



**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)

Special Meeting Agenda

August 21, 2019, 1 p.m.

Department of Social Services, Room 358

3433 S. Higuera

San Luis Obispo, CA

1. Call to Order and Introductions
2. Public Comment
3. Action/Information/Discussion
 - 3.1 Discussion Item: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care Grant Program
 - 3.1.1 Action Item: Approve the Ad Hoc Grant Review Committee's recommended prioritization of Continuum of Care Applications to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
 - 3.2 Discussion Item: HUD Mainstream Voucher Program
 - 3.2.1 Action Item: Authorize the Continuum of Care Coordinated Entry System to make prioritized client referrals and provide other assistance as appropriate to the Housing Authority of San Luis Obispo's HUD Mainstream Voucher Program
 - 3.3 Discussion Item: Homeless Encampments
 - 3.3.1 Ad Hoc Homeless Encampment Committee
 - 3.3.2 October 3, 2019 Water Board Forum on Homelessness
4. Committee Reports

5. Future Discussion/Report Items:
6. Next Meeting Date: September 18, 2019 at 1 p.m. at the Veterans Hall,
801 Grand Ave., San Luis Obispo
7. Adjournment

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
 HSOC FULL COMMITTEE
 July 24, 2019, 1:00-3:00pm
 Family Care Network
 1255 Kendall Rd
 San Luis Obispo, CA**

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF & GUESTS		
Devin Drake Kristen Barneich Grace McIntosh Mariam Shah Marianne Kennedy Janna Nichols Marcia Guthrie Paul Worsham Adam Hill Shay Stewart Marlys McPherson Caroline Hall Theresa Scott Jessica Thomas Susan Funk Amelia Grover Deanna Cantrell	Scott Smith Steve Martin Rick Gulino Tim Waag Anne Robin	Laurel Weir Jessica Lorange Allison Rustick Elaine Mansoor Blake Fixler Gina Schaak Nicole LiBair Wendy Lewis Sue Warren Miriam Shah Nicole Nix Lisa Howe Bettina Swigger Austin Bertucci Joanna Balsamo-Lilien Bill Crewe Gail McNichols		
AGENDA ITEM			CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS	FOLLOW UP
1. Call to Order and Introductions of Guests	Kristen Barneich welcomed the group and introductions were made.			

<p>2. Public Comment</p>	<p>Blake shared following a recent community forum a letter was written asking that the north coast be more involved in the Homeless Services Oversight Council.</p> <p>Wendy shared with the group that ECHO is looking at expanding their services by increasing their hours of operations to 24 hours and add 10 beds. If anyone would like to send letters of support please send them to Wendy at ECHO. This will go to Atascadero city council in August.</p>		
<p>3. Consent: Approval of Minutes</p>		<p>Caroline moved to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Shay. All were in favor.</p>	
<p>ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION</p>			
<p>4.1 Discussion Item: Coordinated Entry Evaluation- Presentation by the Technical Assistance Collaborative</p> <p>4.2 Discussion Item: Unsheltered Homelessness</p> <p>4.2.1 Action Item: Authorize the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee on</p>	<p>Gina and Nicole introduced themselves as the representative from the Technical Assistance Collaborative. Gina gave back ground about her organization and why they are here in our area to support our Coordinated entry and help make the program more efficient.</p> <p>Laurel explained that this request comes from Supervisor Gibson. There are various issues that come up regarding encampments. The idea would be to have an Ad Hoc Committee to address the issues revolving around encampments. There is a large scope of agencies that the topic of encampment includes. There are diverse efforts around our area and this community could help facilitate this collaboration and effort. The group discussed the</p>	<p>Mariam made a motion to approve the creation of an Ad Hoc nominating</p>	

<p>Encampments</p> <p>4.3 Discussion Item: 2019 Homeless Point in Time Count</p> <p>4.4 Discussion Item: Grant updates</p> <p>4.4.1 Discussion Item: Federal Homeless Assistance Grant Updates</p> <p>4.4.1.1 Discussion Item: Need to schedule special meeting in August to vote on Continuum of Care Grant</p>	<p>importance of crisis intervention training as a possibility for the Ad Hoc committee. Joe has information about the future mental health trainings that will be shared with the group.</p> <p>Laurel explained to the group that the 2019 Point in Time Count report will be released this week. The press release is to happen 7/30/2019. HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) data can also be used for additional data to improve our big picture. A presentation will be done at the September meeting.</p> <p>Allison shared with the group that the Continuum of Care opened recently for local request for funding proposal. There is bonus funding available as well as bonus funding for domestic violence groups. Laurel explained that a special Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC) meeting will need to happen to approve the Continuum of Care application recommendations. If you are interested in applying, please email Allison Rustick arustick@co.slo.ca.us. The Request for funding proposal can be found on the Homeless Services Oversight Council. A doodle poll will be sent out to the Full HSOC regarding availability of members for the special meeting.</p>	<p>committee on encampments, seconded by Shay. All were in favor.</p>	
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<p>4.4.2 Discussion Item: State Homeless Assistance Grant Updates</p>	<p>Laurel Housing homeless assistance and prevention is a state program (HAP) that is coming available. A portion is for counties to distribute and the other portion is for Continuum of Cares to distribute. We will have longer time to spend the funding. We will have until June 30, 2025 to spend the funding. The amount of funding that our area will be eligible for will be based on the 2019 Point in Time Count. The funding amount will be based off HUD (Housing and Urban Development) 2019 Point in Time Count report which comes out in December. The group discussed the division of grant funding and criteria and discussing what that might look like among the Homeless Services Oversight Council Ad Hoc grant nominating committee. The group discussed the grant application challenges in our area. The state pass through emergency service grant next round of funding will be next year in spring. The applications for CESH funding round 2 will happen in the fall.</p>		
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4. Committee Reports	<p>Finance and Data: Devin shared that the committee discussed the Point in time count as well as the Homeless Services website. The next meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2019 from 10-11:30am in room 358</p> <p>Housing Committee: The housing committee discussed grants in depth as well as housing priorities for our community. The next meeting is scheduled for August 6, 2019 from 2-3:30pm in room 358</p> <p>Services Coordinating Committee: Janna explained that the last meeting discussed the Technical Assistance Collaborative and that there is a Community Connections Event for south county scheduled for August 13, 2019 from 1:30pm-4:30pm at the Ocean Community Center. September 24, 2019 is the next meeting.</p>		
5. Future Discussion/Report Items	Aging population needs		
6. Next Meeting Date:	September 18, 2019 at 1 p.m.		
7. Adjournment	Kristen Barneich adjourned the meeting at 2:50pm		

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
ACTION ITEM
August 21, 2019**

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 3.1.1

ITEM: APPROVE THE AD HOC GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED PRIORITIZATION OF CONTINUUM OF CARE APPLICATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

ACTION REQUIRED:

Approve the ad hoc Grant Review Committee's recommendation for prioritization of FY2019 (2020-2021 program year) Continuum of Care (CoC) grant applications to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as follows:

TIER 1					
Rank	Project	Agency	New or Renewal	# of Beds	Amount
1	Coordinated Entry Program	CAPSLO	Renewal	N/A	\$220,554
2	Central Coast PSH	TMHA	Renewal	37	\$335,832
3	SLO City PSH	TMHA	Renewal	20	\$263,201
4	Bordeaux Expansion PSH	TMHA	Renewal	4	\$59,126
TIER 1/TIER 2 STRADDLE					
5	HMIS	County	Renewal	n/a	\$61,160
TIER 2					
1	Bonus SLO City Expansion	TMHA	New Bonus Expansion	7	\$115,568
Tiered Projects Subtotal					\$1,055,441
PLANNING (non-competitive)					
N/A	CoC Planning	County	New	n/a	\$40,304
Total Request					\$1,095,745

SUMMARY NARRATIVE:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released the FY2019 CoC Program Funding Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) on July 3, 2018. Per HUD's NOFA, the San Luis Obispo County CoC is eligible to apply for \$939,693 to renew existing CoC projects, \$115,568 for new bonus projects or expansion of existing renewal projects, and \$140,196 for new Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus projects.

The County released a local Request for Proposals for project applications on July 12, 2019 and held an informational meeting on July 12, 2019 where County staff met with potential project applicants to explain the grant application process and project quality criteria. The local rating criteria, which was published to the County's Homeless Services website on July 12, 2019, is based on HUD's application evaluation criteria and point system in the FY2019 HUD NOFA.

An Ad Hoc Grant Review Committee (Grant Review Committee) met on August 6, 2019. Laurel Weir from Department of Social Services attended to guide the discussion. Six applications were submitted for ranking, including five renewal applications and one bonus funding application. Two additional renewal-consolidation applications were submitted, however they are not competitive and therefore are not ranked among the other applications. If HUD accepts the renewal-consolidation projects, they will assume a ranking position associated with the original renewal projects to which they are tied. The Planning Project is also non-competitive, and is allocated based on the CoC's total award from HUD.

All applications received are listed in the table below:

Agency	Project Name	Type	New or Renewal	# of Beds	Request
CAPSLO	Coordinated Entry	SSO	Renewal	N/A	\$220,554
TMHA	SLO City PSH	PSH	Renewal	20	\$263,201
TMHA	Central Coast PSH (CCPSH)	PSH	Renewal	37	\$335,832
TMHA	Bordeaux Expansion PSH (BEP SH)	PSH	Renewal	4	\$59,126
SLO County	Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	HMIS	Renewal	n/a	\$61,160
TMHA	Bonus SLO City Expansion	PSH	New	7	\$115,568
TMHA	Consolidation of SLO City + SLO City Expansion	PSH	Consolidation of New + Renewal	x	\$378,769
TMHA	Consolidation of CCPSH + BEPSH	PSH	Consolidation of 2 renewals	x	\$394,958
SLO County	Planning	Planning	N/A	x	\$40,304

Funding Availability and Project Ranking

As CoC funding availability continues to be highly competitive, HUD requires that CoCs rank applications based on funding priority using a two-tier ranking system. Tier 1 is guaranteed to be awarded to the CoC and equals 94% of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD), or amount of funding needed to renew all existing CoC projects. Tier 2 consists of the remaining 6% of the ARD, and any Bonus or DV Bonus projects. Projects ranked in Tier 2 are subject to the National CoC Competition, and therefore are not guaranteed to the CoC. Any project that is partially funded by Tier 1 is considered a "Straddling Project." Straddling Projects may be

funded up to the amount available in Tier 1, with the Tier 2 portion of the project subject to the National CoC Competition. FY2019 CoC funding amounts available to the San Luis Obispo County CoC are listed below:

Annual Renewal Demand – amount required to renew existing projects from FY2018	\$939,693
Bonus	\$115,568
DV Bonus	\$140,196
Tier 1 (94% ARD)	\$883,311
Tier 2 (6% ARD + Bonus + DV Bonus)	\$312,146

Project Review Criteria

HUD continues to encourage CoCs to use performance data and measures to rank and review existing CoC projects. The local application review criteria considered factors such as a subrecipient's past performance, project cost efficiency, severity of needs served, financial capacity, returns to homelessness, housing first policies, client income stability, client housing retention, HMIS data quality, and consistency with local HSOC priorities and plans. An analysis of cost efficiency was provided to the Grant Review Committee regarding each project's cost per client for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Coordinated Entry projects. In addition, the Grant Review Committee was also provided performance measures derived from HMIS data and Annual Performance Reports for each of the renewal projects. The Bonus application was rated based on severity of needs served and subrecipient performance in project type.

The Grant Review Committee ranked all submitted applications based on their local application review criteria scores. The Coordinated Entry Project and Permanent Supportive Housing renewal projects with existing clients were placed into Tier 1. Coordinated Entry is now a mandatory federal component for Continuum of Care jurisdictions and its associated CoC and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) projects. The Central Coast Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) project, San Luis Obispo City PSH project, and Bordeaux Expansion PSH project applications by Transitions Mental Health Association (TMHA) were ranked within the Tier 1 category because they provide permanent housing and supportive services throughout the County and serve the most vulnerable clientele.

The committee recommends that the HMIS project be placed straddling Tier 1 and Tier 2 to ensure the other renewal projects maintain their level of funding and operation. In the previous CoC competition, the project straddling Tier 1 and Tier 2 ended up receiving full funding, however, the project in Tier 2 is not without risk.

The CoC only received one Bonus funding application: an expansion of the SLO City PSH project, which would serve an additional seven clients. The Grant Review Committee ranked this Bonus project as number 1 in Tier 2. If the CoC is awarded any Bonus funds following the

National CoC Competition, the funds will be incorporated into the CoC's future ARD, increasing the County's baseline CoC funding.

The HSOC recommendation will go to the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors as a consent item on September 10, 2019 for further action.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This will have no financial impact to the HSOC. Should HUD approve all the proposed projects, then CoC funding to the County will increase from \$979,997 to \$1,095,745.

STAFF COMMENTS:

No additional comments.

HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC)
ACTION ITEM
August 21, 2019

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 3.2.1

ITEM: AUTHORIZE THE CONTINUUM OF CARE COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM TO MAKE PRIORITIZED CLIENT REFERRALS AND PROVIDE OTHER ASSISTANCE AS APPROPRIATE TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO'S MAINSTREAM VOUCHER PROGRAM

ACTION REQUIRED:

Authorize the County of San Luis Obispo's Continuum of Care Coordinated Entry System to make prioritized client referrals and provide other assistance as appropriate to the Housing Authority of San Luis Obispo's (HASLO's) Mainstream Voucher Program, should HASLO's application for the vouchers be funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

SUMMARY NARRATIVE:

On July 2, 2019, HUD published a Notice of Funding Availability for the Mainstream Voucher (MV) Program¹. The MV Program provides new Housing Choice Vouchers to local Public Housing Authorities (PHA) to use to serve non-elderly persons with disabilities in community-based housing. The NOFA encourages PHAs to partner with local Continuum of Care Coordinated Entry Systems and other partners to refer people to the MV program and provide additional supports by providing additional points in the competition for those PHAs that can demonstrate such a partnership. Grant applications are due September 5, 2019.

The Housing Authority of San Luis Obispo (HASLO) will be applying for the grant and has requested that the San Luis Obispo County Continuum of Care (CoC) Coordinated Entry System (CES) agree to provide referrals to the program and other assistance as appropriate. Should HASLO receive the grant, HASLO proposes to prioritize the Mainstream Vouchers for non-elderly persons with disabilities who meet one of the following criteria: currently homeless persons, persons who are at risk of homelessness, persons who are formerly homeless and living in permanent supportive housing but who are ready to move into more

¹ See https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/SPM/documents/MainstreamVoucherProgramNOFA_FR-6300-N-43.pdf.

independent housing, and persons who are participating in Rapid Rehousing programs but who may need longer term housing subsidies in order to stay stably housed.

The San Luis Obispo CoC CES currently assesses chronically homeless persons and other homeless persons with significant housing barriers, using a standardized assessment tool and additional criteria such as length of time persons have been homeless, to make prioritized referrals to CoC-funded housing and other housing programs that accept CES prioritized referrals. These programs include the 70 Now Program and the Housing and Disability Advocacy Program.

It is requested that the Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC), as the CoC advisory body, authorize the San Luis Obispo County CoC CES to make prioritized referrals to the HASLO MV Program, should the program be funded by HUD. It is further requested that the CoC CES be authorized to provide the following to the HASLO MV Program:

- 1) Provide assistance with a timely transition to the unit through housing search or placement assistance or referrals to such assistance, as appropriate and allowed by existing funding or resources for such assistance; and
- 2) Provide assistance with or referrals to supportive services, including housing stabilization services, as appropriate and allowed by existing funding or resources for such assistance.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact to the HSOC.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Staff recommend that this item be adopted. Should HASLO receive the grant, it would increase housing resources for homeless persons and persons at risk. In addition to housing persons who are currently homeless, it could potentially open up beds in existing permanent supportive housing programs by allowing persons in those programs who are ready to live more independently to move out of those units.



Save the Date

October 3, 2019

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board Workshop

Challenges and Solutions: The Intersection of Water Quality and People Experiencing Homelessness on the Central Coast

Date, Time, and Location

Thursday, October 3, 2019

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Central Coast Water Board Office, 895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101, San Luis Obispo

Workshop Information

Join elected officials and representatives from state and local agencies, local homelessness advocacy groups, service providers, and non-governmental organizations in a collaborative forum to discuss the nexus of water quality, homelessness, and sanitation. The workshop will include a keynote speaker followed by three panel discussions. Panelists and attendees will identify and discuss innovative approaches, collaborative solutions, and funding mechanisms. Your attendance and participation are welcomed and encouraged.

Stay Informed

To receive emails related to this workshop and future Central Coast Water Board activities, please go to the following website and subscribe to our “homelessness” email list:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg3_subscribe.html

Event contact: Mary Hamilton at 805-542-4768 or Mary.Hamilton@waterboards.ca.gov

“Every human being has the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking and sanitary purposes.”

- California’s Human Right to Water Law