

**HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL (HSOC)
Services Coordinating Committee Meeting Agenda**

April 13, 2026, 10:30 am

Committee members must participate in person (except for just cause reasons, or for emergency reasons approved by HSOC):

**Room 358, County of San Luis Obispo Department of Social Services
3433 South Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo**

Members with approved just cause reasons and the public may participate by Zoom video:

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1. Call to Order and Introductions (2 minutes*)
2. Public Comment (5 minutes*)
3. Consent: Approval of Minutes (1 minutes*)
4. Action/Information/Discussion
 - 4.1. Committee Updates
 - 4.1.1. Information Item: Upcoming changes to public benefit programs, including eligibility, application, and recertification requirements
 - 4.1.1.1. Information Item: MediCal (20 minutes*)
 - 4.1.1.2. Information Item: CalFresh (30 minutes*)
 - 4.1.2. Discussion Item: AB130 Implementation regarding Shelter Notice and Intake Standards (30 minutes*)
 - 4.1.3. Discussion Item: Feedback from 2026 Listening Session (20 minutes*)
 - 4.1.4. Discussion Item: Possible Special Meeting (5 minutes*)
5. Future Discussion/Report Items (2 minutes*)
6. Next Regular Meeting: July 13, 2026

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-division/homeless-services-oversight-council>

*All times are estimates and subject to change.

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

Date

January 12, 2026

Time

10:32 am-12:35 pm

Location

Room 358, Department of Social Services
3433 S. Higuera, San Luis Obispo, CA 93403

Members Present

Abby Lassen
Amelia Grover
Chris Stanley
Devin Drake
Jack Lahey
Wendy Lewis

Members Absent

Jane Renahan
Michael Azevedo

Staff & Guests

Anna Zailik
Ariana Long
Daisy Wiberg
Devon McQuade
Elia Rodriguez
Erica Jaramillo
Jeff Al-Mashat
Jennifer Nitzel
Kari Howell
Katlynn Beatty
Laurel Weir
Marie Bolin
Merlie Livermore
Michael Walton
Monica Solis
Nicole Bennett

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Wendy called the meeting to order at 10:32 am. All attendees present introduced themselves.

2. Public Comment

Wendy provided an update on the El Camino Homeless Organization (ECHO) Balay Ko Foundation project.

Jack Lahey from CAPSLO reported that capacity has been expanded at the SLO Warming Centers, though sites are still needed for the Morro Bay and Los Osos locations. He also noted that several sites have been secured for the Community Safe Parking Program and that the program achieved its first housing placement in December 2025.

3. Consent: Approval of Minutes

Devin moved to approve the minutes. Amelia seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

4. Action/Information/Discussion

4.1. Committee Updates

4.1.1. Information Item: Upcoming Changes to public benefit programs, including eligibility, application, and recertification requirements

4.1.1.1. Information Item: MediCal

Jennifer Nitzel, DSS Medi-Cal Program Manager, presented slides on upcoming Medi-Cal changes, including asset limit restoration, an enrollment freeze for undocumented adults, and the loss of adult dental coverage, among others. The PowerPoint slides will be shared with meeting attendees.

4.1.1.2. Information: CalFresh

Monica Solis and Anna Zailik presented information on CalFresh eligibility changes. They reported that on July 4, 2025, H.R. 1 was signed into law, introducing significant updates, including limiting CalFresh eligibility to individuals residing in the U.S. who meet specific non-citizen eligibility criteria. The law also revised the definition of an Able-Bodied Adult Without Dependents (ABAWD) by increasing age requirements and narrowing exemption criteria. The PowerPoint slides will be shared with meeting attendees.

4.1.2. Information Item: 2026 Homeless Point in Time

Kari provided a brief update on the PIT Count scheduled for January 27th.

4.1.3. Discussion Item: Committee Planning Process for 2026

In preparation for the March HSOC Planning meeting, Laurel shared that this year's HSOC Annual Planning discussions will begin at the committee level. Committees were asked to identify the most important and impactful priorities to bring forward. During the discussion, the following key themes were identified:

- Need for timely, clear information: emphasis on staying up to date on policy changes and knowing when accurate information becomes available so staff can be properly educated.

- System complexity and overlap: there is confusion due to multiple, overlapping transformations. Stronger coordination is needed to understand system intersections and to direct people to the correct programs and contacts.
- Communication and collaboration: need for clearer pathways, defined points of contact, and improved collaboration across agencies, including behavioral health, veterans services, and law enforcement.
- Navigation support: providers need simple tools (e.g., a phone tree or clear guidance) to help staff and beneficiaries understand who to call, what department is responsible for, and how to navigate eligibility requirements (including ABAWD).
- Continuity and sustainability of services: concerns were raised about maintaining continuity of care and sustaining services (e.g., meal programs) amid upcoming policy and funding changes.
- Workforce and volunteer connections: interest in sharing job information, engaging the Department of Rehabilitation, and developing a list of volunteer opportunities.
- Targeted support structures: suggestions included creating higher-level escalation points for complex questions, leveraging CAT teams for outreach, and certifying individuals unable to work.
- Strong support for forming working groups to address communications, jobs, troubleshooting, timelines, and support for individuals who may lose eligibility, with updates brought back to the full committee.

4.1.4. Discussion Item: Possible February Meeting

It was suggested to hold a May meeting to focus on the impacts of the changes presented today.

5. Future Discussion /Report Items

- Food Bank representative regarding food distribution
- Invite speakers from organizations such the Behavioral Health and Noor Clinic

6. Next Regular Meeting: April 13, 2026

7. Adjournment

Wendy adjourned the meeting at 12:35 pm.

Assembly Bill (AB) 130 Shelter Notice and Intake Requirements

April 13, 2026



Background

AB130 (Chapter 22, Statutes of 2025) amended Health & Safety Code (HSC) sections 17974–17974.6 to require local jurisdictions to:

- Conduct annual inspections of every homeless shelter in their jurisdiction
- Respond to and document complaint-based inspections titled to HSC §17920.3 (substandard conditions)
- Submit an annual report by April 1 to California Housing and Community Development (HCD)
- • Ensure shelter operators provide intake/posting notices about occupants' rights and complaint processes

HSC 17974 - 17974.6



Scope

This policy applies to all homeless shelters within San Luis Obispo County's jurisdiction

- Emergency Shelters as defined in 24 CFR §576.2 and HSC §50801(e);
- Navigation centers as defined in HSC §50216



What are Substandard Conditions?

*"...listed conditions to an extent that endangers the life, limb, health, property, safety, or welfare of the occupants of the building, nearby residents, or the public shall be deemed and hereby is declared to a substandard building"
(HSC, section 17920.3)*



HSC sec. 17920.3



Substandard Condition Examples

may include:

- Lack of heating, running water, electrical lighting, ventilation, access to garbage facilities, etc.
 - Improper maintenance, dilapidation, excess accumulation of materials affecting health and safety
 - Infestation of insects, vermin, rodents
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- Responsibility to make determination of what is “substandard” lies with local jurisdiction, under HSC 17920.3

HSC sec. 17920.3



Notice and Intake Requirements

Homeless Shelter Operators are required to:

- Prominently display information about occupant's rights and process for reporting a complaint of substandard conditions
- Provide notice in writing to any new occupant during intake
- Provide contact information for the following:
 - Owner or operator of homeless shelter
 - City or County
 - HCD

HSC sec. 17974.1.5



Proposed Shelter Habitability Process



Role of County staff

- Coordinate annual inspection and complaint-based inspections received by the County with appropriate city partners
- If complaint includes allegations of risk to health, coordinate with County Public Health to assess health threats and coordinate interventions when conditions are imminently detrimental to life/health
- Compile and submit annual report to HCD concerning shelter inspections, complaints, and violations
- Maintain copies of inspection records and annual reports submitted to HCD



Role of City staff

- Identify lead City staff to coordinate inspections and response to complaints
- Coordinate with County staff for annual inspections
- Lead building/code inspections (annual and complaint-driven) and document violations; issue notices, emergency orders, and schedule re-inspections
 - Provide documented information to County for annual reporting
- Determine whether extensions for corrective actions beyond the required 30 days will be authorized. A 30-day single extension may be granted to remediate concerns



Role of Shelter Operators

- Cooperate with required inspections promptly
- Remediate any deficiencies identified within 30 days (60 days if granted extension)
- Cooperate with re-inspections to verify corrective actions have been taken
- Prominently post information about occupant's rights and process to report a complaint of substandard conditions; provide this in writing during intake to new occupants



Next Steps



County will circulate AB130 Shelter Habitability process to local cities for review



County to collaborate with HSOC on development of shelter notice templates

HSC sec. 17974.1.5



Questions?



Thank You

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