HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
HSOC FINANCE AND DATA COMMITTEE MEETING
December 15 2021, 9am-10:30pm

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF & GUESTS
Andrea Montes Alvarado	Riley Smith	Brandy Graham
Bill Crewe		Elizabeth Pauschek
Carrie Collins		George Solis
Janna Nichols		Jannine Lambert
Jeff Al-Mashat		Jessica Lorance
Jessica Thomas		Russ Francis
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AGENDA ITEM		CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS
1. Call to Order and Introductions	Janna called the meeting to order at 9am.	
2. Public Comment	Carrie shared that the Transitional Food & Shelter (TFS) units have been sold to an individual buyer as of December 14th. TFS have not yet met the buyer and do not know what his plans are for the properties, so for now they continue with business as usual.	
3. Consent: Approval of Minutes		Carrie made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Jeff. 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) Report	George reported that County staff have pulled some data from the State's HDIS (Homeless Data Integration System) relevant to SLO County. This data shows that 2,738 people were served in calendar year 2020. Of these, 194 accessed services in at least one other CoC (Continuum of Care). The greatest crossover is with Santa Barbara County, which shared 72 clients with SLO County. Day shelters were the service most frequently accessed by the same people in different CoCs. George shared demographic data including breakdowns by race, ethnicity, gender and age. This data is however incomplete, as some programs were not entering Coordinated Entry data into HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) in 2020, so this data does not appear in the State's HDIS. George reported that the CoC is working on a racial analysis plan, as racial disparities have increasingly been emphasized by HUD (US Department of Housing & Urban Development).	
4.2 Discussion Item: HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) Street Outreach Projects – Auto Exit	George reported that the County is looking at ensuring there is a uniform policy around exiting clients from Street Outreach projects. Currently, if clients enter HMIS via Street Outreach and then never engage with an agency again, they are never exited from HMIS. Per HUD guidance, Street Outreach clients can be exited if: they enter another project type or otherwise find housing; they engage with another outreach worker; they are deceased; or an outreach worker has been unable to locate them for an extended period of time and there are no recorded contacts. HUD leaves it up to the CoC's discretion to decide what this extended period of time should be. The Committee discussed implementing an auto exit, which would	

	mean clients are automatically exited from HMIS if there are no contacts recorded within a set period of time. The Committee discussed the idea and asked County staff to first ensure all current Street Outreach projects are collecting data in the same way.	
4.3 Discussion Item: Strategic Action Items	Jessica reported that the Finance & Data Committee has previously completed the Data Maturity Assessment Tool, and set priorities for improvements based on the results. County staff have begun working on HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) participation. Four projects were not entering data into HMIS. Of these, one is now in the process of drafting a data sharing agreement, and the other three are in discussions. A draft Data Quality Benchmark has been written, and will be brought to the next Finance & Data Committee meeting. County staff are also in discussion with CAPSLO (Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo) about possibilities for importing data from ClientTrack into HMIS.	
4.4 Discussion Item: Point in Time (PIT) Count 2022 Update	George reported that the link for PIT (Point in Time) Count volunteer recruitment has been shared with the HSOC, all committee lists and agencies, and has also been posted on the Volunteer SLO website. 13 volunteer teams in total had signed up at the time of the meeting. Brandy reported that CAPSLO will soon be asking their volunteers to participate. Bill reported that the Cadet Corps would like to participate. This could potentially provide up to 46 volunteers. George reported that ASR (Applied Survey Research) are the vendor for the PIT Count have released a link to online mapping, allowing people to pinpoint encampments. ASR will collect this data, and hotspots can be listed on maps for the	

	count. County staff have also been planning with the County Office of Education and school districts. George confirmed that peer leads have to be vaccinated, as this is a recommendation from HUD.	
4.5 Discussion Item: HUD (US Department of Housing & Urban Development) CoC (Continuum of Care) Grant Program Collaborative Application Review	George reported that County staff submitted the HUD CoC (Continuum of Care) Collaborative Application for Fiscal Year 2021 on November 16th. Award letters are expected in February-March. Once the County receives the debrief from HUD, the Committee can review where the CoC scored well, and where it needs to make improvements. The application can be reviewed on the DSS (Department of Social Services) website here: https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Social-Services/Homeless-Services/Funding-Availability.aspx	
4.6 Discussion Item: Veterans 500	Brandy shared that the Veterans 500 initiative was announced in early November by the Department of Veterans Affairs. The goal is to house 500 households including a veteran by the end of the year, from within the greater Los Angeles area. This includes SLO County. There are various teams involved in this project, working to identify barriers in the system and intending to make improvements for the long term. Specific to SLO County, veterans who do not have VASH (Veterans Affairs-Supportive Housing) or SSVF (Supportive Services for Veteran Families) vouchers are not eligible for the veteran priority list.	
4.7 Discussion Item: CalWorks Housing Support Program Update	Jannine presented on the CalWorks Housing Support Program and Bringing Families Home program. These two programs provide the same services, but serve different client groups.	

	Bringing Families Home is a child welfare services program, where eligible families must be homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness. This program has limited funding and is set to expire at the end of this fiscal year, though it is expected to be renewed. The Housing Support Program is for CalWorks families. Only one member of the family must be eligible for CalWorks. They must also be County residents and be homeless or at risk of homelessness. There is now an eviction prevention component, although the County is required to refer families to the COVID Rent Relief Program first if the eviction is related to COVID. Services provided include workshops, housing navigation, storage assistance, costs related to moving into a unit, and furniture assistance. During the pandemic, more flexibility was given to temporary motel assistance. This is also used for medical recovery, and has been extended to include those who are at risk of medical complications due to COVID. For both programs, the outcome is to house people within 90 days. One barrier to this has been a lack of available units. There has been an increase in referrals to the Housing Support Program, the majority of whom are meeting the imminent risk criteria.	
5. Future Discussion/Report Items	Jessica Thomas shared that she is currently working with schools to develop a single source of information for support for families, and asked if this Committee would be able to help input information. The Committee decided this would be added to the next full HSOC agenda.	

6. Reschedule Next Meeting Date from January 26, 2021	The Committee agreed to move the next meeting to February 2nd, as January 26th is the date of the PIT Count.	
7. Adjournment	Janna adjourned the meeting at 10:40am.	