of homeless encampments. As I note below, such encampments are of concern throughout the county and I believe a sub-committee with broad geographic representation could provide important support and direction as community members and the county work on solutions.

As I'm sure you know, virtually every community in our county has direct experience with unsheltered homeless persons, as that population has grown significantly in recent years. In my district, I've been heartened by the interest shown by many caring community members as they try to provide what programs they can to deliver food, clothing and shelter, especially during adverse weather.

Among the most challenging issues our communities face is the notable increase of homeless encampments on both public and private property. On the North Coast we have seen significant encampments in Los Osos, Morro Bay and Cambria. Typically, these have been groupings of tents and other improvised shelter erected in riparian areas of creeks, forested areas and other open areas, especially near the urban boundary. Such encampments have a number of public health and safety risks and impacts.

First, in areas such as Cambria and Los Osos there is considerable concern that open flames used for cooking and warming pose a substantial fire risk. Second, riparian areas and water supplies are negatively impacted by trash and human waste. Some discarded materials – such as syringes and cooking fuels – pose serious health and environmental hazards. Finally, there is community concern regarding criminal activity in some encampments.

We appreciate the efforts of non-profit organizations and county agencies to address these impacts. For instance, the Sheriff's Department Community Action Team has been active in contacting encamped individuals and seeking to connect them with services. As with every issue regarding homelessness, we realize that more resources are necessary to make progress.

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I believe that an established HSOC subcommittee would be able to:

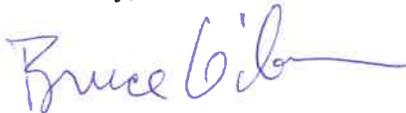
- assess the scope and location of homeless encampments county-wide;
- assess the severity of various impacts and identify the resources necessary for mitigation;
- provide a forum for developing community action plans that would involve local non-profit organizations and jurisdictions beyond cities and the county. For example, some community services districts (CSDs) have facilities affected by encampments, while also having solid waste disposal authority that could provide useful mitigation;
- advise the Board of Supervisors on programs and budget allocations that would best mitigate these issues.

I feel that such a sub-committee should be based on broad geographic representation. That is, I understand that the formal membership of HSOC is comprised largely of service providers and city/county representatives. The sub-committee membership could be broadened to include public members from communities affected by encampments and representatives from special districts such as CSDs or a community health care district.

I greatly appreciate the ongoing efforts of HSOC and would be happy to discuss this proposal with anyone interested. Please don't hesitate to contact me or my Legislative Assistant, Blake Fixler (bfixler@co.slo.ca.us – 805-781-4338), if you have further questions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



BRUCE GIBSON
District Two Supervisor