

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

June 08, 2026, 11:00 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**

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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
 - 4.1.1. Information Item: Upcoming changes to public benefit programs
 - 4.1.1.1. Information Item: CalFresh (30 minutes*)
 - 4.1.1.2. Information Item: Regional Member Navigation Hub (30 minutes*)
 - 4.1.2. Discussion Item: State and Federal Grants Update (15 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

April 13, 2026

Time

10:33 a.m.-12:19 p.m.

Location

Room 358, Department of Social Services
3433 S. Higuera, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Members Present

Amelia Grover
Chris Stanley
Devin Drake
Michael Azevedo

Members Absent

Abby Lassen
Jack Lahey
Wendy Lewis
Jane Renahan

Staff & Guests

Anna Zailik
Chelsea Fredinburg
Emily Denton
George Solis
Jeff Al-Mashat
Jennifer Nitzel
Katlynn Beatty
Laurel Weir
Mark Lamore
Merlie Livermore
Michael Walton
Monica Solis
Nathan Rubinoff

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Michael Azevedo, on behalf of Chairperson Wendy Lewis, called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

2. Public Comment

Michael Azevedo shared that he requested to present at the next Coordinated Entry Committee meeting.

3. Consent: Approval of Minutes

There were not enough members to reach a quorum. The minutes will be presented again at the next meeting.

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: Medi-Cal

Jennifer Nitzel reported that significant changes are expected in January 2027. New Medi-Cal applicants ages 19–64 will be required to participate in at least 80 hours per month of community engagement activities. Eligibility reporting will shift to every six months instead of annually for new enrollments. She noted that some details from Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) are still pending and that several elements remain unknown. Jennifer also shared that the team is meeting with Santa Barbara County to coordinate community activities to help participants retain Medi-Cal coverage.

4.1.1.2. Information: CalFresh

Anna Zailik reported that training has been provided on the HR1 and ABAWD (Able-Bodied Adult Without Dependents) changes and directed attendees to the DSS website for additional updates. She noted that the team is currently preparing for the upcoming ABAWD training.

Monica Solis added that further guidance is still pending from the State, with additional information expected to be released by April.

Michael Walton discussed actions community partners can take, noting that individuals may seek volunteer opportunities to meet work requirements. He referenced the CF 888 form, which is used to verify volunteer hours, and encouraged participants to create a BenefitsCal account to streamline administrative processes. Michael reiterated that the work requirement is 20 hours per week, totaling 80 hours per month, and emphasized that participants must report immediately if they fall below the required hours.

4.1.2. Information Item: AB 130 Implementation regarding Shelter Notice and Intake Standards

George Solis reported that Assembly Bill (AB) 130 amended Health and Safety Code sections 17974–17974.6 to require local jurisdictions to conduct annual inspections of all homeless shelters, respond to and document complaint-based inspections for shelters with substandard conditions, submit an annual report to California Housing and Community Development (HCD) by April 1, and ensure shelter operators provide intake and posted notices outlining occupants' rights and complaint processes.

George also outlined the proposed shelter habitability process, including the respective roles of county staff, city staff, and shelter operators. He noted that the County will circulate the AB 130 Shelter Habitability process to local cities for review and will collaborate with HSOC on developing shelter notice templates.

4.1.3. Discussion Item: Feedback from 2026 Listening Session

Laurel Weir presented the feedback report from the March HSOC listening session.

During the discussion, Amelia Grover raised concerns about ongoing coordination challenges among agencies and asked how solutions could be developed.

Devin Drake noted that a weak feedback loop may be contributing to the problem, as frequent information updates make it difficult for staff to stay informed. He added that tracking which agencies are working with specific clients also remains a challenge, leading to clients potentially falling through the cracks.

4.1.4. Discussion Item: Possible Special Meeting

Laurel Weir opened the discussion on whether the Committee should hold special meetings focused on specific topics and invited input from the group.

Amelia Grover asked about the current level of case management and suggested including training sessions, such as BenefitsCal, in future special meetings. She expressed ongoing concerns about coordination challenges among agencies, citing issues with transferring care to ECM providers, ROIs and information-sharing limitations, lack of standardized case management processes, and managing client expectations. Amelia proposed forming a workgroup to develop an FAQ to address these issues.

Michael Azevedo recommended inviting PRS/Managers to return in 2–3 months to provide updates after recent changes are implemented. He also suggested holding special meetings open to the public during the week of June, ahead of the July 13 meeting.

Devin Drake recommended asking HSOC at the next meeting how coordination with other agencies supports staff and exploring ways to better educate staff on coordination practices.

The group also discussed creating a FACT sheet from the Benefits team summarizing upcoming or recent changes to help staff communicate updates more effectively.

5. Future Discussion /Report Items

- Discussion on how Coordinated Entry System can support homeless services providers with coordinating Medi-Cal eligibility and enrollment.
- It was noted that the current meeting time conflicts with the Housing Consortium Committee meetings. The group discussed the purpose of the Consortium Housing Committee and whether adjusting this Committee's meeting time on the same day would help reduce the conflict.

6. Next Regular Meeting: July 13, 2026

7. Adjournment

Michael Azevedo adjourned the meeting at 12:19 p.m.

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

2. Public Comment

Wendy Lewis 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 Drake moved to approve the minutes. Amelia Grover 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 Howell 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 Weir 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 Lewis adjourned the meeting at 12:35 pm.