



**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC)
Meeting Agenda**

November 15, 2023, 1pm

Committee members must participate in person (except for just cause reasons or personal emergency reasons approved by the HSOC):

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

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1. Call to Order and Introductions (5 minutes*)
2. Public Comment (10 minutes*)
3. Consent: Approval of Minutes (3 minutes*)
4. Action/Information/Discussion
 - 4.1. HSOC Administration
 - 4.1.1. Action Item: Vote to Recommend Ten Persons for Appointment to Vacant or Expiring Seats on the Homeless Services Oversight Council (5 minutes*)
 - 4.1.1.1. Committee Questions
 - 4.1.1.2. Public Comment



- 4.1.1.3. Committee Discussion and Vote
- 4.2. Implementing Five-Year Plan Line of Effort 1 - Create Affordable and Appropriately Designed Housing Opportunities and Shelter Options for Underserved Populations
 - 4.2.1. Information Item: Presentation on Results of Community Survey for the 2024 Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Shelter Grant, and HOME Grant programs (12 minutes*)
 - 4.2.1.1. Committee Questions
 - 4.2.1.2. Public Comment
 - 4.2.1.3. Committee Discussion
- 4.3. Implementing Five-Year Plan Line of Effort 2: Reduce or Eliminate Barriers to Housing Stability
 - 4.3.1. Information Item: Update on the Behavioral Health Gaps Analysis report and County Behavioral Health Initiatives (25 minutes*)
 - 4.3.1.1. Committee Questions
 - 4.3.1.2. Public Comment
 - 4.3.1.3. Committee Discussion
- 4.4. Implementing Five-Year Plan Line of Effort 3 – Improve and Expand Data Management Efforts Through HMIS and Coordinated Entry System to Strengthen Data-Driven Operational Guidance and Strategic Oversight
 - 4.4.1. Information Item: 2024 Homeless Point in Time Count Presentation (20 minutes*)
 - 4.4.1.1. Committee Questions
 - 4.4.1.2. Public Comment
 - 4.4.1.3. Committee Discussion and Vote



- 4.4.2. Action Item: Vote to use 1) a Census Methodology for the 2024 Homeless Point in Time Count of Unsheltered Persons; and 2) an Observational Count combined with a survey and extrapolation for obtaining demographic and other information for unsheltered persons experiencing homelessness (10 minutes*)
 - 4.4.2.1. Committee Questions
 - 4.4.2.2. Public Comment
 - 4.4.2.3. Committee Discussion and Vote
- 4.5. Discussion Item: Committee Updates (10 minutes*)
- 4.6. Discussion Item: Updates from County Staff (10 minutes*)
5. Future Discussion/Report Items (5 minutes*)
6. Updates and Requests for Information (5 minutes*)
7. Next Regular Meeting: January 17, 2024
8. Adjournment

The full agenda packet for this meeting is available on the SLO County HSOC web page:

[https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Social-Services/Homeless-Services/Homeless-Services-Oversight-Council-\(HSOC\).aspx](https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Social-Services/Homeless-Services/Homeless-Services-Oversight-Council-(HSOC).aspx)

HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC) MEETING MINUTES

Date

September 20, 2023

Time

1:00pm-2:53pm

Location

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

Members (those approved with just cause/ emergency reasons) and the public were able to participate via Zoom.

Members Present:

Allison Brandum
Amelia Grover
Aurora William
Bettina Swigger
Brenda Mack
Christy Nichols (Alternate for Nicole Bennett)
Clint Weirick
Daniella Garcia (Alternate for Jessica Thomas)
(Supervisor) Dawn Ortiz-Legg
Devin Drake
Elaine Archer
Garrett Olson
Jack Lahey
Janna Nichols
Jeff Eckels
Kristen Barneich
Luke Dunn
Marcia Guthrie
Mark Lamore
Rick Gulino
Rick Scott
Rochelle Sonza
Star Graber
Susan Funk
Susan Lamont

Wendy Blacker
Wendy Lewis

Members Absent:

Garret Olson
Jeff Smith
Jessica Thomas
Jim Dantona
Kathy McClenathen
Michelle Shoresman
Nicole Bennett
Shay Stewart
Steve Gregory
William Crewe
Zara Landrum

Staff & Guests:

Daisy Wiberg
Deborah Erb
Erica Jaramillo
George Solis
James Worthley (Planning Director, SLOCOG)
Kari Howell
Kate Bourne
Kristin Ventresca
Laurel Weir
Lauryn Searles
Matt Leal
Merlie Livermore
Morgan Torell
Russ Francis
Sarah Montes Reinhart
Sarah Sanders (SLOCOG)
Skylar Caldwell
Staci Dewitt

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Susan Funk called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Jeff Eckels introduced himself as alternate for Kathy McClenathen. Daniella Garcia represented Jessica Thomas for the County Office of Education. Susan Funk mentioned that the League of California Cities is currently having an annual conference, thus she welcomed City Council members who were participating via zoom. Kristen Barneich had a family emergency, and a vote was taken and approved at the meeting to allow her to participate via zoom.

2. Public Comment

Elaine Archer of HASLO (Housing Authority of San Luis Obispo) started the public comments by reporting that HUD (US Department of Housing and Urban Development) is restoring their voucher reserves of \$672,000 and participants whose vouchers were on hold are back on the waiting list.

Allison Brandum shared the need to have more porta potties provided in encampment areas for privacy and sanitary purposes. She cited how the City of Los Angeles has done a very successful program in this area and she hopes to see the City of San Luis Obispo adopt the same program. In terms of accountability during an encampment clearing, Allison mentioned maybe using a “report card” wherein people who have been moved out of encampments would grade how they were treated during the process.

Wendy Lewis shared that ECHO (El Camino Homeless Organization) has partnered with a donor who has helped fund a porta potty installation in their parking lot for individuals to use when public buildings are closed.

Brenda Mack shared her personal experience about not having access to bathrooms, especially when Covid-19 pandemic hit. She also suggested having porta potties placed where people are already encamped and providing easy access for those who are using walkers and wheelchairs. Amelia Grover announced the SLO Street Medicine convening on September 26 from 12 noon until 3pm.

Devin Drake announced that this is Joe Dzvonic’ s last week as the Homeless Services Division’s manager. Kristin Ventresca will act as the point person until a new manager is appointed.

Wendy Lewis mentioned ECHO’s upcoming walk awareness.

Janna Nichols shared about Empty Bowls event on September 21st at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Arroyo Grande.

Jeff Eckels from the Housing Trust Fund shared that they are celebrating their 20- year anniversary this year. Over the last 20 years, the trust fund has given out 65 loans, funding over \$40M, resulting in additional 1400 units in affordable housing in the San Luis Obispo County.

Jack Lahey from CAPSLO (Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo), in partnership with the City of San Luis Obispo, announced an initial community meeting at 5:15 pm today at the SLO Nazarene Church on Johnson Avenue to talk about a rotating model of Safe Parking. Jack also reported that there are 30 individuals enrolled in the 90-day shelter program at the Prado Day Center and already has two housing placements.

Wendy Lewis briefly mentioned that the Walmart Parking lot in Paso Robles has stopped overnight parking.

3. Consent: Approval of Minutes

Janna Nichols moved the minutes to be approved, seconded by Mark Lamore. Minutes passed by voice vote.

4. Action/Information/Discussion

4.1 Implementing Five-Year Plan Line of Effort 1 - Create Affordable and Appropriately Designed Housing Opportunities and Shelter Options for Underserved Populations

4.1.1 Discussion Item: Presentation by the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) on the Regional Housing Needs Allocation

Sarah Sanders, a Transportation Planner from SLOCOG, along with Division Chief James Worthley, gave a presentation about RHNA (Regional Housing Needs Allocation) Plan, which identifies a projection of additional housing units needed to accommodate projected household growth of all income levels from the start until the end date of the projection period (10-year cycle).

4.1.2 Information Item: Interim Housing Projects Update

Kristin Ventresca shared that Welcome Home Village project was presented during a community information meeting on August 30th. This project is currently moving forward with contract negotiations, with Spring 2024 as the tentative move-in date for the interim housing units.

Other projects in the pipeline include Encampment Resolution Funds and opportunities to apply in Paso Robles as well as Morro Bay locations.

Janna Nichols provided an update on the “Balay Ko on Barca” housing project in Grover Beach.

“Balay Ko” is Filipino term for “My Home” and naming was approved by the Board and the Balay Ko Foundation. This will be similar in operation to the Cabins for Change project in the Long Branch location, wherein basic needs will be provided. There will be 30 cabins measuring 64 square feet each and will be a 90–180-day housing program. This project will be using Boss Cubes purchased by SLO County and projected to open and operate by the end of the year.

Janna also provided some matrix update on the Cabins for Change program. Cabins for Change opened on December 23, 2022. It has a current waiting list of 166 participants. The program has had 55 participants to date. Currently there are 23 people on site, eight dogs and three cats.

The average length of stay and exit is 97 days. Of those they are serving, the average length of being homeless is 1.9 years, 47 percent are chronically homeless, 33 percent have mental health disorder, those with substance abuse disorder at 22 percent, people with chronic health condition at 38 percent, people with physical disability at five percent. The average age group is 47 years old. Janna also mentioned that so far 75 percent of their participants are document-ready, 47 percent have completed health screenings and 95 percent qualified for health insurance.

4.2 Continuum of Care Administration

4.2. 1 Information Item: Expiring HSOC Membership seats and Call for Applications

Laurel Weir made a call for applications for HSOC membership. Russ Francis mentioned the names of HSOC members whose terms are expiring. Laurel shared the process for applying and mentioned that applications need to be received by October 9th. Ad Hoc nominating committee will look over the applications and to have recommended applicants approved by the end of the year.

Bettina Swigger announced that she will be vacating her seat as she is moving to Colorado.

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

4.3.1 Action Item: Authorize the HSOC Chair to Sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education Regarding Informing Homeless Families of the Educational Rights of Homeless Children and Helping Homeless Families to Access the School-Based Resources Available to Them

Laurel Weir shared that the main goal of this Memorandum of Understanding is to keep homelessness from distracting homeless children from their education. Janna Nichols moved to approve the motion. Rick Gulino seconded, and the motion passed via roll call.

4.4 Implementing Five-Year Plan Line of Effort 3 – Improve and Expand Data Management Efforts Through HMIS and Coordinated Entry System to Strengthen Data-Driven Operational Guidance and Strategic Oversight

4.4.1 Discussion Item: Update on Planning for the 2024 Homeless Point in Time Count

Kari Howell, HMIS Program Manager, provided three specific updates on the Point in Time Count (PIT). She reported that the Selection Committee is continuing to consider proposals for an external vendor to lead the PIT count for the County. Secondly, Kari mentioned that HUD dictates the timing and methodology of PIT count to achieve nationwide consistency, so the PIT count will take place in the last 10 days of January. A date and time are anticipated to be announced soon. The last update reiterated the importance of having the participation of everybody to have a successful PIT count. Details will be provided by the team for opportunities for involvement by the community.

4.5 Implementing Five-Year Plan Line of Effort 4 – Create, Identify, and Streamline Funding and Resources

4.5.1 Action Item: Authorize the HSOC Chair to Sign a Letter of Support for the 5Cities Homeless Coalition to Apply for the 2023 Homeless Prevention Grant Funding from the California Department of Housing and Community Development

George Solis shared that the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) will soon be releasing a special funding availability for Emergencies Solutions Grant (ESG) homeless prevention funding. There will be \$1.7M available statewide and to be eligible, applicants must have an HCD approved homeless prevention policies and procedures to be awarded funding. The HCD approved the 5Cities' homeless prevention policies and procedures in March.

Supervisor Dawn Ortiz-Legg moved the motion to authorize the HSOC Chair to sign this letter of support. Garrett Olson seconded the motion; roll was called, and the motion passed.

4.6 County Homeless Services Division Update

4.6.1 Information Item: Update from County Homeless Services Division Leadership

For the HMIS (Homeless Management Information System), Kristin Ventresca reported that the Board of Supervisors approved the contracts with Bitfocus (software provider) and Institute for Community Alliances (ICA) as service and technical assistance implementation provider. For the last week and a half since the contracts have been approved, several meetings have been held with the providers in preparation for the data migration process from BellData.

Kristin also mentioned that this is the last week of Joe Dzvonic as Division Manager and expressed how the Homeless Services Division appreciated his leadership.

She mentioned that the division is moving forward with the same mission of having a countywide plan to address homelessness in the next five years and to reduce that by 50 percent.

Susan Funk followed up by leading a standing ovation to express the HSOC's appreciation for Joe's service and shared that the HSOC will continue to support the division in its mission.

4.6.2 Information Item: Update on the 2024 Action Plan and Related Grants

George shared that the Homeless Services Division will soon be releasing the 2024 Action Plan Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) in October. Funding programs will include the HUD Entitlement programs, as well as the State and County programs. He also presented a tentative timeline which includes releasing the NOFA on October 6th, alongside an online needs assessment survey on the same day. There will be two needs assessments workshops via zoom on October 11th, one in the afternoon and one in the evening. The needs assessment workshops are part of the community participation plan intended to help identify housing and community development needs, priorities, and goals in the County. The staff uses the feedback from these workshops in determining funding recommendations for projects. There will also be a mandatory applicant workshop on October 19th. Applications are due November 3rd via email.

5. Future Discussion/Report Items

- Conversation with Public Health
- Medical detox program- female services

6. Next Regular Meeting: November 15, 2023

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:53pm.

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
ACTION ITEM
November 15, 2023**

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 4.1.1

ITEM: Vote to Recommend Ten Persons for Appointment to Vacant or Expiring Seats on the Homeless Services Oversight Council

ACTION REQUIRED: It is requested that the Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC): approve the nominations of Amelia Grover for a third term for the Hospitals seat she currently holds; Devin Drake for a third term for the County Government Service Providers seat he currently holds; Kathy McClenathen for a second term for the Advocates seat she currently holds; Jessica Thomas for a third term for the County Office of Education seat she currently holds; Shay Stewart for a third term for the Local Faith Community seat he currently holds; Wendy Lewis for a second term for the Nonprofit Homeless Assistance Providers seat she currently holds; Christy Nichols for a first term for the Other Community Organizations seat currently held by Nicole Bennett; Marie Bolin for a first term for an At Large seat in the category of Nonprofit Homeless Assistance Providers, currently held by Jim Dantona in the Businesses category; Michelle Pedigo for a first term for the Housing Authority seat previously held by Elaine Archer; and Margaret Sheperd-Moore for a first term for the Advocates seat previously held by Gary Petersen; and recommend them to the Homeless Services Oversight Council for appointment.

SUMMARY NARRATIVE:

There are 35 membership seats on the HSOC. Members are appointed to the HSOC by the County Board of Supervisors, with the exception of seven seats reserved for the representatives of the seven incorporated cities. These seven seats are held by City Council members who are appointed by their respective City Councils.

With the exception of the seats reserved for elected officials, members are appointed to three-year terms. To ensure continuity of the HSOC, term expirations are staggered among the seats, such that approximately 1/3 of the seats expire in a given year. Terms expire in January of the year in which the term ends.

There are currently eight seats due to expire in January 2024. Seven of these seats are tied to a specific category and can only be held by a representative from that category (County Government Service Providers, Advocates, Nonprofit Homeless Assistance Providers, Faith-Based Organizations, Hospitals, County Office of Education, and

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Other Community Organizations). The remaining seat is an At Large seat, meaning it may be held by a representative from any of the following categories: County Government Service Providers, Currently or Formerly Homeless Persons, Advocates, Affordable Housing Developers, Businesses, Faith-Based Organizations, Hospitals, Public Safety Organizations, Behavioral Health Agencies, Nonprofit Homeless Assistance Providers, Organizations Serving Homeless Veterans, Housing Authority, County Office of Education, Local School Districts, Social Service Providers, Victim Service Providers, and Other Community Organizations.

In addition, there are two vacant seats. Both of these vacant seats are tied to a specific category and can only be held by a representative from that category (Advocates and Housing Authority).

First Nominating Committee

At the September 2023 HSOC meeting, expiring membership terms were reviewed and a request was made for applications from the public. Seven applications were received. An ad hoc Nominating Committee comprised of non-conflicted HSOC members met in October to consider the applications and recommended seven candidates for seats on the HSOC.

At the October 2023 HSOC Executive Committee meeting, the Nominating Committee's recommendations were reviewed and approved. The Executive Committee recommends the HSOC approve the following seven candidates for seats on the HSOC for terms beginning in January 2024:

Amelia Grover for a third term for the Local Hospitals seat she currently holds, for a term that will begin in January 2024 and expire in January 2027. Amelia is the Manager of Social Work for Arroyo Grande, French, and Marian hospitals, and oversees the Homeless Health Initiative program.

Christy Nichols for a first term for the Other Community Organizations seat currently held by Nicole Bennett, for a term that will begin in January 2024 and expire in January 2027. Christy leads the Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program at CenCal Health, which provides funds to service providers to strengthen and expand services for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Christy has served as Nicole's alternate on the HSOC for the last year.

Jessica Thomas for a third term for the Local K-12 Academic Institution seat she currently holds, for a term that will begin in January 2024 and expire in January 2027. Jessica is the Program Coordinator for Homeless and Foster Youth Services for the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education. In this role, she works with all school

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district Homeless Liaisons, and works with the Cuesta College EOPS program, which serves students experiencing homelessness.

Kathy McClenathen for a second term for the Advocates seat she currently holds, for a term that will begin in January 2024 and expire in January 2027. Kathy is the Deputy Director, Loan Portfolio Officer for the San Luis Obispo County Housing Trust Fund, which provides loans and grants to assist with creating and maintaining day centers, homeless centers, transitional and permanent housing.

Marie Bolin for a first term for an At Large seat in the Nonprofit Homeless Assistance Providers category, for a term that will begin in January 2024 and expire in January 2027. Marie is the Manager for Housing Support Services at Family Care Network, a local nonprofit serving people experiencing homelessness.

Shay Stewart for a third term for the Local Faith Community seat he currently holds, for a term that will begin in January 2024 and expire in January 2027. Shay is affiliated with Granite Ridge Christian Camp, San Luis Obispo Church of the Nazarene, 40 Prado and Leadership SLO.

Wendy Lewis for a second term for the Nonprofit Homeless Assistance Providers seat she currently holds, for a term that will begin in January 2024 and expire in January 2027. Wendy is the CEO of El Camino Homeless Organization (ECHO), and has worked in the field of homeless services for 6 years.

In addition, the Executive Committee recommended the reappointment of Devin Drake, on the provision that his application be supported by an ad hoc Nominating Committee.

Second Nominating Committee

Three applications were submitted following the Executive Committee meeting, including Devin Drake's application for renewal. A second Nominating Committee comprised of non-conflicted HSOC members was convened in November to review these applications. The second Nominating Committee recommends the HSOC approve the following three candidates for seats on the HSOC for terms beginning in January 2024:

Devin Drake for a third term for the County Government Service Providers seat he currently holds, for a term will begin in January 2024 and expire in January 2027. Devin is the Director of the Department of Social Services, which administers a wide array of programs to benefit homeless or low-income persons, including CalFresh, CalWORKS, General Assistance, Housing Now, the Housing Disability and Advocacy Program, the Continuum of Care program, and Medi-Cal enrollment.

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Michelle Pedigo for a first term for the Housing Authority seat previously held by Elaine Archer. Michelle is Interim Director of Housing Management for the Housing Authority of San Luis Obispo (HASLO), and has worked in the affordable housing industry since 2006.

Margaret Sheperd-Moore for a first term for the Advocates seat previously held by Gary Petersen. Margaret is a Social Worker with the Library Outreach Team, a partnership between Transitions Mental Health Association (TMHA) and SLO County Libraries.

Per the HSOC bylaws, it is not a requirement for the HSOC Executive Committee to approve appointments of members who are replacing another member mid-term, as is the case for Michelle Pedigo and Margaret Sheperd-Moore.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPACT

No current fiscal impact is anticipated.

STAFF COMMENTS:

It is recommended that the Homeless Services Oversight Council approve this item. Upon the HSOC's approval, staff will submit a recommendation for appointment to the Board of Supervisors in December.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – All applications received

Attachment B – HSOC Membership Composition as of November 2023

Attachment C – Proposed Membership of the HSOC from January 2024

COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
TO A BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE

Date: 9/27/23

Applying For: Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC)

Name: Grover Amelia
Last First Middle Initial

Address: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Number Street City Zip Code

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Home Phone: [REDACTED] Business Phone: _____

Place an "X" next to the HSOC membership category below which you wish to represent:

- County Government Service Providers (Behavioral Health, Planning, Social Services, Veterans Services, or Probation)
- Non-profit Service Providers
- Which area(s) of the county does this organization serve?
 - Affordable Housing Developers
 - Local K 12 Academic Institution
 - Local Businesses/Business Organizations
 - Law Enforcement
 - Local Health Provider
 - Local Faith Community
 - Interested Community (preferentially with homelessness experience)
 - Currently or Formerly Homeless Person
 - Veterans Services Representative
 - Local University or School of Higher Education
 - Local Hospital
 - Victims' Services Representative

Please cite your affiliation, as staff member, board member or volunteer, with any community services agency or organization:

Current Hospital member chair. Current Manager of Social Work at the three hospitals on the Central Coast (AG, French, and Marian). Oversee Homeless Health Initiative program at Marian/AG and French.

Please describe how you qualify for the HSOC category which you have selected above:

Involved in continuum of care efforts for vulnerable homeless populations who are medically fragile and needy. Have expertise in acute medical needs and the social implications and vice versa. Dignity Health continues to expand their post-acute services to serve the larger homeless population outside of the hospital walls. Current Hospital chair holder

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While not necessarily required, knowledge of issues relating to homelessness and/or previous involvement in addressing homelessness are desirable for HSOC members and will be considered by the selection committee prior to making its recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. Please summarize your experience with the issue of homelessness or with homeless clients:

Have a history of working with homeless patients on skid row in Los Angeles and children and families who had unstable and/or homeless histories before relocating to the Central Coast. Have over 8 years of experience as a medical social worker where one of the primary roles is addressing the medical needs of the homeless population. Six of those years have been spent in management where I've worked closely with community partners to address gaps in care for this population. I started, grew, and currently oversee our Homeless Health Initiative.

Please explain why you would like to serve on the HSOC (attach a separate sheet if necessary):

The mission and vision of Dignity Health CommonSpirit Health, is to work with the most vulnerable and disenfranchised communities, which largely include the homeless population. We have several initiatives within our local hospitals that work to address this population, as well as larger efforts supported by the system office, including a Healthcare for the Homeless program. Dignity has been a key partner in working with local CBOs to be a part of the solution to homelessness and/or act as a resource to addressing the larger continuum of care needs. With our Homeless Health Initiative, we have partnered on grants and other projects to improve healthcare services for those experiencing homelessness. There are ample opportunities to continue with this work and be involved on a larger scale to address the medical needs of the homeless population across the healthcare continuum.

Please note: It is possible that the selection committee may contact you to ask for additional information if necessary to prepare its recommendations for HSOC membership to the Board of Supervisors.

If appointed, are you willing to participate in the majority of meetings each year and, if necessary, in numerous related meetings of subcommittees? Yes No

Should you be appointed, are you willing, if necessary for that particular body, to file a statement of disclosure as a public official under the standards set forth by the Fair Political Practice Commission? Yes No

Signed Amelia Grover Date 9/27/23

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Date called/interviewed ____ Recommended for appointment? ____ Yes ____ No

Appointee prefers not to have address or phone numbers(s) published? ____ Yes ____ No

Additional Comments:



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
TO A BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE

Date: 9/20/23

Applying For: Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC)

Name: NICHOLS CHRISTY
Last First Middle Initial

Address: [REDACTED]
Number Street City Zip Code

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: [REDACTED]

Place an "X" next to the HSOC membership category below which you wish to represent:

- County Government Service Providers (Behavioral Health, Planning, Social Services, Veterans Services, or Probation)
- Non-profit Service Providers
Which area(s) of the county does this organization serve? _____
- Affordable Housing Developers
- Local K-12 Academic Institution
- Local Businesses/Business Organizations
- Law Enforcement
- Local Health Provider
- Local Faith Community
- Interested Community (preferentially with homelessness experience)
- Currently or Formerly Homeless Person
- Veterans Services Representative
- Local University or School of Higher Education
- Local Hospital
- Victims' Services Representative

Please cite your affiliation, as staff member, board member or volunteer, with any community services agency or organization:

N/A

Please describe how you qualify for the HSOC category which you have selected above:

I work with CenCal Health, which is a public entity and not for profit. CenCal Health fits into the "Other Community Organization" category which is not listed as a category above.

While not necessarily required, knowledge of issues relating to homelessness and/or previous involvement in addressing homelessness are desirable for HSOC members and will be considered by the selection committee prior to making its recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. Please summarize your experience with the issue of homelessness or with homeless clients:

I lead the Housing & Homelessness Incentive Program, which gives funds to service providers to strengthen and expand services given to people experiencing and/or at risk of homelessness. While I have only been working on this project for 1 year, I have learned and continue to learn more about the issues and possible solutions for homelessness.

Please explain why you would like to serve on the HSOC (attach a separate sheet if necessary):

Serving for the last year as an alternate to Nicole Bennett on the HSOC has strengthen the collaboration between CenCal Health and the community services providers and helped me learn about the homelessness issues specific to San Luis Obispo County. Now that Nicole's 3-year term is coming to an end, I would like to continue servicing on the committee both to provide insight from CenCal Health and to continuing learning about and contributing to projects focused on housing and homelessness in our region.

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If appointed, are you willing to participate in the majority of meetings each year and, if necessary, in numerous related meetings of subcommittees? Yes No

Should you be appointed, are you willing, if necessary for that particular body, to file a statement of disclosure as a public official under the standards set forth by the Fair Political Practice Commission? Yes No

Signed Christy Nichols Date 9/21/23

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Date called/interviewed _____ Recommended for appointment? _____ Yes _____ No

Appointee prefers not to have address or phone numbers(s) published? _____ Yes _____ No

Additional Comments:



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
TO A BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE

Date: 10/18/2023

Applying For: **Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC)**

Name: Drake Devin
Last First Middle Initial

Address: [Redacted]
Number Street City Zip Code

Email Address: [Redacted]

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone [Redacted]

Place an "X" next to the HSOC membership category below which you wish to represent:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Government Service Providers | <input type="checkbox"/> Advocates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Currently or Formerly Homeless Persons | <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Housing Developers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Businesses | <input type="checkbox"/> Faith-Based Organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitals | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety Organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit Homeless Assistance Providers | <input type="checkbox"/> Behavioral Health Agencies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organizations Serving Homeless Veterans | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Authority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Office of Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Local School Districts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Service Providers | <input type="checkbox"/> Victim Service Providers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Community Organizations | |

Please cite your affiliation, as staff member, board member or volunteer, with any community services agency or organization:

Director of Social Services, County of San Luis Obispo

Please describe how you qualify for the HSOC category which you have selected above:

As the director of Social Services it is my responsibility to ensure welfare and homeless services are delivered to the vulnerable and needy of our community.



While not necessarily required, knowledge of issues relating to homelessness and/or previous involvement in addressing homelessness are desirable for HSOC members and will be considered by the selection committee prior to making its recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. Please summarize your experience with the issue of homelessness or with homeless clients:

I have been the director of Social Services for almost 7 years. In this role I have oversight of the County's homeless services and I have served on the HSOC for almost 7 years.

Please explain why you would like to serve on the HSOC (attach a separate sheet if necessary):

Being a part of the HSOC is crucial to the oversight of the County's homeless services. Being a member of the HSOC will enable me to better serve the homeless and help to ensure needed services are provided to the homeless.

Please note: It is possible that the selection committee may contact you to ask for additional information if necessary to prepare its recommendations for HSOC membership to the Board of Supervisors.

If appointed, are you willing to participate in the majority of meetings each year and, if necessary, in numerous related meetings of subcommittees? Yes No

Should you be appointed, are you willing, if necessary for that particular body, to file a statement of disclosure as a public official under the standards set forth by the Fair Political Practice Commission? Yes No

Signed Devin Drake Date 10/18/2023

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Date called/interviewed _____ Recommended for appointment? ____ Yes ____ No

Appointee prefers not to have address or phone number(s) published? ____ Yes ____ No

Additional Comments:



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
TO A BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE

Date: 10/3/2023

Applying For: **Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC)**

Name: Thomas, Jessica L.

Address:

Last	First	Middle Initial
		

Number	Street	City	Zip Code
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Email Address: 

Home Phone:  Business Phone: 

Place an "X" next to the HSOC membership category below which you wish to represent:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> County Government Service Providers | <input type="checkbox"/> Advocates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Currently or Formerly Homeless Persons | <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Housing Developers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Businesses | <input type="checkbox"/> Faith-Based Organizations |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Community Organizations | |

Please cite your affiliation, as staff member, board member or volunteer, with any community services agency or organization:

Program Coordinator for Homeless and Foster Youth Services, San Luis Obispo County Office of Education.

Please describe how you qualify for the HSOC category which you have selected above:

As the San Luis Obispo County Homeless Education Liaison, I work with all school district Homeless Liaisons. We also work with the Cuesta College EOPS program, which services students experiencing homelessness.

While not necessarily required, knowledge of issues relating to homelessness and/or previous involvement in addressing homelessness are desirable for HSOC members and will be considered by the selection committee prior to making its recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. Please summarize your experience with the issue of homelessness or with homeless clients:

As Program Coordinator for Homeless and Foster Youth Services I provide technical assistance and professional development in McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act rights. I assist schools and homeless families with school enrollment, school placement disputes, identifying resources, and connecting families to services.

Please explain why you would like to serve on the HSOC (attach a separate sheet if necessary):

I would like to keep informed of all issues that relate to children and youth experiencing homelessness. This information will help me to better serve and support youth and families. I believe that I can offer a unique perspective to HSOC by representing K-12 public education.

Please note: It is possible that the selection committee may contact you to ask for additional information if necessary to prepare its recommendations for HSOC membership to the Board of Supervisors.

If appointed, are you willing to participate in the majority of meetings each year and, if necessary, in numerous related meetings of subcommittees? Yes No

Should you be appointed, are you willing, if necessary for that particular body, to file a statement of disclosure as a public official under the standards set forth by the Fair Political Practice Commission? Yes No

Signed Jessica Thomas Date 10/3/23

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Date called/interviewed _____ Recommended for appointment? ____ Yes ____ No

Appointee prefers not to have address or phone number(s) published? ____ Yes ____ No

Additional Comments:

COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
TO A BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE

Date: 10/3/2023

Applying For: **Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC)**

Name: McClenathen, Kathy D.

Address:

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Email Address: █

Home Phone: █ Business Phone: █

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Community Organizations | |

Please cite your affiliation, as staff member, board member or volunteer, with any community services agency or organization:

I am the Deputy Director, Loan Portfolio Manager at the San Luis Obispo County Housing Trust Fund (HTF)

Please describe how you qualify for the HSOC category which you have selected above:

The HTF provides loans and grants to assist with creating and maintaining day centers, homeless centers, transitional and permanent housing. We have also provided grants for rental assistance loan programs.



While not necessarily required, knowledge of issues relating to homelessness and/or previous involvement in addressing homelessness are desirable for HSOC members and will be considered by the selection committee prior to making its recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. Please summarize your experience with the issue of homelessness or with homeless clients:

I have over 30 years experience in community banking and finance, including 8 years as the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) Officer of a local community bank. The last 7 years I have been at the HTF. My passion is grants writing, reporting / compliance and financing projects that make significant impact in the community.

Please explain why you would like to serve on the HSOC (attach a separate sheet if necessary):

I want to help make a difference in the unhoused community. I have enjoyed serving on the HSOC over the last two years. I would like to continue to serve on the HSOC.

Please note: It is possible that the selection committee may contact you to ask for additional information if necessary to prepare its recommendations for HSOC membership to the Board of Supervisors.

If appointed, are you willing to participate in the majority of meetings each year and, if necessary, in numerous related meetings of subcommittees? Yes No

Should you be appointed, are you willing, if necessary for that particular body, to file a statement of disclosure as a public official under the standards set forth by the Fair Political Practice Commission? Yes No

Signed Kathy McCreathen Date 10/4/2023

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Appointee prefers not to have address or phone number(s) published? ____ Yes ____ No

Additional Comments:

COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
TO A BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE

Date: 9/28/2023

Applying For: **Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC)**

Name: Bolin, Marie

Address:

Last	First	Middle Initial
[REDACTED]		

Number	Street	City	Zip Code
[REDACTED]			

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: [REDACTED]

Place an "X" next to the HSOC membership category below which you wish to represent:

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Please cite your affiliation, as staff member, board member or volunteer, with any community services agency or organization:

Family Care Network, Manager for Housing Support Services (HSP/BFH/Housing Navigators)

Please describe how you qualify for the HSOC category which you have selected above:

Family Care Network is a local Nonprofit serving the homeless population in San Luis Obispo County. I have worked in this field or related field for over 20 years in SLO County.

While not necessarily required, knowledge of issues relating to homelessness and/or previous involvement in addressing homelessness are desirable for HSOC members and will be considered by the selection committee prior to making its recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. Please summarize your experience with the issue of homelessness or with homeless clients:

I have been a management level role, directly supporting the homeless population for the past 2+ years. I have also worked directly with homeless individuals and families in my previous roles within behavioral health and foster care. Additionally, I have a sibling who battled addiction, chronic homelessness, & mental health challenges, in SLO County, for 10+ years.

Please explain why you would like to serve on the HSOC (attach a separate sheet if necessary):

I desire to be a contributing member of the HSOC team, to support the efforts with increased collaboration between providers, clients, and County/city officials.

Please note: It is possible that the selection committee may contact you to ask for additional information if necessary to prepare its recommendations for HSOC membership to the Board of Supervisors.

If appointed, are you willing to participate in the majority of meetings each year and, if necessary, in numerous related meetings of subcommittees? Yes No

Should you be appointed, are you willing, if necessary for that particular body, to file a statement of disclosure as a public official under the standards set forth by the Fair Political Practice Commission? Yes No

Signed  Date 9/28/2023

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Additional Comments:

COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
TO A BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE

Date: 10/18/2023

Applying For: **Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC)**

Name: Pedigo Michelle C

Address:

Last	First	Middle Initial
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Address:

Number	Street	City	Zip Code
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Home Phone: [REDACTED] Business Phone: [REDACTED]

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Service Providers | <input type="checkbox"/> Victim Service Providers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Community Organizations | |

Please cite your affiliation, as staff member, board member or volunteer, with any community services agency or organization:

Interim Director of Housing Management for the Housing Authority of San Luis Obispo

Please describe how you qualify for the HSOC category which you have selected above:

Interim Director of Housing Management for the Housing Authority of San Luis Obispo

While not necessarily required, knowledge of issues relating to homelessness and/or previous involvement in addressing homelessness are desirable for HSOC members and will be considered by the selection committee prior to making its recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. Please summarize your experience with the issue of homelessness or with homeless clients:

I've worked in the affordable housing industry since 2006. At HASLO, I've played an active role in the development of our Paso Robles Homekey property, which is also shared with ECHO. I'll be leading the Section 8, property management, and supportive services departments at HASLO. I'll be able to provide insight into the resources the Housing Authority has available for people experiencing homelessness.

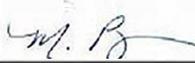
Please explain why you would like to serve on the HSOC (attach a separate sheet if necessary):

I think the committee should involve all the key players in mission to address homelessness. The Housing Authority is on of those key players and should be represented on the committee to ensure we evaluate all opportunities.

Please note: It is possible that the selection committee may contact you to ask for additional information if necessary to prepare its recommendations for HSOC membership to the Board of Supervisors.

If appointed, are you willing to participate in the majority of meetings each year and, if necessary, in numerous related meetings of subcommittees? Yes No

Should you be appointed, are you willing, if necessary for that particular body, to file a statement of disclosure as a public official under the standards set forth by the Fair Political Practice Commission? Yes No

Signed  Digitally signed by Michelle Pedigo Date: 2023.10.18 12:11:29 -07'00' Date 10/18/2023

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Appointee prefers not to have address or phone number(s) published? ____ Yes ____ No

Additional Comments:

COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
TO A BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE

Date: 10/5/23

Applying For: **Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC)**

Name: Shepard-Moore Margaret V
Last First Middle Initial

Address: [REDACTED]
Number Street City Zip Code

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Home Phone: [REDACTED] Business Phone: [REDACTED]

Place an "X" next to the HSOC membership category below which you wish to represent:

- County Government Service Providers (Behavioral Health, Planning, Social Services, Veterans Services, or Probation)
- Non-profit Service Providers
Which area(s) of the county does this organization serve? SLO County Libraries
- Affordable Housing Developers
- Local K-12 Academic Institution
- Local Businesses/Business Organizations
- Law Enforcement
- Local Health Provider
- Local Faith Community
- Interested Community (preferentially with homelessness experience)
- Currently or Formerly Homeless Person
- Veterans Services Representative
- Local University or School of Higher Education
- Local Hospital
- Victims' Services Representative

Please cite your affiliation, as staff member, board member or volunteer, with any community services agency or organization:

I was previously on the TMHA Board of Directors from 2005-2010, active with the SLO Opioid Safety Coalition in 2019, a volunteer for the SLO Behavioral Health Integration Project (B-HIP), conducted a survey on health inequality for the SLO Health Integration Project (SLO-HIP) and report the findings to the committie, and I am currently a parent advocate with the SLO FASD Leadership Team.

Please describe how you qualify for the HSOC category which you have selected above:

I am currently working as a Social Worker as part of the Library Outreach Team (LOT). This is a partnership between TMHA and SLO County Libraries. I help connect community members to housing, mental and medical health agencies, SUD treatment, health insurance, Cal-Fresh, and a myriad of other needs.

While not necessarily required, knowledge of issues relating to homelessness and/or previous involvement in addressing homelessness are desirable for HSOC members and will be considered by the selection committee prior to making its recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. Please summarize your experience with the issue of homelessness or with homeless clients:

I have been conducting homeless outreach since 2018, when I was an intern therapist with the TMHA Homeless Outreach Team, engaging with and treating severely mentally ill clients in the field. In 2020 I joined a pilot project, the Library Outreach Team, as a Social Worker. My footprint often extends beyond the libraries, to the Bob Jones Trail, the LOVR/HWY 101 exchange, and wherever else I need to go to meet a client where they are.

Please explain why you would like to serve on the HSOC (attach a separate sheet if necessary):

I have been working in the homeless outreach field for a few years now, in the unique position as a Social Worker and trained mental health professional, and I have encountered a fair share of obstacles and challenges. That being said, my credo is not to complain about something unless I can come to the table with a solution or a suggestion. I feel that the HSOC is a very appropriate place for me to utilize my problem solving skills, collaborate, address obstacles, and help move the needle in the right direction on the homeless crisis in our community.

Please note: It is possible that the selection committee may contact you to ask for additional information if necessary to prepare its recommendations for HSOC membership to the Board of Supervisors.

If appointed, are you willing to participate in the majority of meetings each year and, if necessary, in numerous related meetings of subcommittees? Yes No

Should you be appointed, are you willing, if necessary for that particular body, to file a statement of disclosure as a public official under the standards set forth by the Fair Political Practice Commission? Yes No

Signed *M. Shepard Moore* Date 10/5/23

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Date called/interviewed _____ Recommended for appointment? _____ Yes _____ No

Appointee prefers not to have address or phone numbers(s) published? _____ Yes _____ No

Additional Comments:

COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
TO A BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE

Date: 10/09/2023

Applying For: Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC)

Name: Stewart Shay M
Last First Middle Initial

Address: [REDACTED]
Number Street City Zip Code

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Home Phone [REDACTED] Business Phone: [REDACTED]

Place an "X" next to the HSOC membership category below which you wish to represent:

- County Government Service Providers (Behavioral Health, Planning, Social Services, Veterans Services, or Probation)
- Non-profit Service Providers
- Which area(s) of the county does this organization serve?
 - Affordable Housing Developers
 - Local K 12 Academic Institution
 - Local Businesses/Business Organizations
 - Law Enforcement
 - Local Health Provider
 - Local Faith Community
 - Interested Community (preferentially with homelessness experience)
 - Currently or Formerly Homeless Person
 - Veterans Services Representative
 - Local University or School of Higher Education
 - Local Hospital
 - Victims' Services Representative

Please cite your affiliation, as staff member, board member or volunteer, with any community services agency or organization:

Granite Ridge Christian Camp, San Luis Obispo Church of the Nazarene, 40 Prado, Leadership SLO

Please describe how you qualify for the HSOC category which you have selected above:

Volunteer and Advocate

While not necessarily required, knowledge of issues relating to homelessness and/or previous involvement in addressing homelessness are desirable for HSOC members and will be considered by the selection committee prior to making its recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. Please summarize your experience with the issue of homelessness or with homeless clients:

I have served on the board for the last 2 years and have been a volunteer at our church for serving meals and housing overflow for the last 10 years.

Please explain why you would like to serve on the HSOC (attach a separate sheet if necessary):

I would like to continue to serve on HSOC and to see that work we have started continued.

Please note: It is possible that the selection committee may contact you to ask for additional information if necessary to prepare its recommendations for HSOC membership to the Board of Supervisors.

If appointed, are you willing to participate in the majority of meetings each year and, if necessary, in numerous related meetings of subcommittees? Yes No

Should you be appointed, are you willing, if necessary for that particular body, to file a statement of disclosure as a public official under the standards set forth by the Fair Political Practice Commission? Yes No

Signed Shay M Stewart Date 10/09/2023

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Appointee prefers not to have address or phone numbers(s) published? ___ Yes ___ No

Additional Comments:



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
TO A BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE

Date: 10/5/2023

Applying For: **Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC)**

Name: Lewis Wendy M

Address:

Last	First	Middle Initial
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Address:

Number	Street	City	Zip Code
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Email Address: [REDACTED]
Home Phone: [REDACTED] Business Phone: [REDACTED]

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Community Organizations | |

Please cite your affiliation, as staff member, board member or volunteer, with any community services agency or organization:

I am the CEO of El Camino Homeless Organization

Please describe how you qualify for the HSOC category which you have selected above:

I am the CEO of El Camino Homeless Organization

While not necessarily required, knowledge of issues relating to homelessness and/or previous involvement in addressing homelessness are desirable for HSOC members and will be considered by the selection committee prior to making its recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. Please summarize your experience with the issue of homelessness or with homeless clients:
See attached.

Please explain why you would like to serve on the HSOC (attach a separate sheet if necessary):

I would like to serve on the HSOC to provide 6 years of experience running and growing a homeless organization. Please see my attached letter with more information.

Please note: It is possible that the selection committee may contact you to ask for additional information if necessary to prepare its recommendations for HSOC membership to the Board of Supervisors.

If appointed, are you willing to participate in the majority of meetings each year and, if necessary, in numerous related meetings of subcommittees? Yes No

Should you be appointed, are you willing, if necessary for that particular body, to file a statement of disclosure as a public official under the standards set forth by the Fair Political Practice Commission? Yes No

Signed Wendy Lewis Date 10/5/2023

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Date called/interviewed _____ Recommended for appointment? ___ Yes ___ No

Appointee prefers not to have address or phone number(s) published? ___ Yes ___ No

Additional Comments:



President & CEO

Wendy Lewis

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Board Chair

Floyd Butterfield
Board Vice Chair

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Board Secretary

Nick Edney
Board CFO

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Kandy Noel
Kelly Rubio
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Thursday, October 5, 2023

Dear Members of the Homeless Services Oversight Council, I am writing to express my strong interest in serving as a member of the Homeless Services Oversight Council as a representative of a homeless services provider. Having worked in the field of homeless services for 6 years, I have witnessed firsthand the challenges faced by individuals experiencing homelessness, and I am deeply committed to advocating for their needs and rights. Throughout my career, I have had the privilege of working with diverse populations of homeless individuals, including families, veterans, and those struggling with mental health issues and substance abuse. These experiences have given me valuable insights into the complex issues surrounding homelessness and have strengthened my determination to contribute to effective solutions. If appointed to the Homeless Services Oversight Council, I would bring to the table:

1. In-depth knowledge of the homeless services landscape, including an understanding of current programs, policies, and best practices.
2. A dedication to collaboration, working closely with fellow council members, government agencies, and community organizations to enhance the effectiveness of homeless services.
3. A commitment to equity and inclusivity, ensuring that the unique needs of all homeless individuals are addressed and that services are accessible to everyone.
4. A focus on data-driven decision-making, utilizing data and research to inform policy recommendations and track progress.

I am confident that my experience and passion for homeless services would make a valuable contribution to the Homeless Services Oversight Council. I am eager to engage in the vital work of improving services and outcomes for individuals experiencing homelessness in our community. Thank you for considering my application. I welcome the opportunity to discuss my qualifications further and contribute to the important mission of the Homeless Services Oversight Council.

Sincerely,

Wendy Lewis
President & CEO
wlewis@echoshelter.org
805-792-0090

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Membership of the Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC) as of November 2023

Seat	Member	Alternate	Organization	Term
Elected Officials	Kristen Barneich	Lan George	City of Arroyo Grande	Unlimited while holding office
Elected Officials	Susan Funk	Charles Bourbeau	City of Atascadero	Unlimited while holding office
Elected Officials	Clint Weirick	Zach Zimmerman	City of Grover Beach	Unlimited while holding office
Elected Officials	Zara Landrum	Laurel Barton	City of Morro Bay	Unlimited while holding office
Elected Officials	Steve Gregory		City of Paso Robles	Unlimited while holding office
Elected Officials	Marcia Guthrie	Mary Ann Reiss	City of Pismo Beach	Unlimited while holding office
Elected Officials	Michelle Shoresman	Erica Stewart	City of San Luis Obispo	Unlimited while holding office
Elected Officials	Dawn Ortiz-Legg	Kelley Abbas	County of San Luis Obispo	Unlimited while holding office
County Government Service Providers	Starlene Graber		County Department of Behavioral Health	9/12/2023-1/1/2026
County Government Service Providers	Devin Drake		County Department of Social Services	1/1/2021-1/1/2024
County Government Service Providers*	Allison Brandum	Sarah Reinhart	County Health Agency	4/19/2022-1/1/2025

Currently or Formerly Homeless Persons	Brenda Mack			1/1/2022-1/1/2025
Currently or Formerly Homeless Persons	Wendy Blacker	Jason Holland	SLOCO Recovery Network	1/1/2023-1/1/2026
Currently or Formerly Homeless Persons*	Luke Dunn			4/4/2023-1/1/2026
Advocates	<i>Vacant</i>			1/1/2023-1/1/2026
Advocates	Kathy McClenathen	Jeff Eckles	SLO County Housing Trust Fund	1/1/2021-1/1/2024
Public Safety Organizations	Jeff Smith		City of Pismo Beach Police Department	1/1/2023-1/1/2026
Public Safety Organizations	Rick Scott	Brian Amoroso	City of San Luis Obispo Police Department	1/1/2023-1/1/2025
Nonprofit Homeless Assistance Providers	Janna Nichols	Michael Azevedo	5Cities Homeless Coalition	1/1/2023-1/1/2026
Nonprofit Homeless Assistance Providers	Mark Lamore		Transitions Mental Health Association	1/1/2023-1/1/2026
Nonprofit Homeless Assistance Providers	Wendy Lewis	Austin Solheim	El Camino Homeless Organization	1/1/2022-1/1/2024
Nonprofit Homeless Assistance Providers*	Jack Lahey	Lawren Ramos	Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo	1/1/2023-1/1/2026
Affordable Housing Developers	Rick Gulino	Catherine Manning	People's Self Help Housing	1/1/2023-1/1/2026
Businesses	Bettina Swigger	Shannon DalPorto	Downtown SLO	1/1/2022-1/1/2025
Businesses*	Jim Dantona		SLO Chamber of Commerce	4/19/2022-1/1/2024

Faith-Based Organizations	Shay Stewart		Granite Ridge Christian Camp	1/1/2021-1/1/2024
Hospitals	Amelia Grover	Liz Snyder	French Hospital	1/1/2021-1/1/2024
Organizations Serving Homeless Veterans	William Crewe	Paul Worsham	Veterans Helping Veterans	1/1/2022-1/1/2025
Housing Authority	<i>Vacant</i>			2/7/2023-1/1/2026
County Office of Education	Jessica Thomas	Daniela Garcia	SLO County Office of Education	1/1/2021-1/1/2024
Victim Service Providers	Susan Lamont	Jennifer Adams	Lumina Alliance	1/1/2022-1/1/2025
Other Community Organizations	Nicole Bennett	Christy Nichols	CenCal Health	1/1/2021-1/1/2024
Social Service Providers*	Garret Olson	Molly Kern	SLO Food Bank	4/19/2022-1/1/2025
Behavioral Health Agencies	Aurora William		LAGS Recovery Centers	1/1/2023-1/1/2025
Local School Districts	Rochelle Sonza		Grizzly Youth Academy	1/1/2023-1/1/2026

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HSOC Executive Committee and Nominating Committee Recommendations

Proposed Membership of the Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC) from January 2024

Current Member Recommended for Reappointment				
New Member Recommended for Appointment				
Seat	Member	Alternate	Organization	Term
Elected Officials	Kristen Barneich	Lan George	City of Arroyo Grande	Unlimited while holding office
Elected Officials	Susan Funk	Charles Bourbeau	City of Atascadero	Unlimited while holding office
Elected Officials	Clint Weirick	Zach Zimmerman	City of Grover Beach	Unlimited while holding office
Elected Officials	Zara Landrum	Laurel Barton	City of Morro Bay	Unlimited while holding office
Elected Officials	Steve Gregory		City of Paso Robles	Unlimited while holding office
Elected Officials	Marcia Guthrie	Mary Ann Reiss	City of Pismo Beach	Unlimited while holding office
Elected Officials	Michelle Shoresman	Erica Stewart	City of San Luis Obispo	Unlimited while holding office
Elected Officials	Dawn Ortiz-Legg	Kelley Abbas	County of San Luis Obispo	Unlimited while holding office
County Government Service Providers	Starlene Graber		County Department of Behavioral Health	9/12/2023-1/1/2026

County Government Service Providers	Devin Drake		County Department of Social Services	1/1/2024-1/1/2027
County Government Service Providers*	Allison Brandum	Sarah Reinhart	County Health Agency	4/19/2022-1/1/2025
Currently or Formerly Homeless Persons	Brenda Mack			1/1/2022-1/1/2025
Currently or Formerly Homeless Persons	Wendy Blacker	Jason Holland	SLOCO Recovery Network	1/1/2023-1/1/2026
Currently or Formerly Homeless Persons*	Luke Dunn			4/4/2023-1/1/2026
Advocates	Margaret Sheperd-Moore		Library Outreach Team	1/1/2024-1/1/2026
Advocates	Kathy McClenathen	Jeff Eckles	SLO County Housing Trust Fund	1/1/2024-1/1/2027
Public Safety Organizations	Jeff Smith		City of Pismo Beach Police Department	1/1/2023-1/1/2026
Public Safety Organizations	Rick Scott	Brian Amoroso	City of San Luis Obispo Police Department	1/1/2023-1/1/2025
Nonprofit Homeless Assistance Providers	Janna Nichols	Michael Azevedo	5Cities Homeless Coalition	1/1/2023-1/1/2026
Nonprofit Homeless Assistance Providers	Mark Lamore		Transitions Mental Health Association	1/1/2023-1/1/2026
Nonprofit Homeless Assistance Providers	Wendy Lewis	Austin Solheim	El Camino Homeless Organization	1/1/2024-1/1/2027
Nonprofit Homeless Assistance Providers*	Jack Lahey	Lawren Ramos	Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo	1/1/2023-1/1/2026

Nonprofit Homeless Assistance Providers*	Marie Bolin		Family Care Network	1/1/2024-1/1/2027
Affordable Housing Developers	Rick Gulino	Catherine Manning	People's Self Help Housing	1/1/2023-1/1/2026
Businesses	Bettina Swigger	Shannon DalPorto	Downtown SLO	1/1/2022-1/1/2025
Faith-Based Organizations	Shay Stewart		Granite Ridge Christian Camp	1/1/2024-1/1/2027
Hospitals	Amelia Grover	Liz Snyder	French Hospital	1/1/2024-1/1/2027
Organizations Serving Homeless Veterans	William Crewe	Paul Worsham	Veterans Helping Veterans	1/1/2022-1/1/2025
Housing Authority	Michelle Pedigo		Housing Authority of the City of San Luis Obispo	1/1/2024-1/1/2026
County Office of Education	Jessica Thomas	Daniela Garcia	SLO County Office of Education	1/1/2024-1/1/2027
Victim Service Providers	Susan Lamont	Jennifer Adams	Lumina Alliance	1/1/2022-1/1/2025
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**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC)
ACTION ITEM
November 15, 2023**

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 4.4.2

ITEM: Vote to use 1) a Census Methodology for the 2024 Homeless Point in Time Count of Unsheltered Persons; and 2) an Observational Count Combined with a survey and extrapolation for obtaining demographic and other information for unsheltered persons experiencing homelessness

ACTION REQUIRED:

Vote to use 1) a census methodology for the 2024 Homeless Point in Time Count of unsheltered persons; and 2) an observational count combined with a survey and extrapolation for obtaining demographic and other information for unsheltered persons experiencing homelessness.

SUMMARY NARRATIVE:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires all HUD-funded Continuums of Care (CoCs) to conduct a Point in Time (PIT) count of all sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons within the CoC service area at least once every two years. The count must be conducted within a single, 24-hour period during the last ten days in January.

The purpose of the count is to provide the federal government with national data on the prevalence and demographics of homelessness. HUD also uses data from the Point in Time count, together with data from the County's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), to measure the County's performance comparatively with CoCs in addressing homelessness. Additionally, the count has been used by the State of California to determine how much homeless assistance funding the CoC would receive from certain one-time only homeless assistance grants, such as the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP).

CoCs have the option of conducting a complete count of both the sheltered and unsheltered population experiencing homelessness every year; or conducting a complete count every two years, and in the interim years, using the unsheltered data from the prior

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year while still conducting a new count of sheltered homeless persons. The San Luis Obispo County CoC has opted to conduct a complete count every two years, with the most recent complete count having been conducted in January 2022.

The CoC must determine whether to use a complete coverage type approach, which ensures all areas of the country are covered, or a sampling methodology, where representative samples are taken, and the data is then used to make estimates about the overall population. HUD has indicated a complete coverage is the preferred methodology for the overall count.

San Luis Obispo County CoC has in prior years conducted a complete coverage count using observational methodology to determine the overall number of unsheltered persons, while using a sampling methodology for surveys to obtain demographic and other information, such as services usage among unsheltered persons. The benefit to a complete count versus a sampling count for an observational methodology is that such a count covers more of the county and is less subject to sampling errors.

At the same time, given the size of the area to be covered and the number of persons to be interviewed, the CoC has previously opted to use a sampling approach to collect demographic and other client-level information. Sampling requires substantially fewer resources while still providing reasonable data quality. For example, during the 2022 Homeless Point in Time Count for the county, there were 1,156 unsheltered homeless persons counted on the night of the count and 333 unsheltered and sheltered persons surveyed. This sample size and the sampling methodology led to reasonable margins of error for the estimates, while substantially reducing the resources required to collect the data compared to what would have been utilized for a complete coverage methodology for the survey.

For the sheltered count, the CoC will use a combination of HMIS data from HMIS Participating Emergency Shelters, data from comparable data bases for victim service providers, and interviews and surveys to collect demographic data from non-HMIS participating shelters and transitional housing.

In prior years, the County has contracted with an outside vendor to design and assist the count implementation, as well as to compile the statistical data and produce a report analyzing the results. The vendor ensured that the methodology used to conduct the count was consistent with the requirements promulgated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The County Department of Social Services

provided planning and operational support, with assistance from CoC subrecipient agencies and their clients.

For the 2024 Count, staff are recommending the CoC adopt a complete count methodology for the overall count combined with a survey, using an extrapolation methodology. This approach adopts HUD's preferred methodology for the overall count, but alters prior years' methodology.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The HSOC vote is advisory and will have no immediate financial impact. Staff will be contracting with an outside vendor to design and assist the count implementation, as well as to compile the statistical data and produce a report analyzing the results.

If the County adopts a full count approach with use of paid peer surveyors and a vendor to assist, the Count is estimated to cost \$86,700. The County has already budgeted \$72,000 for the count in the FY23-24 budget and staff has secured the additional \$14,700 needed through Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program (HHIP) funds and General Funds.

Should the County adopt a selected locations survey in lieu of a complete count approach, the final costs may be more or less than \$86,700.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Staff recommend the use of a complete count methodology for the count and an extrapolation methodology for the demographic information and other client-level data collected by the survey.

While vendor responsibilities have shifted due to the growth of the Homeless Services Division, County Staff acknowledge the need for intentional assistance at this time to adequately manage such an endeavor without vendors in the future. The time to plan and carry out the count is significant, and staff do not yet have sufficient resources to implement effectively at this time without external support from a vendor.