

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL  
HSOC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
August 18 2021, 1:00-3:00pm  
Zoom Call**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>		<b>MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	<b>STAFF &amp; GUESTS</b>
Devin Drake Janna Nichols Kristen Barneich Scott Smith		Susan Funk	Carolyn Berg Dawn Ortiz-Legg George Solis Jack Lahey Jessica Lorange Laurel Weir Leon Shordon Molly Kern Russ Francis
<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>			<b>CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS</b>
1. Call to Order and Introductions	Kristen called the meeting to order at 1pm.		
2. Public Comment	None.		
3. Consent: Approval of Minutes			Devin made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Janna. The motion passed with all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
4. Action/Information/Discussion			
4.1. Discussion Item: Homeless	Laurel reported that the State will be funding a further two		

<p>Housing, Assistance &amp; Prevention Program (HHAP) Round 3</p>	<p>rounds of the Homeless Housing, Assistance &amp; Prevention Program (HHAP). Eligible activities will most likely be the same as for the first two rounds, but the County is waiting for specific guidance on this. HHAP Round 3 funding will be released in three stages. The first part of the application will be released in mid September, and will include relatively basic information, for 20-25% of the value of the grant. A longer, more detailed application will then be due on June 30<sup>th</sup> 2022, for the second part of the funding; this application will also require the CoC (Continuum of Care) to have an updated homelessness plan, and the specific goals that the CoC proposes will need to be approved by the State. The State will monitor the CoC's performance against these approved goals, and only release the third part of the funding in 2024 if the CoC demonstrates sufficient progress at meeting the goals.</p> <p>The State has indicated that the goals will most likely require using the System Performance Measures, looking beyond the performance of subrecipients, and more at overall outcomes, for instance, how much homelessness decreased and the extent to which people's employment income increased.</p> <p>County staff will bring HHAP Round 3 to the full HSOC once the RFP (Request for Proposals) is released, for guidance on how best to use the funds. There will be a public input requirement, which should align with input for the Ten-Year Plan process. As with previous rounds, HHAP Round 3 will include some funding set aside for homeless youth.</p>	
<p>4.1.1. Discussion Item: Consolidating County and CoC (Continuum of Care) Allocations for</p>	<p>For HHAP Round 3, the State intends to make separate funding allocations available to the CoC and the County, as with previous HHAP rounds. The County has the option to ask in advance for the two allocations to be combined for administrative purposes. County staff intend to ask the full HSOC in September for</p>	

<p>Future Homeless Housing, Assistance &amp; Prevention Program (HHAP) Funding Rounds</p>	<p>permission to ask the State to combine the two grants. The Executive Committee had no objections to this.</p>	
<p>4.2. Action Item: Recommend the HSOC authorize the Encampment Committee as a standing committee of the HSOC</p>	<p>Laurel reported that the Executive Committee had previously discussed the future of the Encampment Committee, which was originally convened as an ad hoc committee, which has now fulfilled the request to present recommendations on encampments to the Board of Supervisors. At its June meeting, the Executive Committee gave County staff the direction to seek input from the committee on whether it should continue to meet as a standing committee and if so, what its focus should be. The Encampment Committee met to discuss this, and indicated that they did want to continue meeting, with a focus on coordination and review of programs working with people in encampments. County staff also recommended that the Committee should reach out to other agencies that work with people in encampments, including law enforcement and Cities, so future recommendations are considered from different viewpoints.</p> <p>The Executive Committee discussed how the decision on the Encampment Committee's future fits into the overall discussion and planning for the new Ten-Year Plan. The Executive Committee concluded that a decision on the Encampment Committee's status and role would be premature at this stage, particularly as the Encampment Committee would be changing its focus. The Executive Committee agreed that the Ten-Year Plan Strategy Committee should consider the role of HSOC and</p>	<p>Janna moved that a decision on the Encampment Committee's future be taken up as part of the planning process for the new Ten-Year Plan, seconded by Kristen. The</p>

	the structure and function of all HSOC committees, including the Encampment Committee. The decision on the Encampment Committee's future would come out of this discussion.	motion passed with all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.
4.3. Discussion Item: Report from August 10th Board of Supervisors Meeting	Laurel reported that County staff provided updates to the Regional Framework at the August 10 <sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors meeting. The Board has approved recommendations to fund safe parking and blue bag programs, encampment cleanups, encampment mapping software, and a new Program Manager position to oversee these programs. The Board also voted to expand the 70 Now program up to 80 beds, with the possibility of further expansion. Carolyn added that there will also be funding for the regional communication strategy. Carolyn clarified that County staff's purpose in the August 10 <sup>th</sup> meeting was to cost out what the Board had already approved. There were a large number of public comments regarding encampments in unincorporated areas, particularly Los Osos, including comments from unhoused residents. The safe parking sites will not have to be on County owned property.	
4.4. Discussion Item: Shelter from Heat Options	Laurel reported that a significant challenge with COVID is that it has proven difficult to create spaces where people can shelter indoors from the heat, particularly in North County. In the past, Paso Robles and Atascadero would open up libraries for this purpose. As the Cities are now trying to avoid congregate settings, there has been more of an ad hoc approach to this. Shelter under extreme weather conditions will be considered in the Ten-Year Planning process.	
4.5. Discussion Item: Ten-Year Plan Update	Laurel reported that the County has been in discussions with the contractor for the Ten-Year Plan update to develop agreements for sharing data resources. Once this has been completed, the	

	<p>contractor will begin a needs and resources assessment. The first meeting of the Leadership Committee will be held in September. From September to November, the Committee will be looking at holding meetings with focus groups (including people with lived experience) and community partners. From November to February, the Committee will be identifying initial implementation actions, and carrying out additional community outreach, research and data analysis, producing a draft of the new strategic plan. From February to April, the Committee will present its draft plan to the full HSOC and key stakeholder groups, sourcing feedback and developing the final strategic plan.</p>	
4.6. Discussion Item: State and Federal Homeless Assistance Grants	<p>Laurel reported that there will be a fourth round of HHAP, and a second round of Project Homekey in the future.</p> <p>George reported that the State has released the NOFA (Notice of Funding Availability) for the California Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program for Fiscal Year 2021. SLO County CoC will receive around \$150,000. The Department of Social Services has already released the RFP and application form. Applications are due at 5pm on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The County will convene a Grant Review Committee in early September, then take recommendations to the full HSOC in September for approval, and then to the Board of Supervisors in October. The application to the State is due on October 19<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>George reported that HUD (US Department of Housing &amp; Urban Development) has released the NOFO (Notice of Funding Opportunity) for its CoC program for Fiscal Year 2021. The County will begin the application process for this soon.</p>	
4.7. Discussion Item: COVID-19		

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4.7.1. Discussion Item: COVID-19 Grant Updates	George reported that two rounds of ESG-CV (Emergency Solutions Grant – Coronavirus) have been awarded by the Department of Social Services, worth around \$5.4 million. Around \$553,000 of expenditures have been received from agencies as of July, so there is still around 90% of the funding to spend down by the deadline of July 2022.	
4.7.2. Discussion Item: Rental Relief Program	Janna reported that 5Cities Homeless Coalition (5CHC) has received many enquiries for the Rental Relief Program. 5CHC had submitted 88 applications at the end of July. The State is now paying out, although the program continues to change (e.g. utilities are now included but are not a priority). The program will continue beyond the end of the eviction moratorium.	
4.7.3. Discussion Item: Situational Update from Members	<p>Laurel reported that there has been an uptick in COVID cases in the county and at some shelters. Jack shared that there was a large outbreak at the 40 Prado shelter three weeks prior, with 50 positive cases. Public Health directed CAPSLO (Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo) to halt all intakes. CAPSLO turned their safe parking lot into an ad hoc shelter and isolation space for people who are infected to stay in their vehicles.</p> <p>Janna stated that the challenge now is that the same level of lodging coordination has not been raised as in the past, in terms of trailers and food provision. People who are infected are scattered, as hospitals are discharging people to the street, their vehicles or encampments.</p>	
4.8. Discussion Item:	Janna shared that the next Finance & Data Committee meeting	

Committee Updates	will involve discussions of the 2022 PIT (Point in Time) Count, data standards, and the HUD CoC NOFO.	
4.8.1. Discussion Item: Emergency Housing Vouchers Update	Scott reported that the Emergency Housing Vouchers/Welcome Home Program has seen a lot of success, with 500 homeless client referrals since the middle of July, and 300 vouchers issued to clients. 30 people have so far been housed, and 5 new landlords have signed up with HASLO (Housing Authority of San Luis Obispo). While there has been no direct communication that more vouchers will be available, it is possible that the Federal Government will reallocate vouchers from areas that are slower to allocate theirs, or there could be a new appropriation.	
5. Future Discussion/Report Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Department of Planning and Building's annual Action Plan NOFA</li> </ul>	
6. Next Meeting Date: October 20, 2021		
7. Adjournment	Kristen adjourned the meeting at 3pm.	