**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL**
**HSOC ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**
**JUNE 4 2020, 2PM**
**Department of Social Services**
**Room 101**

| MEMBERS PRESENT | MEMBERS ABSENT | STAFF & GUESTS |
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| Anne Robin<br>Grace McIntosh<br>Janna Nichols<br>Tim Waag<br>Kristen Barneich | Jeff Smith<br>Steve Martin<br>Susan Funk | Amy Watkins<br>Anne Gillespie<br>Anne Wyatt<br>George Solis<br>Jeff Al-Mashat<br>Laurel Weir<br>Nicole Bennett<br>Russ Francis<br>Sue Warren<br>Tim Koznek<br>Wendy Lewis<br>Toby Depew<br>Kevin Pearce<br>Mary Hamilton |

| AGENDA ITEM | | CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS | FOLLOW UP |
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| 1. Call to Order and Introductions of Guests | In the absence of Committee Chair Jeff Smith, Janna called the meeting to order as temporary Chair. | | |
| 2. Public Comment | None | | |
| 3. Action/Information/Discussion | | | |

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| 3.1 Discussion Item: COVID-19 Prevention, Preparation, and Response | The Committee gave updates on changes to encampments since the last meeting.<br>Janna noted that showers are now being provided for South County encampments. 5CHC (5Cities Homeless Coalition) have been distributing masks to people in camps.<br>Jeff reported that ECHO (the El Camino Homeless Organization) is creating and distributing safety bags with gloves, masks, hand sanitizer and hygiene products. 70-80 bags were distributed in the first two weeks.<br>Grace reported that there were around 24-28 people in the camp near 40 Prado before it was cleared. People are now beginning to return.<br>Laurel reported that new safe parking programs are operating as a result of COVID.<br>The Committee agreed to evaluate the pilot programs that have been run as a response to COVID in the next meeting, and to invite Public Health to present. | | |
| 3.2 Discussion Item: Encampment Committee Working Groups | Janna summarized the conversation on working groups. County staff were going to put out a poll asking people to volunteer for working groups, but this was delayed due to COVID. The Committee decided to put this poll out now, with the exception of the Alternatives to Encampment working group, as the focus of this group is to be determined by the pilot program reports in the next meeting.<br>The following attendees volunteered to facilitate the working groups:<br>• Data – Toby<br>• Costs – Tim<br>• Public Health & Safety – Jeff Al-Mashat | | |

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| | • Outreach & Communications – Kristen and Nicole also volunteered to be involved in the Outreach & Communications group.<br><br>The Committee agreed that a report on Safe Parking should be made at the next meeting. The Committee also agreed to seek input from homeless people via a survey.<br><br>The Committee discussed alternatives to encampment, beyond safe parking and sanctioned camps, which may be apparent from the pilot programs. Anne Robin suggested that if there is funding to purchase hotels, this could be used for long term residential places and/or short-term transitional housing. Toby noted that re-entry into the community is difficult for incarcerated homeless people. Jeff suggested involving Shay Stewart from Granite Ridge Christian Camp in this conversation. | | |
| 4. Future Discussion/Report Items: | • Reports from the working groups<br>• Reports about the pilot programs | | |
| 5. Next Meeting Date | July 2, 2020 | | |
| 6. Adjournment | Janna adjourned the meeting at 3:15pm. | | |