



**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*

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

July 1, 2021, 2 p.m.

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1. Call to Order and Introductions
2. Public Comment
3. Consent: Approval of Minutes
4. Action/Information/Discussion
 - 4.1 Discussion Item: Regional Homeless Action Plan and Ten-Year Plan Update
 - 4.2 Discussion Item: Role and Structure of Encampment Committee
5. Future Discussion Items
6. Next Meeting Date: August 5, 2021
7. Adjournment

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
HSOC ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
March 4th, 2021, 2PM
Zoom call**

MEMBERS PRESENT		MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF & GUESTS
Anne Robin Caro Hall Grace McIntosh Janna Nichols Lois Petty Nicole Bennett Kristen Barneich Steve Martin Susan Funk		Jeff Al-Mashat Jeff Smith Tim Waag Toby Depew	Abby Lassen Becky Jorgeson Blake Fixler Carolyn Berg Elaine Mansoor Elidia Lopez George Solis Glenn Silloway John DiNunzio Laurel Weir Leon Shordon Lucy Passaglia Russ Francis Shanice Brown Sue Warren Susan Funk Yael Korin
AGENDA ITEM			CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS
1. Call to Order and Introductions of Guests	Abby Lassen introduced herself in her new role as Health Equity Coordinator for the Public Health Department.		
2. Public Comment	None.		
3. Consent: Approval of Minutes			Kristen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Anne. The motion passed with all in

		favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
4. Action/Information/Discussion		
4.1 Discussion Item: Working Group Reports	No working group reports were provided.	
4.2 Action Item: Vote to Approve the Revised Alternatives to Encampment Working Group's Recommendations	<p>Laurel and Russ provided background on the Alternatives to Encampment recommendations document. Since this was last reviewed by the Committee, Russ has restructured the document into a report to be presented to City managers and the County Administrative Office (CAO).</p> <p>The Committee discussed the wording of recommendation #4: Catalogue Housing Options and Opportunities, deciding to change the title to 'Create Alternative Housing Options,' and changing the first line from:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">HSOC recommends that San Luis Obispo County catalogue the various housing options and opportunities that exist throughout the county.</p> <p>to:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">HSOC recommends that San Luis Obispo County create feasible housing options and opportunities throughout the county and cities, and identify possible sites for the establishment of Tiny House Villages.</p> <p>A further amendment was made to reference support for the Hope's Village project in particular being carried forward (see item 4.4).</p> <p>Laurel clarified that the recommendations will next go to the full HSOC for approval, at its next regular meeting on March 17th, before being sent to the City managers and CAO.</p>	<p>Nicole made a motion to approve the recommendations, with the amendments made by the Committee, seconded by Susan. The motion passed with all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.</p>

<p>4.3 Discussion Item: Regional Homeless Action Plan</p>	<p>Carolyn presented the Regional Homeless Action Plan. The Plan is intended to bring together the different efforts to address homelessness made by the County Administrative Office, City managers, local agencies and the HSOC. The pilot programs being considered as part of the Regional Plan are the safe parking and blue bag programs, beginning in July in priority areas. The blue bag pilot program will move between encampments, due to the expense of running this in multiple locations. County Public Works, who ran a pilot blue bag program in 2019, reported that the largest effort is in the first four weeks.</p> <p>Carolyn clarified that the Community Homeless Action Team referenced in the document is not a CAT (Community Action Team), but is envisioned to consist of two groups – one of which would include staff from law enforcement and homeless service agencies, the other being more policy focused. These policies would come to HSOC for review. Janna suggested that the reporting mechanism back to HSOC should come via the Services Coordinating Committee.</p>	
<p>4.4 Discussion Item: Hope's Village – Sustainable Community Village</p>	<p>Becky provided background on Hope's Village, who are looking for land to build a sustainable community village of tiny homes for homeless people in the county. They are looking to partner with a larger nonprofit. Hope's Village were seeking a general endorsement of the program from the HSOC Encampment Committee to the Board of Supervisors, as the Board has requested this from Hope's Village.</p> <p>The Committee discussed the project and were in favor, noting that the concept of a tiny homes village, and specifically Hope's Village's plans, are referenced in the Alternatives to Encampment recommendations document that will ultimately be sent to the Board of Supervisors, as well as the CAO and City managers. The Committee agreed to include a reference in the document that they support the Hope's Village project in particular being carried forward. This was included in the motion for item 4.2.</p>	

4.5 Discussion Item: Current Encampment Issues	Janna reported that one of the camps in South County experienced a major fire.	
4.6 Discussion Item: Winter Warming Centers and Safe Parking	<p>Grace reported that CAPSLO (Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo) recently signed a contract with the City of SLO to begin another safe parking program in the railroad section of the city. This program will provide 20 spaces and will not have a case management requirement, though an outreach worker will be available. The spaces are not intended to be permanent for clients, but a temporary place to shelter for 28 days. Screening requirements will include identification, vehicle registration and insurance.</p> <p>Caroline reported that the Los Osos warming shelter continues to operate, although it has not been open for many nights due to the lack of rain. People are also choosing to stay in their vehicles in order to maintain distance from others.</p> <p>Janna reported that the South County warming center has been required to move again, due to the space being used for a vaccination clinic. With the support of the City of Grover Beach, 5CHC (5Cities Homeless Coalition) will be using the Grover Beach Community Center through April 30th. This has reduced capacity slightly but 5CHC has not had to turn anyone away yet.</p>	
4.7 Discussion Item: Update on COVID-Related Funding Available to Address Unsheltered Homelessness	<p>Laurel shared that the Department of Planning & Building are taking an action item to the Board of Supervisors on March 16th to approve HSOC's recommendations for the Federal ESG-CV (Emergency Solutions Grant – Coronavirus) Round 2 grant. This will provide funding for emergency shelter activities. The Department of Social Services (DSS) took an item to the Board the previous month for the State ESG-CV grant, which will provide funding for rapid rehousing and street outreach. DSS are now waiting for the State to send the contract, after which DSS will enter into agreements with subrecipients.</p> <p>The State will begin operating the ERAP (Emergency Rental Assistance</p>	

	Program) in SLO County on March 15th. More information will be available on how people at risk of losing their housing can contact the State to benefit from this program.	
5. Future Discussion Items	None	
6. Next Meeting Date: April 1, 2021		
7. Adjournment	Janna adjourned the meeting at 3:30pm.	