

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC)
MEETING MINUTES**

Date

November 16, 2022

Time

1pm-3pm

Location

Zoom

Members Present

Allison Brandum

Amelia Grover

Andy Pease

Anna Miller

Anna Robin

Bill Crewe

Brenda Mack

Jack Lahey

Janna Nichols

Jeff Smith

Jessica Thomas

Kristen Barneich

Mark Lamore

Molly Kern (alternate for Jim Dantona)

Nicole Bennett

Rick Gulino

Scott Smith

Shay Stewart

Steve Martin

Susan Funk

Susan Lamont

Suzie Freeman (alternate for Garret Olson)

Wendy Lewis

Members Absent

Bettina Swigger
Caroline Hall
Dawn Addis
Dawn Ortiz-Legg
Devin Drake
Jim Dantona
Kathy McClenathen
Marcia Guthrie
Nicole Bennett
Scott Smith

Staff and Guests

Abby Lassen
Anne
Austin Solheim
Brandy Graham
Carmen Sampson
Carrie Collins
Christy Nichols
Danielle
Daisy Wilberg
George Solis
Jeff Al-Mashat
Jessica Rayray
Kelley Abbas
Kelsey Nocket
Lawren Ramos
Leon Shordon
Merlie Livermore
Mia Trevelyan
Rita Holland
Russ Francis
Susan Pyburn
Yael Korin
Yesenia Alonso

1. Call to Order

Susan Funk called the meeting to order at 1pm.

2. Administrative Action: Vote to Approve a Resolution Acknowledging Governor Newsom's Proclamation of a State of Emergency and Authorizing Meetings by Teleconference Until the HSOC's Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting Pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act, as Authorized by Assembly Bill (AB) 361

Jack made a motion to approve the resolution acknowledging Governor Newsom's proclamation of a state of emergency and authorizing meetings by zoom until the HSOC's next regularly scheduled meeting pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act, as authorized by Assembly Bill (AB) 361, seconded by Janna. The motion passed with all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

3. Introductions

Susan Pyburn from League of women Voters introduced herself.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Consent: Approval of Minutes

Brenda made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Janna. The minutes were approved with all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

6. Action/Information/Discussion

6.1 HSOC Membership and Administration

6.1.1. Action Item: Vote to Adopt Code of Civility for HSOC Meetings

George provided the background for the Code of Civility. The Executive Committee suggested to amend the language by specifically adding to the Code components the need to respect the confidentiality of individual cases/clients, unless written permission has been provided.

6.1.1.1. Committee Questions

None.

6.1.1.2. Public Comment

None.

6.1.1.3 Committee Discussion and Vote

Janna moved the motion and Mark seconded. All in favor.

6.1.2 Action Item: Vote to Amend HSOC By-Laws to Allow Members to Appoint Alternates at Any Time During Their Term Instead of Only During the First 30 Days of Their Term

6.1.2.1 Committee Questions

None.

6.1.2. 2 Public Comment

None.

6.1.2.3 Committee Discussion and Vote

Andy moved and Anna seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

6.1.3 Action Item: Vote to Recommend Twelve Persons for Appointment to Vacant or Expiring Seats on the Homeless Services Oversight Council

George provided the background and presented the names of the 12 candidates for the 2023 seats.

6.1.3.1 Committee Questions

None.

6.1.3.2 Public Comment

None.

6.1.3.3 Committee Discussion and Vote

Andy moved the motion, Jack seconded, and motion was approved unanimously.

6.2 Public Hearing: Hearing on Proposed HHAP-4 (Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Program Round 4) goals and Strategies

Joe shared about the submission of initial application. The amount to be allocated to the County is still unknown. With the HHAP Round 3, the allocated amount was over \$4 million, with the 50% reimbursement up front and the other 50% provided later in the year. If we exceed the metrics, we can get a third bonus disbursement. HHAP-4 covers the 5-year period performance from 2021-2025. Eligible uses for this grant are the same as for HHAP 3. Ten percent will be set aside for homeless youth. Maximum seven percent for County Admin. While HHAP 3 dedicated 25% to system upgrades, this is not the case in HHAP 4. HHAP 4 uses are in line with the 5 Year Plan Lines of Effort.

Joe also presented the following Outcome Goals for 2025, as compared to 2021: Fifteen percent increase in total people accessing services (from 2335 to 2574 people).

Twenty five percent reduction in people experiencing homelessness (1335 to 1202 people).

Ten percent reduction in people becoming newly homeless daily (1156 to 867 people).

Twenty percent increase in people exiting homelessness to permanent housing (244 to 292 people).

Twenty seven percent reduction in length of time people remain homeless (165 to 120 days).

A six hundred fourteen percent increase in successful placements from street outreach (14 to 100people).

Joe also mentioned that there could be no change, remaining at two percent, in number of people returning to homelessness within two years of having temporary housing.

6.2.1 Committee Questions

Brenda asked if the HHAP 4 will be affected by the Governor 's comments that HHAP 3 outcomes need to be redone. Joe said that HHAP 3 concerns will not impact HHAP 4. According to Joe, the particular concern in HHAP 3 application was the predicted outcome of only showing 2% reduction in homelessness and was thus considered insufficient by the Governor.

Janna also shared that for 2021, we had protections in place, such as moratorium on evictions. She asked Joe if this is a problem for HHAP 3. Joe responded saying

that the narrative for HHAP 3 for outcome was the 2019 PIT (Point in Time) count, and prediction based on forecast recession.

Jack asked for some clarification in recording successful placement. He cited the example of someone from the street outreach comes to Prado, stays for the evening, and then chose not to stay there the following night. He wanted to know if this situation would be considered a successful outcome. According to George, this is considered a successful outcome if exit data was recorded in HMIS as exit from street outreach.

6.2.2 Public Comment

Yael wanted to know if there would be follow up with someone who was in 40 Prado, now back to the street, but are recorded in HMIS, to make sure they are connected to services. Yael says that this would not be a success if they are back on the street with no other support.

She also mentioned in reference to homelessness in Joe's presentation that this should be called unsheltered homelessness. Also, the people in tiny houses and pallet shelters are still homeless, but they are sheltered. Joe agreed.

6.2.3 Committee Discussion

Janna shared that there have been a much greater number of requests for homelessness prevention support recently. This can be attributed to CA COVID Relief Program which ended in March. People are struggling with back rent. Jack also mentioned that there is a big increase in people losing apartment units.

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

6.3.1 Discussion Item: Atascadero Site Releasing Surplus Property for New Housing

George shared about reaching out to Phil Dunsmore, Community Development Director for the City of Atascadero. The State is expecting to enter a low-cost, long-term ground lease agreement with Atascadero. This property is outside Atascadero State Hospital, and the intention is to build affordable housing that is innovative, equitable, sustainable, and cost effective.

6.3.1.1 Committee Questions

Shay mentioned that there is another similar property in the Dove Creek location.

6.3.2 Discussion Item: Safe Parking Sites and Tiny Home Villages

Janna reported that they are working towards a December opening for the Cabins for Change in the Five Cities area. They are currently working with PG&E towards putting in temporary power. There's no opening date yet.

Jack shared that enrollments are up in their safe parking programs. He also mentioned that Prado program is at capacity.

6.3.2.1 Committee Questions

None.

6.3.3 Public Comment

None.

6.3.4 Committee Discussion

None.

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

6.4.1 Discussion Item: Major Initiatives in Services

Tabled.

6.4.1.1 Committee Questions

Tabled.

6.4.2 Public Comment

Tabled.

6.4.3 Committee Discussion

Tabled.

6.5 Implementing Five-Year Plan Line of Effort 3- Improve and Expand Data Management Efforts Through HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) and Coordinated Entry System to Strengthen Data-Driven Operational Guidance and Strategic Oversight

6.5.1 Discussion Item: Report on Progress Towards Five-Year Plan Goal

Joe shared about being in the process of meeting with other CoCs (Continuum of Care) and several different Counties, going through their lessons learned with them. For the Coordinated Entry System, Jack mentioned that they are working to integrate information with the current Bell Data System. They are still working closely with the County on streamlining the universal intake system. They are also working with other Continuums to see how they are running their Coordinated Entry programs. One of the initiatives they will focus on within the next few months is partnering with the County and other providers to start the process of having a housing inventory to start matching the universal list. Jack also mentioned that they've applied for funding to expand the Coordinated Entry group.

George also provided some data regarding active clients who are currently experiencing homelessness. In July, there were 827 active clients and in November, the number increased to 1200 clients.

6.5.1.1 Committee Questions

None.

6.5.2 Discussion Item: Updates to Coordinated Entry Processes to Improve Data Reporting and Coordination of Services to Participants

None.

6.5.2.1 Committee Questions

None.

6.5.3 Discussion Item: Tracking and Reporting on Progress for HHAP Round 3 Grant Outcomes

Tabled due to HMIS Program Manager being on leave.

6.5.4 Public Comment

Tabled.

6.5.5 Committee Discussion

Tabled.

6.6.1 Discussion Item: Federal & State Grants Update

According to George, the State ESG-CV through HCD 75% expenditure deadline is January 31. They are working with subrecipients and confident they will make this deadline and avoid recapture from HCD.

Also, George has shared that for the Continuum of Care, HUD's (Housing and Urban Development) goal to announce funding awards is January 2023. Unsheltered funding announcement will be first, followed by the annual CoC (Continuum of Care program grant).

6.6.1.1 Committee Questions

None.

6.6.2 Discussion Item: Homeless Services Division Update

Joe mentioned that the division is still in the process of hiring for new positions, specifically in Data and Communications unit. Also currently recruiting for the position of a Business Systems Analyst.

Joe also shared that the Food Pantry, a project in collaboration with the San Luis Obispo Food Bank and Sunny Acres, is soon to open in the Oklahoma Parking Village. Suzie Freeman from the Food Bank also shared a little bit about this collaboration.

6.6.2.1 Committee Questions

None.

6.6.3 Public Comment

Yael thanked the Food Bank and reiterated that the residents of the Oklahoma Parking Village will help and volunteer at the Pantry.

6.6.4 Committee Discussion

None.

6.7. Discussion Item: Committee Updates

Committee updates were included in the agenda packet. There are no additional comments.

7. Future Discussion/Report Items

Yael suggested discussing the Martin v Boise ruling, concerning future and safety of unhoused people in encampments. Yael said that encampments cannot be cleared unless there are alternative housing. The County and City of San Luis Obispo has been regularly clearing encampments. There was further discussion on whether the HSOC would be the correct forum for this.

On another note, Brandy shared that their SSVF (Supportive Services for Veteran Families) Program will be seeking letter of support from HSOC for its 2024 program. She asked if this can be agendaized for the January HSOC meeting. George agreed and said for the letter to be submitted to him before the end of December. George also asked Janna of 5CHC (Five Cities Homeless Coalition) to do the same.

8. Updates and Requests for Information

None.

9. Upcoming Meetings

Next Regular Meeting: January 18, 2023, at 1pm

10. Adjournment

Susan Funk adjourned the meeting at 3:06 pm.