

HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC) Housing Committee Agenda

June 28, 2022, 2pm

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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: Strategic Plan to End Homelessness
 - 4.2. Discussion Item: Federal and State Grants Update on Opportunities
 - 4.3. Discussion Item: Housing Developers Roundtable
 - 4.4. Discussion Item: Sustainability of Tiny House Villages and Programs to Help People Move Forward
- 5. Future Discussion/Report Items
- 6. Next Regular Meeting: August 2 at 2pm
- 7. Adjournment

The full agenda packet for this meeting is available on the SLO County HSOC web page:

https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Social-Services/Homeless-Services/Homeless-Services-Oversight-Council-(HSOC).aspx

HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC) HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date

May 3, 2022

Time

2pm-3:30pm

Location

Room 356, County of San Luis Obispo Department of Social Services, 3433 South Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, California, 93403

Members Present

Anne Robin

Anne Wyatt

Brenda Mack

Elaine Archer

Kathy McClenathen

Scott Smith

Yael Korin

Members Absent

Marianne Kennedy Mark Lamore

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Ken Trigueiro

Staff and Guests

Abby Lassen

Allison Brandum

George Solis

Jeff Al-Mashat

Laurel Weir

Leon Shordon

Russ Francis

Sue Warren

Susan Funk Wendy Lewis

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Scott called the meeting to order at 2pm.

2. Public Comment

Scott announced that an informal wall-raising ceremony for HASLO's (Housing Authority of San Luis Obispo) new construction in the City of SLO will be held on May 26.

3. Consent: Approval of Minutes

One correction was made to the minutes. In section 6, "Otherwise, the next meeting will take place on 7" should read "Otherwise, the next meeting will take place on **June** 7."

The minutes were approved with this correction, with all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

4. Action/Information/Discussion

4.1 Discussion Item: Strategic Plan to End Homelessness

Susan reported that the Board of Supervisors has approved the framework of the new Strategic Plan. Cities, nonprofits and other advocates are also in support. The steering committee is now working through the draft plan, and will be meeting in person on Friday 13 May to finalize the plan. The overall goal is to cut the number of homeless people to 50% of its current level in five years. To this end, the steering committee is looking at basic principles needed to achieve this, such as adding affordable housing capacity, encouraging non-traditional, low-cost solutions, equitable service delivery, strategies that do not require additional housing capacity (such as diversion and prevention), adding transitional housing capacity as well as long term support, and services for people with complex needs.

The committee discussed various matters in connection with the Strategic Plan, including the expansion of Housing Now, housing elements, new public locations for shelters, categorization of shelter types, and strategies for using community resources and volunteers.

4.2 Discussion Item: Federal and State Grants - Update on Opportunities

Laurel reported that the HHAP (Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program) Round 3 grant will tie into the goals for the Strategic Plan. The HHAP 3 application will be due at the end of June. There will be a Special full meeting of the HSOC in June to approve the application.

4.3 Discussion Item: Housing Developers Roundtable

Tabled.

5. Future Discussion/Report Items

None.

6. Next Meeting Date: June 6, 2022

A correction was made in the meeting: the next meeting date is June 7, not June 6.

7. Adjournment

Scott adjourned the meeting at 4pm.

HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC) HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date

June 7, 2022

Time

2pm-3:30pm

Location

Zoom

Members Present

Brenda Mack

Elaine Archer Mark Lamore

Scott Smith

Yael Korin

Members Absent

Anne Robin

Anne Wyatt

Kathy McClenathen

Ken Trigueiro

Marianne Kennedy

Staff and Guests

Abby Lassen

Jeff Al-Mashat

Jefferson Eckles

Kelsey Nocket

Laurel Weir

Leon Shordon

Marie Bolin

Nicole Bennett

Russ Francis Steve Martin Sue Warren Tim Siler Wendy Lewis

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Scott called the meeting to order at 2:07pm. Introductions were made.

2. Public Comment

Nicole commented that CenCal Health is launching its CalAIM (California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal) program in San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties in January, beginning with a medically tailored meal program and recuperative care. CenCal Health will be reaching out to partner agencies over the next couple of months. CenCal Health are also working with the County of San Luis Obispo Homeless Services Unit on the HHIP (Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program), which has the potential to bring \$10 million into the county over the next two years.

Abby commented that Public Safety SLO is sponsoring an online Housing and Homelessness forum on June 21 from 3-5pm, with one breakout session specifically on Housing.

3. Consent: Approval of Minutes

Minutes could not be approved due to lack of quorum.

4. Action/Information/Discussion

4.1 Discussion Item: Strategic Plan to End Homelessness

Laurel reported that the Strategic Plan Steering Committee has been progressing the draft strategic plan, with input from different HSOC committees. The draft plan will be released soon. The Steering Committee will share the draft plan with stakeholders for further input before bringing it to the full HSOC at its meeting on July 20. Feedback sought from the Housing Committee focuses on the housing that will need to be added to the plan to meet its outcome, including permanent supportive housing, alternative housing models (including tiny homes and tiny home villages), interim housing, and affordable housing units. The RHNA (Regional Housing Needs Assessment) for SLO county includes 1,667 low income housing

units, which can include ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Units). This figure includes 500 low and very low income housing units specifically for homeless people. The Committee provided the following feedback:

- Yael advocated for Tiny House Villages, as they are the fastest and least expensive method of getting people housed. Affordable housing can take years to build, and will still not be affordable for many unhoused people. The location of housing is also important, as people need to be close to services and society generally in order to move forward. Programs run through Tiny House Villages can be self-sustaining, as residents can participate in the running of the villages and pay expenses towards services.
- Nicole suggested including more shelter space, particularly in South County, and preparations for quarantine space.
- Brenda advocated for third parties running non-shelter services within shelters, as with the proper safeguards this can improve services.
- Scott noted that sustainability of affordable housing over time is also important and should be included along with building affordable housing. The different zoning ordinances and housing elements within the county presents a challenge. SLO City leads the way on providing incentives to developers, so would be a good starting point for a uniform approach across jurisdictions.
- Kelsey noted the distinction between housing models and programs, and that there has been a tendency to conflate the two, but there can be different programs for the same housing models (e.g. non-congregate shelter housing does not need to intake on a nightly basis).
- Wendy provided feedback that the by-right process can present challenges, as sometimes the grant timeline will not allow for this.
- Kelsey provided further information relating to SLO City's zoning ordinance: the designation "low barrier navigation center" is mandated by the state, and SLO City has recently incorporated it into their zoning regulations. This enables the development of shelters that meet certain parameters in areas that zoning would normally prohibit.

The Committee agreed to move their next meeting forward a week so they have another chance to discuss the draft plan before it goes to the full HSOC. Russ to send out a Doodle poll to ensure the Committee will have a quorum.

4.2 Discussion Item: San Luis Obispo County Housing Needs Report 2022 - California Housing Partnership

The Committee reviewed the San Luis Obispo County Housing Needs Report, recently published by the California Housing Partnership. The report contains useful information, particularly for grant applications. The Committee recommended convening a group of experts to look at RHNA numbers more closely.

4.3 Discussion Item: Federal and State Grants – Update on Opportunities

Laurel shared that the NOFO (Notice of Funding Opportunity) for the annual Continuum of Care (CoC) grant administered by HUD (US Department of Housing and Urban Development) is due to be released imminently. The County will then issue its own local RFP (Request for Proposals).

Proposed strategies for Round 3 of the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP) funding are being reviewed by the Board of Supervisors in June. A local RFP will be released following this, combining the HHAP Round 2 and Round 3 allocations.

Scott shared that HASLO (Housing Authority of San Luis Obispo) has applied for an award from Homekey Round 2, and will be able to report at the next meeting whether or not they were successful.

4.4 Discussion Item: Housing Developers Roundtable

Scott shared that HASLO has received a positive staff recommendation from Pismo Beach City for tax credits for their Shell Beach project. Pismo Beach City Council meets June 15 to review and decide on the recommendation. This project would provide 29 additional units of very low and extremely low income senior housing. Construction would start this year if approved, and the housing would come online most likely between 12-18 months after construction begins.

5. Future Discussion/Report Items

 Sustainability of Tiny House Villages and programs to help people move forward – Yael

6. Next Meeting Date: July 5, 2022

The date of the next meeting is to be moved to June 28. Russ to send out a Doodle poll to ensure the Committee will have a quorum.

7. Adjournment

Scott adjourned the meeting at 3:55pm.

Agenda Item 4.1

Homeless Services Oversight Council Housing Committee Meeting – June 28 2022 Strategic Plan

The DRAFT San Luis Obispo Countywide Plan to Address Homelessness 2022-2027 is now available for public comment. Comments will be collected and presented to the Steering Committee of the San Luis Obispo Countywide Plan to Address Homelessness for review before the plan is finalized.

The Draft Plan can be viewed and feedback submitted here:

https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Social-Services/Homeless-Services/Homeless-Services-Oversight-Council-(HSOC).aspx