

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

Date

February 6, 2023

Time

1pm-2:30pm

Location

Zoom

Members Present

Brandy Graham

Devin Drake

Jack Lahey

Janna Nichols

Nicole Bennett

Members Absent

John Klevins

Staff and Guests

Abby Lassen

Aurora William

Carrie Collins

Christy Nichols

Daisy Wiberg

Elaine Archer

Gary Petersen

Jeff Al-Mashat

Joe Dzvonic

Laurel Weir

Lawren Ramos

Leon Shordon

Merlie Livermore
Michael Azevedo
Romana Nazaryan
Russ Francis
Skylar Caldwell
Wendy Lewis
Yael Korin

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Jack Lahey as the newly appointed Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:01pm. Daisy Wiberg, acting Homelessness Response Manager for the City of San Luis Obispo introduced herself. Carrie Collins also shared that Transitional Food and Shelter will now be known as Medically Fragile Homeless Program.

2. Public Comment

Yael suggested an item of discussion regarding service accountability measures.

Skylar mentioned about an interest from local medical professionals in the Street Medicine Institute. He said there is a chapter in the Santa Barbara area but does not reach the Santa Maria and San Luis Obispo locations. They asked if there are any interest on this matter. Wendy gave a shout out to the hardworking team in Echo by reading an appreciation letter from a service recipient.

3. Consent: Approval of Minutes

Brandy moved the motion to approve the minutes, Jack seconded. The motion passed, with no abstentions or against.

4. Action/Information/Discussion

4.1 Discussion Item: Roles and Responsibilities of the Committee

Laurel and Russ shared about the roles and responsibilities of the members of this Committee.

Janna expressed her thoughts about the composition of the Committee. She requested to have as many providers as possible participate in this committee, specifically representatives from Transitions Mental Health Association (TMHA) and Salvation Army. Yael also suggested people with lived experience be part of the committee.

Laurel shared that since HSOC wants to focus on and prioritize the Five-Year plan implementation, the upcoming format of the agendas would mirror the lines of effort in the Five-Year Plan.

4.2 Discussion Item: Five-Year Plan Line of Effort 2 – Focus Efforts to Reduce or Eliminate the Barriers to Housing Stability for Those Experiencing Homelessness or At Risk of Homelessness, Including Prevention, Diversion, Supportive Services, and Housing Navigation Efforts

4.2.1 Discussion Item: Cencal Health Housing Support and Sobering Centers and Medically Tailored Food Training

Nicole presented slides which covered medically tailored meals, recuperative care, and community support services. She specifically shared about California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) designed to help improve the quality of life and health outcomes of the Medicaid population in California.

Janna and Jeff expressed interest regarding sobering centers which is part of this program. Devin expressed concern about the service duration of medically-tailored meals for the members involved. Yael also requested information as to how clients can avail of resources. Nicole provided information in reaching Cencal regarding this program.

4.2.2 Discussion Item: Homeless Health Care Continuum

Christy read the notes from Emilia, which included attending statewide street medicine affinity groups to see what's happening in other areas and how this can be adapted to San Luis Obispo. She also mentioned that CenCal Health has signed a read-only HMIS contract with the County of San Luis Obispo.

4.2.3 Discussion Item: Continuum Recuperative Care

Jack gave an overview of the recuperative care program that CAPSLO has in partnership with CenCal Health. He mentioned that currently there are six beds for this purpose and that there is a potential to acquire more beds in the future. Per Jack, currently their recuperative program has a 90-day authorization.

4.2.4 Discussion Item: End of Life Protocol Task Force – Update

No update presented.

4.2.5 Discussion Item: Emergency Situations

The importance of good communication was reiterated as a key factor during the most recent storm. Joe and Jeff from the County of San Luis Obispo were commended for their swift response in assisting the providers with important information and updates regarding weather conditions and volunteer recruitment. It was recognized that the county and the different cities need to brainstorm and work together to have a more cohesive plan and better coordination among providers. The importance of having a proactive pre- and post-emergency protocols has been stated to better serve the community and the unhoused population. It was also mentioned to look at what the providers' roles are during emergency situations in coordination with the American Red Cross.

4.2.6 Discussion Item: Reporting of Deaths of People Experiencing Homelessness

Tabled. Need to reach out to the coroner's office and other resources.

5. Future Discussion/Report Items

- Homeless Health Care Continuum
- Street medicine
- Follow up on emergencies item
- Reporting of deaths and end of life protocol
- Discussion on what we will be tracking through new HMIS
- Cencal Health Housing Support and Sobering Centers and Medically Tailored Food Training
- Recuperative Care
- End of Life Protocol Update
- Collaboration with Red Cross-what is their responsibility and what do we do

6. Next Regular Meeting: April 3, 2023, at 1pm.

Back to in-person meeting and hybrid meeting alternative discussed. Hybrid meeting alternative to be presented to the next HSOC Executive Committee meeting.

7. Adjournment

Jack adjourned the meeting at 2:58pm.