

HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC)
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date

June 19, 2024

Time

3:03 pm-4:56 pm

Location

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

Members Present

Jack Lahey
Mark Lamore
Michelle Shoresman
Susan Funk

Members Absent

Michelle Pedigo

Staff and Guests

Christy Nichols
Devin Drake
Erica Jaramillo
George Solis
Janna Nichols
Jeffrey Al-Mashat
Laurel Weir
Lauryn Searles
Merlie Livermore
Niko Elvambuena
Suzie Freeman

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Michelle Shoresman called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm.

2. Public Comment

No public comment was presented.

3. Consent: Approval of Minutes

Susan Funk moved the motion for approval of the minutes. Mark Lamore seconded. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

4. Action/Information/Discussion

4.1. HSOC Administration

4.1.1. Action Item: Approve the Appointment of Alternates

Susan Funk moved the motion to approve the appointment for Jack Lahey's alternate for CAPSLO Amy Nielson, and Wendy Lewis' alternate, Mimi Rodriguez for ECHO. Mark Lamore seconded the motion.

Appointments were approved by roll call.

4.2. Implementing Five-Year Plan Line of Effort 4 – Create, Identify, and Streamline Funding and Resources

4.2.1. Discussion Item: Refining the HSOC's Grant Funding

Recommendations Process

Laurel Weir and George Solis presented slides on the proposed process. As a background, on May 21, 2024, the County Board of Supervisors directed the HSOC Executive Committee to develop guidelines for future funding. In compliance, the staff are recommending a process for developing these guidelines. The proposed process includes the Executive Committee Chair creating an Ad Hoc Committee which would review current process and requirements as well as models from other communities. The Ad Hoc Committee will then develop recommendations to present to the HSOC Executive Committee for the August 2024 meeting. Staff suggests that representatives for the Ad Hoc Committee include the following: HSOC Chair, Chair of the Data and Performance Committee, Person with lived experience of homelessness, someone from an agency or entity that provides funding for homeless services; other categories that the Chair, in consultation with the HSOC Executive Committee, deems important. The staff recommends the Committee size be from 6-8 people. The Housing Trust Fund, County Behavioral Health, CenCal, Community Foundation and SLOCOG (San Luis Obispo Council of Governments) were mentioned as some of the agencies to be approached to be part of this committee.

4.2.2. Information Item: Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Grant

Laurel Weir shared that HUD has released the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Youth Homeless Demonstration Program for the next round. Laurel shared that there will only be 10 new grants nationwide. Since the county's YAB (Youth Advisory Board) has not been set up yet this year, the staff is looking at applying next year instead.

4.2.3. Information Item: Current Homelessness Funding

George Solis provided quick updates on grant funding. He mentioned that all the HHAP 3 contracts have been executed. The county staff is currently working on the HHAP 4 awarded agencies. Cal ICH (California Interagency Council on Homelessness) is still reviewing the HHAP 5 application. George also mentioned that all Cal ICH grants are transferring over to HCD (Housing and Community Development) so there's currently a back log in the grants administration. The staff is also working with the subrecipients on the FY 2024 general fund support contracts. He also mentioned that HUD funding cannot be executed until the county receives the standard agreement from HUD. Last year, this agreement did not come until September.

George also shared a spreadsheet of all funds awarded to the projects from different organizations for FY 2024-2025.

4.3. Future Full HSOC Agendas

4.3.1. Discussion Item: HSOC Agenda for July

- By- laws final approval
- Vote to appoint the seat for Person with Lived experience
- Nomination recommendation to fill two vacant seats
- CoC NOFO information announcement
- Funding spreadsheet
- State Budget
- Review and Comment on the Grand Jury Report on Homelessness

4.4. Committee Reports

4.4.1. Discussion Item: Committee Reports

Jack Lahey reported that last month's Coordinated Entry Committee meeting was suspended to have the time to look at how they are approaching the CE Principle based Policies. Their next meeting is scheduled for next week and will discuss the governing policies for the Coordinated Entry Committee.

Jack also chairs the Services Coordinating Committee. He mentioned that this committee's two previous meetings were canceled due to a lack of major pressing items to discuss. According to Jack, this committee is still struggling with confusion on what this committee should take on. Jack also mentioned that in talking with the staff there could be a potential for a shift in this committee's focus.

In addition, Laurel Weir mentioned that they talked about how to make the Services Coordinating Committee more impactful and more action oriented. One suggestion was to meet less frequently but spend longer meeting time to have a deeper dive into different priority areas of certain services. Certain topics mentioned included homeless mortality reports and street medicine benefits.

Mark Lamore reported that the Data and Performance Committee did some cleaning up on the early draft of the Point in Time Count. The Committee is also working with the Coordinated Entry system in coming up with some parameters on how to refer people to specific programs. Mark also mentioned they are looking at the importance of frequent training on how to ask questions (e.g. VI-SPDAT). They are also putting together a working group with the intention of communicating and working together outside of the Brown Act. In addition, Mark shared that their team is looking at data they are collecting via HMIS to determine what elements to record out. He also shared that the HMIS migration project is almost done.

4.5. Discussion Item: Updates from County Staff on County Initiatives

Jeff Al-Mashat shared about the Welcome Home Village project update. The county has been working with the City of SLO and Cal Fire regarding the fire issue requirements. He shared that the project might start in April of 2025.

4.6. Discussion Item: Five-Year Plan to Address Homelessness

Laurel Weir reported that the Homeless Services Division made a presentation to the Board of Supervisors in May. The Board of Supervisors updated Line of Effort 1 from the Five-Year Plan to include “creating and sustaining funding and resources”.

4.7. Discussion Item: Learnings, Trends and Concerns, Future Issues and Next Steps

George Solis commended the City of San Luis Obispo for hosting a successful Homeless Response Forum on June 5.

5. Future Discussion/Report Items

None presented.

6. Next Regular Meeting

August 21, 2024

7. Adjournment

Michelle Shoresman adjourned the meeting at 4:56 pm.