



**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC)  
Executive Committee Special Meeting Agenda**

February 2, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

**Committee members must participate in person** (unless excused for just cause reasons, or for emergency reasons approved by HSOC).

Room 356, County of San Luis Obispo Department of Social Services  
3433 South Higuera, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

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Meeting ID: 846 5843 0378

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1. Call to Order and Introductions (2 minutes\*)
2. Public Comment (6 minutes\*)
3. Consent: Approval of Minutes (2 minutes\*)
4. Action/Information Discussion
  - 4.1. Veterans Experiencing Homelessness
    - 4.1.1. Action Item: Vote to authorize the HSOC Executive Committee Chair to send a letter of support for Good Samaritan Shelter's and the Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo's renewal applications for federal Supportive Services for Veteran Families



Program funding to serve homeless veterans in San Luis Obispo County (12 minutes\*)

4.1.1.1. Committee Questions

4.1.1.2. Public Comment

4.1.1.3. Committee Discussion and Vote

4.2. Discussion Item: Learnings, Trends and Concerns, Future Issues and Next Steps (5 minutes\*)

4.2.1.1. Committee Questions

4.2.1.2. Public Comment

4.2.1.3. Committee Discussion

5. Future Discussion/Report Items (3 minutes\*)

6. Next Regular Meeting: February 18, 2026

7. Adjournment

\*Times allotted for discussion are approximate and subject to change

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

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC)  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Date**

December 15, 2025

**Time**

11:03 pm-1:06 pm

**Location**

Rm 356, Department of Social Services  
3433 S. Higuera St., San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

**Members Present**

Brenda Mack  
Jack Lahey  
Janna Nichols  
Michelle Pedigo  
Michelle Shoresman  
Susan Funk

**Absent Members**

Wendy Lewis

**Staff and Guests**

Abby Lassen  
Amelia Grover (alternate for Jack Lahey)  
Cindy McCown  
Erica Jaramillo  
George Solis  
Kate Secrest  
Laurel Weir  
Linda Belch  
Mark Lamore  
Merlie Livermore

**1. Call to Order and Introductions**

Michelle S. called the meeting to order at 11:03 am.

## **2. Public Comment**

To recognize and appreciate Janna's service to HSOC, Michelle S. presented her with a bouquet of flowers. Kate Secrest, Jack, Abby and Susan also expressed their appreciation for Janna's many years of service and leadership.

## **3. Consent: Approval of Minutes**

Susan moved the motion for approval of the minutes. Janna seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the minutes were approved by voice vote.

## **4. Action/Information/Discussion**

### **4.1. HSOC Administration**

#### **4.1.1. Action Item: Vote to recommend a slate of candidates for next year's HSOC Executive Committee**

Laurel shared some information on the HSOC bylaws and presented the slate of candidates for HSOC leadership in CY 2026. The slate of candidates was as follows:

HSOC Chair- Michelle Shoresman

HSOC Vice Chair- Susan Funk

Data & Performance Committee Chair- Mark Lamore

Services Coordinating Committee Chair- Wendy Lewis

Coordinated Entry Committee Chair- Jack Lahey

Representative with Lived Experience- Brenda Mack

Laurel explained that the Housing Authority, currently represented by Michelle Pedigo, holds a permanent Executive Committee seat with no term limit. Janna suggested explaining the Housing Authority's permanent seat when the slate is presented at the next HSOC meeting.

Susan suggested considering Kate Secrest for HSOC Vice-Chair in place of her.

Kate shared her background and expressed her willingness to join the Committee as Vice-Chair.

Michelle S. moved to approve the slate, with the change of replacing Susan with Kate Secrest. Susan seconded this motion. A roll call vote was taken:

Yes: Jack, Michelle P., Michelle S., Susan

Abstained: Janna

No vote: Brenda (lost Zoom connection)

The motion was approved.

#### **4.1.2. Discussion Item: Create optional Vice Chair positions for Committees**

Laurel noted that the Nominating Committee recommended having a Vice-Chair for each committee; County Counsel confirmed this would require a bylaw change. Bylaw changes require that the issue be introduced at one HSOC meeting and voted on at a subsequent meeting. The proposal will be presented to HSOC in January for input, then a refined proposal will be brought to the Executive Committee in February and to the full HSOC in March for a vote.

Questions regarding the creation of Vice-Chair positions included:

- Whether the Vice Chair would serve as a committee alternate.
- Whether the Vice Chair should hold other leadership roles and the committee work plan for the year.
- Whether the Vice Chair must be an HSOC member.
- Whether the Vice Chair should attend Executive Committee meeting

#### **4.2. Implementing Five-Year Plan Line of Effort 1 - Create Affordable and Appropriately Designed Housing Opportunities and Shelter Options for Underserved Populations**

##### **4.2.1. Action Item: Vote to a) Make Funding Recommendations for Up to \$2,335,694 in Fiscal Year 2025 Funding from the Annual Continuum of Care (CoC) Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and b) to Approve Rankings of Proposed Projects**

Jack and Janna, representing organizations that applied for funding, recused themselves prior to Laurel's presentation of the funding recommendations. Laurel noted that a NOFO had originally been issued in 2024 that was supposed to cover FY2025 funding as well and that the 2025 NOFO issued by HUD indicated it would not follow the 2024 NOFO. Litigation challenging the 2025 NOFO had been filed in U.S. District Court. She requested conditional approval of the recommendations due to current uncertainty about whether the 2025 NOFO will stand or if HUD would be enjoined from carrying out the 2025 NOFO.

Michelle S. moved to approve the conditional funding, on condition that a new meeting be held and the Grant Review Committee reconvenes if a new NOFO not in keeping with the 2024 NOFO was issued that would also result in major funding rankings or amounts changing. Susan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken:

Yes: Brenda, Michelle P., Michelle S., Susan

Abstained: Amelia (serving as Jack's alternate)

#### **4.3. Implementing Five-Year Plan Line of Effort 4: Create, Identify, and streamline funding and resources**

##### **4.3.1. Discussion Item: Federal Grants and Entitlement Programs Update**

Laurel briefly reported that there is an effort to have HUD renew funding for NOFO 2024.

#### **4.4. Discussion Item: Planning for the Annual Strategic Planning meeting in March**

Michelle S. left the meeting due to another commitment, and Susan assumed the role of moderator.

Laurel shared that pre-planning activities will be discussed at each committee meeting starting in January and suggested that HSOC committees complete preliminary work in discussing topics for the Planning meeting.

#### **4.5. Information Item: Committee Reports**

Jack reported that at the most recent Coordinated Entry Committee meeting, members reviewed guidance on referral readiness criteria and will vote on Emergency Housing Vouchers guidance at their next meeting.

Janna shared that the Data & Performance Committee is preparing for the PIT Count scheduled for January 27, 2026.

For the Services Coordinating Committee, Laurel reported that the Workforce Development Board provided CaJOBS database training to 20 service providers in November, and the January meeting will cover changes to CenCal and CalFresh benefits.

#### **4.6. Discussion: Future Agenda Items for HSOC**

No items were presented.

#### **4.7. Information Item: Updates from County Staff on County Initiatives**

Laurel thanked Janna for her work with 5CHC and her contributions to HSOC.

#### **4.8. Discussion Item: Learnings, Trends and Concerns, Future Issues and Next Steps**

No items were presented.

#### **5. Future Discussion/Report Items**

No items were presented.

#### **6. Next Regular Meeting: February 18, 2026**

#### **7. Adjournment**

Susan adjourned the meeting at 1:06 pm.



**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO**  
**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**  
**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL**

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February 2, 2026

Ms. Adrienne Nash Melendez  
Supportive Services for Veteran Families  
National Center on Homelessness Among Veterans  
4100 Chester Avenue, Suite 201  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Subject: CoC Letter of Cooperation and Support for the Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County application for a Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program Grant.

Dear Ms. Melendez,

I write on behalf of the San Luis Obispo County Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC), which is the Continuum of Care (CoC) advisory body for our community. On February 2, 2026, the HSOC Executive Committee voted to authorize a letter from the HSOC in support of the application from the Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County (CAPSLO) for a Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program Grant from the Department of Veterans Affairs. This grant would be used to continue to provide low-income Veterans and their families with supportive services, including housing assistance, case management, healthcare navigation, benefits assistance and other "wraparound" services, which will ultimately result in their obtaining and/or maintaining successful permanent housing.

CAPSLO's SSVF program has been an important part of our Continuum's effort to end veteran and veteran family homelessness and has contributed to the reduction in veteran homelessness in the CoC over the past ten years. In addition to the direct provision of assistance to homeless veterans, CAPSLO provides assistance to the CoC in building local capacity to build Coordinated Entry Systems (CES). CAPSLO SSVF staff coordinate with CE lead staff to help ensure veterans have access to coordinated screening, assessment and referrals. Staff from CAPSLO also serve on the HSOC and participate in HSOC and other community planning efforts and CAPSLO SSVF staff participated in enumeration and survey teams in the 2026 Point in Time (PIT) Count.

It is important to the Veterans in our county that CAPSLO's SSVF program continues without

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interruption. The San Luis Obispo County Continuum of Care supports CAPSLO's application and if they are funded, will continue to work with them towards the goal of ensuring that Veteran homelessness is rare, brief and non-recurring in our County.

Sincerely,

Michelle Shoresman

Chair

San Luis Obispo County Homeless Services Oversight Council

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Dear Ms. Melendez,

I write on behalf of the San Luis Obispo County Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC), which is the Continuum of Care (CoC) advisory body for our community. On January 15, 2025, the HSOC voted to support the Good Samaritan Shelter/5Cities Homeless Coalition (5CHC) application for a Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program Grant from the Department of Veterans Affairs. This grant would be used to continue to provide low-income Veterans and their families with supportive services, including housing assistance, case management, and other "wraparound" services, which will ultimately result in their obtaining and/or maintaining successful permanent housing.

The Good Samaritan/5CHC SSVF project has been an important partner since 2014 in the CoC's efforts to end veteran homelessness. In addition to the direct provision of assistance to homeless veterans, Good Samaritan/5CHC SSVF provides assistance to the CoC in building local capacity to build Coordinated Entry Systems (CES). Good Samaritan/5CHC SSVF staff coordinate with CE lead staff to help ensure veterans have access to coordinated screening, assessment and referrals. Staff from Good Samaritan/5CHC also serve on the HSOC and participate in HSOC and other community planning efforts.

It is important to our CoC's effort to end veteran homelessness that Good Samaritan/5CHC's SSVF program be renewed without interruption, to maintain the momentum and progress made towards ending veteran homelessness. The San Luis Obispo County Continuum of Care

supports Good Samaritan/5CHC's application and if they are funded, will continue to work with them towards the goal of ensuring that Veteran homelessness is rare, brief and non-recurring in our County.

Sincerely,

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