



**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC)
Housing Committee Meeting Agenda**

March 3, 2020, 2 p.m.

San Luis Obispo County Department of Social Services
3433 S. Higuera, Room 356
San Luis Obispo, CA

**San Luis Obispo
Countywide 10 Year
Plan to End
Homelessness**

*We envision a future
in which the housing
and comprehensive
services necessary to
remain housed are
available for all,
affording everyone
maximum self-
sufficiency, and the
opportunity to be
productive and
participating
members of our
community*

1. Call to Order and Introductions
 2. Public Comment
 3. Consent: Approval of Minutes
 4. Action/Information/Discussion
 - 4.1 Discussion Item: Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP) update, Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) update, and California Emergency Solutions Grant Update
 - 4.2 Discussion Item: County Housing Initiatives Update
 - 4.3 Discussion Item: Update on efforts to promote Tiny Homes and Tiny Villages
 - 4.4 Discussion Item: Presentation on the Section 8 and other vouchers in San Luis Obispo County
 5. Future Discussion Items
 6. Next Meeting Date: April 7, 2020
 7. Adjournment
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**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
 HSOC HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING
 February 4, 2019, 2:00-3:30pm
 Department of Social Services
 3433 S. Higuera St. San Luis Obispo, CA**

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF & GUESTS	
Anne Robin Scott Smith Mark Lamore Anne Wyatt Joanna Balsamo- Lillien		Jessica Lorange Laurel Weir Matt Leal Kelly Underwood	
AGENDA ITEM		CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS	FOLLOW UP
1. Call to Order and Introductions of Guests	Scott Smith called the meeting to order and introductions were made.		
2. Public Comment	Scott shared with the group the city of San Luis Obispo is surveying the public about local priorities. If interested in participating in the survey, please visit: https://www.opentownhall.com/portals/189/Issue_8158?cookies=detect Laurel informed the group that the new Program Manager for Homeless Services will be on board in two weeks. Homeless Services is		

	<p>also hiring a limited term Administrative Services Officer. For those interested in applying please see the county website.</p> <p>Scott reminded the group that the Housing Authority of San Luis Obispo applied for and received 60 mainstream housing vouchers from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The vouchers need to be spent within the year or we lose them. To date, 40 of the 60 vouchers have been used. You must be homeless and disabled and under 62 years old to qualify. If you know anyone who might qualify, the best place to start would be to send them to a homeless services agency like the Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo, Transitions Mental Health Association, The LINK, RISE, Stand Strong, or the 5Cities Homeless Coalition (5CHC).</p>		
<p>3. Review and Approval of Minutes</p>		<p>Mark made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Anne R. The vote was unanimous.</p>	
<p>4. ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION</p>			
<p>4.1 Discussion Item: Committee Membership for the Year</p>	<p>Laurel opened discussion for the committee membership. Mark, Joanna, Anne W and Anne R. are interested in being part of the committee membership. Anyone that is not currently in attendance that would like to be a member please let Scott Smith or Laurel Weir and staff know. The group discussed possible future members and membership appointment processes.</p>		
<p>4.2 Discussion Item: Homeless Housing, Assistance and</p>	<p>Laurel shared with the group about the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP). The application is due February 15, 2020. The Board endorsed the priorities for the grant as well as support for the application of the grant. Request for Proposals will come in the</p>		

<p>Prevention Program (HHAP) update and Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) update</p>	<p>next few months. The state should have the final decision sometime around April regarding the funding. Laurel reminded the group that the Homeless Services Oversight Council and the Board of Supervisors agreed to joint priorities for HHAP. They prioritized the adding homeless assistance on the coast as well as completing projects started with HHAP.</p> <p>Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) update: Three of the contracts have been executed. In the south county, there have been contracts executed with People’s Self Help Housing as well as Five Cities Homeless Coalition.</p> <p>The North County Homeless Service project was the third contract signed. The North County part of the project will help the El Camino Homeless Organization add ten beds and become a 24-hour shelter. It will also create the First Step Housing Navigation Center. The City of Paso Robles expects that the center will open in Spring 2021. Two additional projects will be funded with HEAP monies: a project of 5CHC to serve homeless youth, and a detox facility on the grounds of the 40 Prado Center.</p>		
<p>4.3 Discussion Item: Grand View Apartments Displacement</p>	<p>Scott opened the discussion regarding the Grand View Apartments and efforts to relocate the existing tenants before the property is sold. Anne shared that there are still some of the units occupied. More updates to come at a future meeting.</p>		

<p>4.4 Discussion Item: Tiny Home Ordinance Update</p>	<p>Anne shared with the group the accessory dwelling unit (ADU) ordinance general update was passed by the Board of Supervisors to become compliant with State laws. There is to be future discussion item at the Board of Supervisors regarding tiny homes with wheels. The group discussed the prioritization of topics that are currently of interest going to the Board of Supervisors. Anne explained that there is only one ordinance in the state that had accepted wheeled tiny homes, Fresno. San Luis Obispo adopted a similar ordinance last spring. The group discussed changes in the housing world around tiny homes. The group also discussed what it would look like to have additional support for tiny homes; not just in San Luis Obispo; but throughout the County. February 27, 2020 there will be some workshops regarding micro living in Atascadero at 6pm in the Guild Hall.</p>		
<p>4.5 Discussion Item: Consolidated Plan and Housing Element Update</p>	<p>Matt reported the Consolidated Plan and action plan 30-day comment period had just ended and the County received good feedback from the workshops and public. The Plan will be taken to the Board for approval on May 5, 2020. It was initially anticipated that the Permanent Local Housing Allocation would be included in that Board report, but the state has not yet released their notice of funding availability. Now that the draft review of the County's plan is complete, the City Councils will work on their plans.</p> <p>A draft review for the housing element is tentatively expected to be released this spring.</p>		
<p>4.6 Discussion</p>	<p>Kelly gave a presentation on Housing Programs at the Department of</p>		

<p>Item: Presentation on the Department of Social Services Housing Programs</p>	<p>Social Services and handed out a packet of information about the different programs. Kelly explained the following DSS programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CalWORKS program • Housing Support Program • Housing Assistance Program • Housing Disability and Advocacy Program • Bringing Families Home • Four Months Rental Assistance • Diversion Program • Single Payment Program <p>Kelly explained that for all programs except the Housing Disability and Advocacy Program, clients should come into any Social Service Office to apply. The Housing Disability and Advocacy Program can be accessed by visiting one of the Coordinated Entry sites: Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo, Transitions Mental Health Association, El Camino Homeless Organization and Five Cities Homeless Coalition. Anyone interested in more information about these housing programs can contact Kelly Underwood at the at Department of Social Services at kunderwood@co.slo.ca.us.</p>		
<p>5. Future Discussion/Report Items:</p>	<p>Mainstream voucher program update VA and eligibility criteria Los Osos Safe Parking Grand View Apartments Displacement Tiny Villages Program reports from HASLO Coordinated Entry</p>		
<p>6. Next Meeting Date:</p>	<p>March 3, 2020</p>		

7. Adjournment	Scott adjourned the meeting at 3:55pm		
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Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8)

1. **General Section 8 Program** - General pool of vouchers. 75% vouchers issues annually must be to Extremely Low-Income Households (30% of Area Median Income).
2. **Mainstream Vouchers Program** – reserved for non-elderly disabled. Referrals from providers.
3. **Family Unification Vouchers Program**- Reunites families and children separated through the court system, whereby families have completed all the conditions/steps necessary for unification, except that housing is the last requirement. Referrals from DSS.
4. **Bringing Families Home Voucher Program** – Similar to Family Unification.
5. **50 NOW (70 NOW?) Program**– Housing and Services to the most vulnerable, chronically homeless households. TMHA/HASLO partnership
6. **Service Provider Setasides Program – Homeless** – HASLO has set aside vouchers from our general pool for some of the major homeless services providers. Partners: ECHO, RISE, Stand Strong, CAPSLO, 5-Cities Homeless Coalition, Restorative Partners, Transitions Mental Health
7. **VASH Program** – Homeless veterans. HASLO must receive referral from local VA before issuing housing assistance.
8. **Project Based Voucher Program** – Vouchers are assigned to a specific apartment at a specific property (i.e. “no choice” in housing). PBVs are used most often to help with financial feasibility of certain projects, and to increase the affordability of Low-Income Housing Tax Credit projects.
Eg. Madonna Road Apartments (private), Oak Park Apartments Phases 1-4 , Courtland Apartments, 860 on the Wye (vets)