

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

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF & GUESTS	
Kristen Barneich Mariam Shah Rick Gulino Devin Drake Marianne Kennedy Carlyn Christianson Janna Nichols Adam Hill Steve Martin Joe Madsen Grace McIntosh Marlys McPherson Marcia Guthrie Amelia Grover alt. Courtney Warren Paul Worsham Anne Robin Scott Smith Caroline Hall Shay Stewart Susan Funk	Jessica Thomas Tim Waag Theresa Scott	Laurel Weir Allison Rustick Zach Lute Tony Navarro Abby Lassen Sue Warren Nicole Nix Cara Vereschagin Kevin Watkins Juli Walwyn Paul Reinhardt Paul Hertel Erin Roullard Kathi Rebinga Ester Aclan Mairea Jamie William Ashley Irene Cypert Rog Rawlings Wade Horton Becky Mosgofian Louise Welch Joel Pimmner Jim Famalette Freddy Foite Nancy Allison Terry and Kethy Beaschler	Jessica Lorange Mike Byrd Veronica Cabalayan Wendy Lewis Sharon O'Leary Elaine Mansoor Rene Holzer Robert Blair Patricia Gomez Scott Walwyn J. Reinhardt Ben Oakley Mike Hopkins Cathryn Sells Chris Berry Penny Platt J. Willkomm John Stenger Blake Fixler Star Graber Diane Lee Cathy Serena Julie Quillin Ann Gilespie Mary Hartel

		Robert and Gail Downey Dan and Diane Shannon Mark and Susan Chiaparappa	
AGENDA ITEM		CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS	FOLLOW UP
1. Call to Order and Introductions of Guests	Mariam Shah welcomed the group and introductions were made.		
2. Public Comment	There was no public comment on items not on the agenda.		
3. Consent: Approval of Minutes		Devin moved to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Joe. All were in favor.	
ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION			
4.1 Discussion Item: Homeless Emergency Aid Program Grant and California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program Grant Allocations	<p>Mariam Shah opened the discussion to Laurel regarding the Homeless Emergency Aid Program Grant and California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program Grant Allocations. Laurel noted there would be a public comment period for this item after the staff presentation and before the vote and invited anyone interested in speaking to please fill out a speaker slip during this time.</p> <p>Laurel shared the staff report with the group. A copy of the staff report can be found on the Homeless Services Oversight Council website attached to the agenda packet for 4/3/2019 Full Homeless Service Oversight Council Meeting. Laurel gave background information about both the Homeless Emergency Aid Program Grant and California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program Grant. Anyone interested in copies of applications can contact Jessica Lorange at jlorange@ca.slo.ca.us. The California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program (CESH) grant prioritizes coordinated entry projects and the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) grant prioritizes capital projects.</p>		

	<p>Laurel explained to the group the amounts and of grants and that there was a requirement that at least 5% of the HEAP funding be used to serve homeless youth. Laurel shared that the County released a Request for Proposals in February 2019 and received three applications for the CESH funding and 12 applications for the HEAP Funding. Total requests for the CESH funding totaled \$919,088 and total requests of \$14,068,158 for HEAP funding.</p> <p>Laurel explained the process for prioritizing applications. DSS staff reviewed applications to ensure they met threshold requirements. Planning Department staff reviewed capital improvement projects and rated them on readiness.</p> <p>On March 25, 2019, a nonconflicted grant review committee met to look at staff ratings and decide what projects to recommend for funding. The committee recommended three options for HSOC consideration. Each option included two or more projects for HEAP funding and one project recommended for CESH funding.</p> <p>Laurel noted that the County had received public comment on the proposals. As of 4/2/2019 at 5pm, staff received 4 letters of opposition, 51 letters of support from individuals, 17 letters of support from businesses, non-profits, faith-based organizations for the 5 Cities Homeless Coalition project; 10 letters in support for the Paso project, 6 letters of support for the Transitional Food and Shelter project. Any letters received after 4/2/2019 will be added to the staff report to go to the Board of Supervisors. Additional emails and letters received by staff after 4/2/2019 will be included in a staff report to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors.</p>		
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	<p>After the presentation and before the HSOC began discussion of the item, Laurel asked those Homeless Services Oversight Council Members who have conflicts of interest regarding projects to please recuse themselves and step away from the dias. There was a brief pause as members recused themselves.</p> <p>Laurel then shared information regarding the Governor’s proposed trailer bill that would provide additional, one-time only homeless assistance funding for Continuums of Care (CoCs). A portion of this funding would be conditioned on the CoCs meeting certain milestones for adding more shelter beds and increasing the number of persons exiting from homelessness into permanent housing.</p> <p>Mariam Shah then opened the discussion to questions from the Homeless Service Oversight Council. Supervisor Hill asked if the Housing Accountability Act was taken in account during the evaluation of HEAP proposals. Tony Navarro shared with the group that there is a general plan amendment process, that is up to the city to move forward with that process.</p> <p>Supervisor Hill asked if the 50Now program was considered during the consideration. Laurel responded that HSOC identified a need for more permanent supportive housing and that that was taken into consideration but not necessarily only the needs of 50 Now. Supervisor Hill asked if priority should be given to south county due to lack of facilities? Laurel responded that during the evaluation process, there was a focus on gaps and south county was one of those regions where gaps in services had been identified by the HSOC, as well as other regions. She noted that there was no shelter in south county or day center but</p>		
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	<p>there were some day services, North county had a shelter but no day services, and the coast had no shelter, day center or day services.</p> <p>Supervisor Hill asked why had it taken so long to issue the Request for Proposals? Laurel explained that it was due to HEAP requirements that had to be met. HEAP required that the County and any cities that wanted to be eligible to have capital improvement projects funded in their jurisdiction declare a shelter crisis before the State approved the County's application, and the cities needed time to declare a shelter crisis. In addition, HEAP also required that there be a consultation process that occurred and the application had to include minutes or summaries from public meetings. The County conducted a public input process in the fall to meet those requirements.</p> <p>Susan Funk asked about the North County project being ranked as a medium level project and wondered if staff took into consideration the impact. Laurel noted that the impact of the project on improving North County's homeless services capacity was considered.</p> <p>Marianne asked about the time limit for spending. Laurel replied that all funds had to be spent by June 30, 2021 and 50% of the funds needed to be obligated by January 2020.</p> <p>Laurel explained the groups were categorized based on qualitative differences. As the board votes, the strengths and weaknesses should be considered for each group. The HEAP criteria, and the public prioritization was used to prioritize the projects. Applicants were given the requirements and impact of the HEAP requirements prior to applying. Mariam asked if public has gotten to see the letters from the public. The letters will be attached to the</p>		
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<p>4.1.a Public Comment: Homeless Emergency Aid Program Grant and California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program Grant Allocations</p> <p>4.1.1 Action Item: Vote to approve the Ad Hoc Grant Review Committee's recommendations regarding prioritization for funding allocations for the Homeless Emergency Aid Program Grant and the California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program</p>	<p>report to go to the Board of Supervisors as well as attached to the agenda on the Homeless Services Oversight Council website.</p> <p>Mariam opened up the public comment period. Speakers were given a time limit of two minutes due to the large number of persons wanting to speak. Mariam asked if those speaking are willing to share their information to share where they are from/ if they are part of an agency.</p> <p>The public shared their opinions ranging from concerns or opposition to a particular project to support for one or more projects. The public letters will be included in the staff report to go to the Board of Supervisors.</p> <p>Mariam open the floor for Board comment after public comment. The group discussed the public comment and addressed the public. The board discussed the proposed projects. Supervisor Hill recommended an amendment to the staff report to create and recommend Option D. Option D would recommend \$2.6 million for the 5Cities Homeless Coalition (5CHC) project, \$1.5 million for the City of Paso Robles project, \$400,000 for the CAPSLO Detox facility, and funding for 5CHC's Transitional-Aged Youth Project, with HEAP administrative funds making up the difference between the amount requested by 5CHC for the youth project and the amount available.</p>	<p>The group voted to approve Option D recommended by Supervisor Hill to support 5CHC with \$2.6 million, Paso project with \$1.5 million, CAPSLO Detox facility with \$400,000 and funding for the 5CHC Transitional-Aged Youth Project, seconded by Carlyn Christianson. All those who were presented and not recused were in favor. Janna Nichols, Kristen Barneich, Rick Gulino, Grace McIntosh, Marlys McPherson, Scott Smith, and Steven Martin recused themselves from the discussion and did not vote.</p>	
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4. Committee Reports	HSCC: Janna updated the group that at the HSCC meeting, the group discussed the importance of improve the data and discussed rapid resolution.		
5. Future Discussion/Report Items	NA		
6. Next Meeting Date:	May 15, 2019 at 1 p.m.		
7. Adjournment	Mariam Shah adjourned the meeting at 3:52pm		