

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL  
HSOC ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
January 7, 2020, 2PM  
Zoom call**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>		<b>MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	<b>STAFF &amp; GUESTS</b>
Anne Robin Caro Hall Grace McIntosh Janna Nichols Kristen Barneich Nicole Bennett Steve Martin Susan Funk Tim Waag		Jeff Al-Mashat Jeff Smith Lois Petty Toby Depew	Abby Lassen Anne Wyatt Carolyn Berg Elaine Mansoor Gary Peterson George Solis Glenn Silloway John DiNunzio Laurel Weir Leon Shordon Lucy Passaglia Russ Francis Sue Warren Tim Koznek Yael Korin
<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>			<b>CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS</b>
1. Call to Order and Introductions of Guests	Janna called the meeting to order at 2pm.  Glenn Silloway from the League of Women Voters, Carolyn Berg from the County Administrative Office, and Lucy Passaglia from SLO Bangers introduced themselves.		
2. Public Comment	Yael Korin announced that Los Osos Community Advisory Council will be holding a homelessness forum on January 26, and will send an invitation out to HSOC.		
3. Consent: Approval of Minutes			Kristen made a motion to

		approve the minutes, seconded by Nicole. The motion passed with all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
4. Action/Information/Discussion		
4.1 Discussion Item: Working Group Reports	<p>Kristen reported that the Public Outreach group has given suggestions to the County regarding a social media strategy but has not heard back yet. Laurel responded that the need to respond to the pandemic has meant there has been less time available for this, although County staff have discussed the idea internally with County IT people. Laurel suggested revisiting this in a couple of months time.</p> <p>Janna asked County staff to email the chairs of working groups and request that they send an update in writing, or attend the next meeting with an update.</p>	Russ to email chairs of working groups.
4.2 Action Item: Vote to Approve the Alternatives to Encampment Working Group's Recommendations	<p>Nicole presented the recommendations from the Alternatives to Encampment working group, which met over several months to discuss the ideas in the document (attached to the agenda packet):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify existing encampments to receive basic services including trash collection, basic hygiene, laundry services, and syringe services</li> <li>2. Sanctioned encampments across the county</li> <li>3. Safe parking programs throughout the county</li> <li>4. Cataloguing housing options and opportunities throughout the county</li> <li>5. Increasing shelter space in South county</li> </ol> <p>Nicole clarified that recommendation 1 is the top priority, while recommendations 2-5 are of equal weight. Following the Encampment Committee's review and approval, the recommendations will go to the full HSOC meeting on January 20.</p>	

	<p>The Committee discussed each recommendation in turn, and suggested the following revisions, or information to be incorporated:</p> <p>For recommendation 2, sanctioned encampments: Gary and Janna both have information regarding costs to input here, and will forward onto Nicole. The blue bag program should also be incorporated as one of the services.</p> <p>For recommendation 3, safe parking: Tim has information to share on the success of the San Luis Obispo Vets Hall safe parking program, including that its high participation rate was due to there not being a case management requirement. Janna, Grace and Susan highlighted that some people do not want to move into housing and are content to continue living in their vehicles, and simply want a safe place to park overnight. The recommendations should differentiate between safe parking programs which allow a safe place to park and those which also include case management and the expectation for clients to move into permanent housing. A further question is whether people are required to leave during the day or not – if so, this raises issues of registration and licenses. Experience has shown that on site oversight is also important for preventing behavioral problems. The Committee discussed the possibility of a number of smaller programs with centralized oversight.</p> <p>For recommendation 4, cataloguing housing options: Susan suggested including the option of small standalone shelters which are large enough for one person and include basic amenities. Susan will forward information about these onto Nicole.</p>	<p>Susan made a motion to approve the document, subject to revisions at the discretion of the authors, to incorporate feedback from the Committee. Kristen seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.</p>
4.3 Discussion Item: 2021 Unsheltered Point in Time Count	<p>George reported that in December, the HSOC Executive Committee voted to ask County staff to request from HUD (Department of Housing &amp; Urban Development) an exception to conducting the unsheltered PIT (Point in Time) count in 2021. HUD has now approved this request. The sheltered count and HIC (Housing Inventory Count) will take place on the night of January 25.</p>	

<p>4.4 Discussion Item: Current Encampment Issues</p>	<p>Tim reported that over the last few months, there has been a lot of scattering of camps around the SLO area, which has made it extremely time consuming and difficult to continue providing aid to chronically homeless people.</p>	
<p>4.5 Discussion Item: Winter Warming Centers and Safe Parking</p>	<p>Grace reported that, since the outbreak at 40 Prado, everyone had been getting tested for COVID weekly. At the time of this meeting, no one who had been staying at 40 Prado had tested positive in the last weekly test. 40 Prado's safe parking program has reopened, although the funding for the expanded program ended on December 31.</p> <p>Caro reported that the Los Osos Cares warming shelter has been open for only a few nights due to the weather being mostly warm and dry. On the nights the shelter has been open, up to 10 people have attended.</p> <p>Janna reported that 5CHC (5Cities Homeless Coalition)'s shelter has also only been open for a few nights, due to the lack of rain. 5CHC have worked with the County to place an isolation trailer at the site, for anyone who is symptomatic or tests positive for COVID. Fewer than 5 people per night have attended. Transport to and from the site is provided through Ride-On Transportation and limited to 3 passengers per van at any one time.</p> <p>Susan reported that there are shelters open in Paso Robles and Atascadero. The Atascadero shelter is open every night through to the end of March.</p> <p>Laurel reported that ECHO (El Camino Homeless Organization) are seeing an increasing number of families at their facility in Paso Robles.</p>	
<p>4.6 Discussion Item: Update on COVID-related funding available to address</p>	<p>George reported that the County received the standard agreement for the first round of ESG-CV (Emergency Solutions Grant – Coronavirus) funding from the State in December. Subrecipient agreements will be sent out imminently.</p> <p>An ad hoc Grant Review Committee is meeting on January 11 to consider</p>	

unsheltered homelessness	applications for the second round of ESG-CV, as well as CDBG-CV (Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus) proposals. The recommendations from the Grant Review Committee will go to the full HSOC on January 20, and then the ESG-CV recommendations will be taken to the Board of Supervisors between early February and mid March.	
5. Future Discussion Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Update on the Alternatives to Encampment recommendations following review by full HSOC</li> <li>- Working group reports</li> </ul>	
6. Next Meeting Date: February 4, 2021		
7. Adjournment	Janna adjourned the meeting at 3:35pm.	