

HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
Homeless Services Coordinating Committee
July 12, 2021 10-11:30pm
Meeting held by Zoom call

MEMBERS PRESENT		MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF & GUESTS
Devin Drake Brandy Graham		John Klevins Nicole Bennett	Abby Lassen Angela Smith Carrie Collins Elaine Archer George Solis Jack Lahey Jan Albin Jan Maitzen Janna Nichols Jessica Lorange Laurel Weir Leon Shordon Lisa Fraser Mark Lamore Mimi Rodriguez Riley Smith Russ Francis Scott Smith Steve Martin Susan Lamont Veronica Cablayan
AGENDA ITEM			CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS
1. Call to Order and Introductions	Devin called the meeting to order at 10am. Carrie introduced herself as the Program Manager for		

	<p>Transitional Food & Shelter. Jack Lahey introduced himself as the new Director of Homeless Services at 40 Prado.</p>	
2. Public Comment	<p>Brandy announced that there will be changes coming to the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program, as it incorporates the Shallow Subsidy SSVF program has been piloted in CoCs (Continuums of Care) across the country. This program differs from the regular SSVF program, which is short term assistance of 6-9 months. The Shallow Subsidy program pays for a portion of rent for up to two years. Eligibility criteria for the HUD-VASH (US Department of Housing & Urban Development – Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing) vouchers are also changing, to allow more options to determine the level of care a veteran needs when they enter the system.</p>	
3. Consent: Approval of Minutes	<p>There was no quorum, so minutes could not be approved.</p>	
4. Action/Information/Discussion		
<p>4.1. Discussion Item: Coordinated Entry Integration Into HMIS (Homeless Management Information System)</p>	<p>George reported that County staff have begun discussions with Coordinated Entry partners (Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo – CAPSLO, El Camino Homeless Organization – ECHO, and 5Cities Homeless Coalition – 5CHC) to incorporate Coordinated Entry data into the CoC’s Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). There is a HUD (US Department of Housing & Urban Development) requirement that Coordinated Entry data be entered into HMIS, as the County receives HUD CoC funding. This item is in progress and a further update will be provided at the next meeting.</p>	

<p>4.1.1. Discussion Item: Coordinated Entry In-Active List</p>	<p>Jessica reported that all Vulnerability Index – Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) surveys were moved to HMIS at the beginning of 2019. County staff and partner agencies have recently cleaned up the inactive list. From January 2019, 121 people have been housed from this list.</p>	
<p>4.2. Discussion Item: Federal and State Grant Updates</p>		
<p>4.2.1. Discussion Item: California Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) 2021</p>	<p>George reported that HCD (California Department of Housing and Community Development) has not yet made a determination on when they will release the 2021 NOFA (Notice of Funding Availability) for the State Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program. The State released a poll to ask CoCs if they would prefer the NOFA to be delayed, and/or to have a rolling application window. Updates to follow. This funding will only be available to subrecipients from July 2022.</p>	
<p>4.2.2. Discussion Item: California Emergency Solutions Grant – Coronavirus (ESG-CV) Rapid Rehousing – How to Track Clients Served</p>	<p>George reported that there is work to be done on a method for tracking Rapid Rehousing clients in HMIS. 5CHC will be providing deposit assistance, and all three Coordinated Entry agencies will be providing their own case management, so there is a need to track clients to ensure there is no duplication, and that financial assistance is tied to a client receiving other assistance.</p> <p>Janna reported that a challenge for 5CHC is not knowing which funding stream is going to be used for Rapid Rehousing work ahead of time, and whether this means 5CHC will need to track expenditures back to specific grants for different clients. George responded that he will ask HCD for guidance and report back.</p>	
<p>4.2.3. Discussion Item:</p>	<p>George reported that HEAP (Homeless Emergency Aid Program)</p>	

<p>Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP)</p>	<p>funding came to an end on June 30th, except for the interest which will continue to provide additional funding to finish projects.</p> <p>Janna reported that 5CHC's building project is almost complete. There is a small delay with a window replacement. The front door has been moved and the lobby will soon be modified so it is more secure. For 5CHC's youth program, COVID has made the Host Home Program challenging. Three master leases have been secured with transitional age youth in each of these units.</p> <p>Mimi reported that ECHO's North County construction project has finished, with six new rooms added to a congregate single dorm, flooring updated, walls repainted, and all family rooms updated.</p> <p>Jack reported that CAPSLO's new facility is on track to open in August.</p>	
<p>4.2.4. Discussion Item: Emergency Housing Vouchers</p>	<p>Laurel reported that Emergency Housing Vouchers are special vouchers that HASLO (Housing Authority of San Luis Obispo) will be receiving as a result of stimulus legislation. These vouchers are set aside for people and families who are: homeless; at risk of homelessness; fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking; or recently homeless and for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the family's homelessness or having high risk of housing instability.</p> <p>HUD required the CoC to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with HASLO in order to make referrals via the Coordinated Entry process (excluding the people fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or</p>	

	<p>human trafficking – separate MoUs are to be drawn up with organizations supporting these groups). The MoU has now been drawn up and approved by HSOC. The County is working on a process now for agencies to be able to make referrals via the Coordinated Entry process.</p> <p>The Committee discussed the roles of agencies in this process, and a process for dealing with public enquiries. Several issues were raised, including how deposit referrals are to be made, the volume of additional referrals, and how to avoid duplication of work. The County and partner agencies (CAPSLO, ECHO, 5CHC, Transitions Mental Health Association and the Salvation Army) agreed to meet to address these issues.</p>	
<p>4.3. Discussion Item: Coastal Outreach Event</p>	<p>Jessica reported that there is still interest on the coast and North County for an outreach event.</p>	
<p>4.4. Discussion Item: Safe Parking and Alternatives to Encampments</p>	<p>Devin reported that the County is receiving complaints from people in Oceano about overparking on streets. The County is working on addressing this situation now, either by providing safe parking places or redirecting people to where they can safely park. Some of the people parking are not homeless people but are parking on the street in order to be close to the beach.</p> <p>Janna reported that 5CHC have been contacted about the same issue, and their outreach team has been in contact with the homeless people who are parking in Oceano. Several people are now re-engaging with services. Janna noted that if a safe parking area is set up, it would need to be in a place that people want to park in order to be effective.</p>	

4.5. Discussion Item: COVID-19 Updates		
4.5.1. Discussion Item: COVID Vaccine Outreach Efforts	<p>Abby reported that the County is continuing with its outreach efforts to get homeless people vaccinated, including setting up mobile clinics and going out to encampments. Mark shared the successes TMHA (Transitions Mental Health Association) has had in getting people vaccinated over several months.</p> <p>5CHC, ECHO, CAPSLO and TMHA all confirmed that they have self-tests but have not had to administer them in weeks, as they have seen no people who are symptomatic.</p>	
5. Future Discussion/Report Items		
6. Next Meeting Date: September 13, 2021		
7. Adjournment	Devin adjourned the meeting at 11:40am.	