HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
HSOC FINANCE AND DATA COMMITTEE MEETING
April 28 2021, 9am-10:30am

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF & GUESTS
Andrea Montes Alvarado Bill Crewe Elaine Mansoor Janna Nichols Jeff Al-Mashat Jessica Thomas Riley Smith Sstoz Tes	Shay Stewart	Carolyn Berg Carrie Collins George Solis Jan Maitzen Jessica Lorance Laurel Weir Leon Shordon Michael Azevedo Russ Francis

AGENDA ITEM		CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS
1. Call to Order and Introductions	Janna called the meeting to order at 9am.	
2. Public Comment	None.	
3. Consent: Approval of Minutes		Elaine made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Bill. The motion passed with all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
4. Action/Information/Discussion		
4.1 Discussion Item: Homeless Data Integration System (HDIS)	Laurel reported that the State has now launched the Homeless Data Integration System (HDIS), which combines all the data from the State's Continuums of Care (CoCs). HDIS has recently opened up a portal for CoC staff to access data. HDIS can be used to run reports, including at the county level, which the CoC is not able to do by itself. For example, HDIS is able to deduplicate data in a way that CoCs are	

	not able to when only looking at their own clients, so CoCs can now see crossover of clients between different jurisdictions. Laurel shared some screenshots from HDIS, including those showing the total number of people from SLO County CoC, and how they entered and exited the system in 2020. Only around 9% of clients accessing services within SLO County CoC have accessed services in other CoC areas. Most of these people have also accessed services in Santa Barbara County. There are some instances in which data is unclear, e.g. whether the numbers refer to people or households, and in some cases, the numbers do not include everything due to the way data is currently captured or interpreted by HDIS. County staff are bringing these issues to the State's attention. The State is seeking feedback on HDIS generally from CoCs through 'academies' that were recently launched. The current data does not include SSVF (Supportive Services for Veteran Families) programs, though future reports will incorporate this and so will include much more data about homeless veterans in the County. George gave a demonstration of the public facing HDIS website. This site provides general statistics on homelessness in California, drawing data from the last PIT (Point in Time) Count. There is some data on CoC jurisdictions, but not to the level of detail as on the CoC website. The public website shows that mostly, the County's numbers trend close to the state average, but there is a much higher proportion of DV (Domestic Violence) clients, and this is without including data from the DV providers RISE and Stand Strong. County staff will enquire with the State as to why this may be.	
4.2 Discussion Item: PIT (Point in Time) Count and HIC (Housing Inventory Count) Data	George provided an update on PIT and HIC (Housing Inventory Count) data. HUD (US Department of Housing & Urban Development) requires CoCs to conduct an annual PIT and HIC Count. This year, SLO County CoC did not carry out an unsheltered count due to COVID, but did carry out a sheltered count, and HIC, which is an inventory of all homeless service beds within the CoC service area. George thanked all	

	agencies for submitting data. County staff are now working on data cleanup. Preliminary data is showing a significant increase in people who were in emergency shelter, which has defied expectations as many emergency shelters reduced capacity. However, new shelters were added as of 2021, which may have accounted for the difference. The submission date for both the sheltered PIT and HIC data is May 14th.	
4.3 Discussion Item: ESG-CV (Emergency Solutions Grant – Coronavirus) CAPER (Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report) Data	Due to limited time available in this meeting, the Committee agreed that George will bring this discussion item to the next Finance & Data Committee meeting.	
4.4 Discussion Item: HUD VASH (Department of Housing & Urban Development – Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing)	George reported that HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) now includes quarterly uploads from the HUD VASH (Department of Housing & Urban Development – Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing) program. SLO County CoC has 192 active HUD VASH participants in HMIS. The next upload of data is due in July. This data only includes head of households, not family data, but HUD is aware of this.	
4.5 Discussion Item: Data on Homeless Youth	The Finance & Data Committee requested more data on homeless youth in the county at its last meeting. Jessica Thomas shared data collected by school districts from 2013 to 2020. In school year 2019-20, the data recorded 2,502 homeless students across SLO county. This data uses the McKinney-Vento definition of homelessness, which (unlike the HUD definition) includes people who are 'doubled up', i.e. sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing or economic hardship. This accounts for around 75% of homeless students in the county. Overall, 7.3% of students within SLO county qualify as homeless by the McKinney-Vento definition, compared to 3.2% in California as a whole. Some districts	

	show consistently high numbers of homeless students. 2,502 homeless students represents a drop from the previous year, but doesn't necessarily reflect reality as schools closed in March due to the pandemic, so there is not as much data for the 2019-20 year as previous years. Jessica will pass this data on to Abby Lassen, and to Laurel Weir, who will share it with CalWorks. Michael shared that 5CHC (5Cities Homeless Coalition) received fewer referrals from schools after they shut down in March, but has continued to receive referrals from Cuesta College. Many more homeless youth are found through referral than via street outreach. 5CHC has increasingly been housing young parents with children. A youth specific shelter would be one of the most helpful solutions, as homeless youth often feel there is a stigma about homeless adults, and don't see themselves as being in the same situation.	
4.6 Discussion Item: HHAP (Homeless Housing, Assistance & Prevention Program)	Laurel reported that the RFP (Request for Proposals) for the first round of HHAP (Homeless Housing, Assistance & Prevention Program) funding has been released, and can be found on the County's Homeless Services web page. Applications are due at noon on June 8th. Due to limited time available in this meeting, the Committee agreed that Laurel will bring the remainder of this discussion item (HHAP reporting) to the next Finance & Data Committee meeting.	
5. Future Discussion/Report Items	• ESG-CV (Emergency Solutions Grant – Coronavirus) CAPER (Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report) • HHAP (Homeless Housing, Assistance & Prevention Program) reporting • Further discussion on HDIS: how it will correspond with Stella, and how this data can help to drive discussions around the development of a new Ten-Year Plan	
6. Next Meeting Date: May 26, 2021	The Committee agreed to change the meeting time for future meetings to 9am.	

7. Adjournment	Janna adjourned the meeting at 10:30am.	