

HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

HSOC Meeting

December 18, 2019 1:00 p.m.

Family Care Network

1255 Kendall Rd.

San Luis Obispo, CA

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF & GUESTS		
Paul Worsham Kristen Barneich Mariam Shah Adam Hill Amelia Grover Jeff Smith alt. for Deanna Cantrell Tim Waag Joe Madsen Caroline Hall Shay Stewart Marlys McPherson Kristen Richards alt. for Jessica Thomas Carlyn Christianson Grace McIntosh Susan Funk Janna Nichols Marianne Kennedy Rick Gulino Scott Smith	Steve Martin Anne Robin Theresa Scott Devin Drake	Laurel Weir Jessica Lorance Bill Crewe Ann Gillespie Wendy Lewis Nicole Nix Jeff Al-Mashat Larissa Heeren Toby Depew Tony Navarro Brandy Graham Caroline Ambrose Wade Horton Joe Thompson Elaine Mansoor Sue Warren Lisa Howe Jeff Wilshusen		
AGENDA ITEM			CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS	FOLLOW UP
1. Call to Order and Introductions	Kristen Barneich called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Introductions were made.			

2. Public Comment	NA		
3. Consent: Approval of Minutes	Janna made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, seconded by Carlyn. All were in favor		
ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION,			
<p>4.1 Discussion Item: 2020 Action Plan Grants - Emergency Solutions Grant/Community Development Block Grant/County General Fund grant</p> <p>4.1.1 Action Item: Recommend allocation of County Community Development Block Grant (\$109,099), Emergency Solutions Grant (\$151,000), and County General Fund Support (\$253,000) funds for countywide homeless services programs</p>	<p>Laurel shared with the group that the 2020 Action Plan Grants - Emergency Solutions Grant/Community Development Block Grant/County General Fund grants are awarded annually. Tony shared with the group more detailed information about the grants. Community Development Block Grant funding can allocate 15% of total funds toward public services. There have been guidances given from the Board of Supervisors to prioritize what services the funding should go to. The Board prioritized homelessness, affordable housing and infrastructure. There will be a public review and comment period prior to funding being distributed. There are also funds available for rapid rehousing and homeless prevention. A draft recommendation will be released soon. These are entitlement grants. Tony shared the information about previous years</p>	<p>Mariam made a motion to recommend allocation of County Community Development Block Grant (\$109,099), Emergency Solutions Grant (\$151,000), and County General Fund Support (\$253,000) funds for countywide homeless services programs, seconded by Shay. All were in favor. Janna, Rick, Grace and Caroline abstained.</p>	

	<p>funding. Additional information can be found in the meeting agenda packet for December 2019.</p> <p>The Home grant is only available for affordable housing, building of or acquisition. Laurel shared with the group that the PLHA funding may also be part of this process in future rounds.</p> <p>The requests for funding from our area has increased from previous years. For data about the funding requests please see the attachments found in the meeting agenda packet for December 2019. Laurel explained to the group that PLHA funding may be able to support some of the projects that may not be funded with the currently available grant funds, depending on how the PLHA funds are prioritized.</p> <p>Laurel provided an overview of the eligibility criteria for the grants. Laurel explained that there were many unsheltered homeless people in our area relative to our size in comparison to other communities. This high rate of unsheltered homelessness was a factor in proposing to prioritize</p>		
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<p>competition to a) bring Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP)-funded projects to completion; b) shelter and case management projects on the North Coast; and c) projects that fill other critical gaps in the homeless services system</p>	<p>Committee recommended providing preferences in the local HHAP competition to a) bring Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP)-funded projects to completion; b) shelter and case management projects on the North Coast; and c) projects that fill other critical gaps in the homeless services system.</p> <p>The group discussed the importance of effectively using the grant funding as it comes into our area. There are chronically homeless found in the city and hid out in the overpass areas and not seen out to where they can be seen. The group discussed what completion of projects means. The timeline is that applications are due in February. It is expected that we will know within 60 days of submission. The deadline to use the funding/obligate the funding is a longer time frame than the HEAP funding, around December 21, 2023. Local RFP out in April and due in June of 2020.</p> <p>Laurel explained that a portion of the HHAP grant can be used for the</p>	<p>Mariam made a motion to provide preference in the local HHAP competition to a) bring Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP)-funded projects to completion; b) shelter and case management projects on the North Coast; and c) projects that fill other critical gaps in the homeless services system, seconded by Susan. All were in favor. Janna abstained.</p>	
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<p>4.3 Discussion Item: Homeless Veterans</p> <p>4.3.1 Action Item: Vote to authorize the HSOC Chair to sign a letter of support for the Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo's and the 5Cities Homeless Coalition/Good Samaritan Shelter's application for Supportive Services for Veteran Families grants from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs</p> <p>4.3.2 Discussion Item: Veterans Collaborative Discussion on Homeless Veterans and Next Steps</p>	<p>Governors 100-day challenge. Communities can choose when to start that and what the goals would be for that challenge.</p> <p>Laurel shared with the group that HSOC is being asked to support the application for Supportive Services for Veteran Families grants from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Brandy shared with the group that our area master list for homeless veterans is down to 40 which has been the lowest amount that have been on the list so far. The group discussed the significant differences that these programs have made in our area. 64 days is the average length of time homeless for veterans.</p> <p>Paul Worsham provided a summary of the veteran's collaborative panel discussion that occurred this month. There were presentations from a number of groups who work with homeless veterans. Paul expressed that the panel did a good job of explaining and educating the public at the veterans collaborative meeting about what is going on to support the</p>	<p>Paul made a motion to authorize the HSOC Vice Chair to sign a letter of support for the Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo's and the 5Cities Homeless Coalition/Good Samaritan Shelter's application for Supportive Services for Veteran Families grants from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, seconded by Carlyn. All were in favor. Grace and Janna abstained.</p>	
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<p>4.4 Discussion Item: Blue Bag Pilot Partnership Presentation</p>	<p>homeless veterans.</p> <p>Paul indicated it would be helpful to have more data, including data from outreach in our area as well as HMIS. Laurel explained that SSVF does input information into HMIS. Technical assistance advisors from HUD have been helping with the transition of data from the Veterans Affairs office into HMIS. This work is in progress. The group discussed gaps in the services for veterans. The veteran's group will connect with Homeless Service staff to set up a plan.</p> <p>Ann Gillespie provided an overview of the Blue Bag Pilot Program and the results of that program. The Blue Bag Pilot Program was a collaborative effort led by County Public Works in partnership with other county, city, and state agencies, advocates and service providers to support trash pickup and clean up from a local homeless encampment. The program provided trash pickup as well as sharps pick up from one encampment over a 4-week period. Bags and sharps containers were provided to residents of the encampment, who were critical partners and were</p>		
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<p>4.5 HSOC Membership</p> <p>4.5.1 Action Item: Vote to amend the</p>	<p>responsible for bagging the trash and bringing it to a dumpster that was provided. Trash was measured by weight in order to gauge the effectiveness of the pilot.</p> <p>The encampment residents picked up approximately 6 tons of trash and placed approximately 250 sharps in on site sharps and turned in 1000 sharps at an off-site collection site. Post-pilot interviews with encampment residents found that residents reported taking pride in being able to give back to the community by cleaning up the area.</p> <p>A copy of the Blue Bag Pilot presentation was given to the Board of Supervisors at the December 10, 2019 Board meeting. For a copy of the presentation please refer to the Board of Supervisors meeting agenda and minutes. The group discussed how to expand this trash pickup program. The group also discussed the human waste issues around waterways.</p> <p>Laurel explained to the group that there has been discussion in the past about the loss of expertise regarding</p>	<p>Janna made a motion to amend the membership section of the HSOC Bylaws</p>	
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<p>membership section of the HSOC Bylaws to (a) increase the number of seats from 27 to 35, (b) change the categories of seats and allow for more than one member from certain categories, and (c) eliminate term limits</p>	<p>membership on the HSOC due to term limits on the number of consecutive terms that may be served. Due to the limited number of seats there are agencies and organizations that are not on the HSOC that may want to or should be. The HSOC Executive Committee has made a motion to recommend the HSOC amend the membership section of the bylaws. The group discussed amending the HSOC bylaws to increase the number of seats on the HSOC from 27 to 35, change the categories of seats and allow for more than one member from certain categories, and to eliminate term limits.</p>	<p>to (a) increase the number of seats from 27 to 35, (b) change the categories of seats and allow for more than one member from certain categories, and (c) eliminate term limits, seconded by Shay. All were in favor.</p>	
<p>4.5.2 Action Item: Vote to recommend the re-appointment of Anne Robin, Caroline Hall, Deanna Cantrell, and Janna Nichols to the Homeless Services Oversight Council, the new appointment of Joe Thompson to replace Rick Gulino, the new appointment of Mark Lamore to fill the seat previously held by Joe Madsen and recommend reappointment of Marianne Kennedy if the HSOC votes to eliminate term limits on member appointments.</p>	<p>Laurel shared with the group that the Ad Hoc nominating committee met and recommended the re-appointment of Anne Robin, Caroline Hall, Deanna Cantrell, and Janna Nichols to the Homeless Services Oversight Council, the new appointment of Joe Thompson to replace Rick Gulino, the new appointment of Mark Lamore to fill the seat previously held by Joe Madsen and recommend reappointment of Marianne Kennedy</p>	<p>Shay made a motion to recommend the re-appointment of Anne Robin, Caroline Hall, Deanna Cantrell, and Janna Nichols to the Homeless Services Oversight Council, the new appointment of Joe Thompson to replace Rick Gulino, the new</p>	

<p>4.6 Discussion Item: State Homeless Assistance Grant Updates</p> <p>4.7 Discussion Item: Support efforts to allow tiny homes on wheels (item referred from Housing Committee)</p>	<p>if the HSOC votes to eliminate term limits on member appointments. The group discussed the recommendation.</p> <p>Laurel shared with the group that the HEAP grant contracts are being worked on. The North County contract should be signed this month. The CESH contract is also being worked on.</p> <p>Marianne shared that the Housing committee wanted to see Full general support from HSOC about tiny homes. More to come in future meetings.</p>	<p>appointment of Mark Lamore to fill the seat previously held by Joe Madsen and recommend reappointment of Marianne Kennedy if the HSOC votes to eliminate term limits on member appointments, seconded by Susan. All were in favor. Janna and Caroline abstained.</p>	
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4. Committee Reports	<p>Homeless Services Coordinating Committee: Has not met since the last meeting. Will meet again in January.</p> <p>Executive Committee: Discussed the Governor's 100 day challenge and state grants</p> <p>Housing Committee: Discussed tiny homes</p> <p>Finance and Data Committee: Next meeting is scheduled for January 6 at 10:30 am at DSS; preparing for the PIT Count 2021, working with HUD TA to look at Policies and Procedures and working on amending the privacy notice for HMIS.</p>		
5. Future Discussion/Report Items	NA		
6. Next Meeting Date:	January 15, 2020		
7. Adjournment	Mariam adjourned the meeting at 3:00pm		