

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

July 13, 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 (2 minutes*)
4. Action/Information/Discussion
 - 4.1.1. Information Item: Upcoming changes to public benefit programs
 - 4.1.1.1. Information Item: CalFresh (15 minutes*)
 - 4.1.1.2. Information Item: MediCal (30 minutes*)
 - 4.1.2. Discussion Item: CA DMV Free ID Program (15 minutes*)
5. Future Discussion/Report Items (2 minutes*)
6. Next Regular Meeting: October 12, 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.

SERVICES COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date

June 8, 2026

Time

11:03 am-12:23 pm

Location

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

Members Present

Abby Lassen
Amelia Grover
Chris Stanley
Jack Lahey
Michael Azevedo
Susan Lamont
Wendy Lewis

Members Absent

Devin Drake
Jane Renahan

Staff & Guests

Anna Zailik
Berenice Andrade
Ed Tran
Erica Jaramillo
Jeff Al-Mashat
Kate Secrest
Laurel Weir
Lisa Fraser
Merlie Livermore
Michael Walton
Monica Solis
Thomas Crottogini
William Fuller

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Wendy Lewis called the meeting to order at 11:03 am. Attendees introduced themselves.

2. Public Comment

Jeff Al-Mashat announced that the Welcome Home Village Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will take place this evening at 6:00 pm.

Wendy Lewis reported that the El Camino Homeless Organization (ECHO) Balay Ko Foundation project will hold its ribbon cutting ceremony on August 13 at 10:00 am.

Michael Azevedo noted that the HASLO senior housing waiting list applications for Balay Ko on Monterey are now open.

3. Consent: Approval of Minutes

Abby Lassen moved to approve the January meeting minutes, and the motion was seconded by Amelia Grover. Susan Lamont abstained. Michael Azevedo then moved to approve the April meeting minutes, with a second by Chris Stanley. Both the January and April meeting minutes were approved.

4. Action/Information/Discussion

4.1. Committee Updates

4.1.1. Information Item: Upcoming Changes to public benefit programs

4.1.1.1. Information Item: CalFresh

Monica Solis, joined by Michael Walton and Anna Zailik from the County Department of Social Services, provided an overview of upcoming CalFresh changes effective June 1, 2026. They outlined the updated definition of Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDs), the 20-hour-per-week work requirement, and the three-month time limit within California's three-year ABAWD time clock, which runs through December 31, 2028. Implementation began June 1, 2026, for new applications and will apply to ongoing cases at their next recertification.

Monica also reviewed exemption criteria, including individuals under 18 or over 64, those in households with a child under 14, pregnant individuals, those meeting specific earnings thresholds, applicants or recipients of unemployment benefits, students enrolled at least half-time, individuals medically certified as unfit for work, caregivers for a person with a disability, participants in certain treatment or training programs, and individuals who meet the definitions under the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

She concluded by summarizing qualifying work activities, noting that activities may be combined to meet the weekly or monthly requirement and that proof of hours is required, with no restrictions on acceptable sources of verification.

Anna Zailik provided an update on County preparation and outreach efforts related to upcoming ABAWD changes. She highlighted key points from the ABAWD Handbook 3.0, including that exemptions, once granted, will last through the certification period, and that required exemption screenings must be completed at certification and recertification. She noted that mid-period changes will be acted upon only if they positively affect the case; otherwise, they will be held until the next required report.

Anna reported that staff training was completed in May, with a focus on thorough participant screening, identifying potential indicators of medical exemptions, navigating work-ability discussions, ensuring accurate system entries, and using updated forms and guidance available on the new CalFresh Resources page on DSSNet site.

She also summarized ABAWD outreach efforts, including ongoing education for community partners, text messaging to CalFresh participants opted in for notifications, social media updates, website postings, informational materials in DSS lobbies, and plans for a future mailer to potentially impacted households.

Anna concluded by highlighting BenefitsCal as a resource for participants to manage benefits, upload documents, and track their ABAWD status. She noted that ongoing ABAWD updates and local resources are available on the SLO County DSS public website.

4.1.1.2. Information: Regional Member Navigation Hub

Lisa Fraser from the Center for Family Strengthening provided an update on the Regional Member Navigation Hub, highlighting the partnership with Lompoc CenCal Health and the Family Service Agency. She introduced Ed Tran and Will Fuller, who presented an overview of upcoming policy changes, the populations affected, and the significance of these impacts. They also described the local response strategy, including the development of toolkits to support upcoming Medi-Cal changes and work-related exemptions. The presentation concluded with a summary of the implementation timeline and next steps.

4.1.2. Discussion Item: State and Federal Grants Update

Laurel Weir reported that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has released the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the 2026 Continuum of Care competition. The County is now accepting Notices of Interest and applications from organizations seeking Fiscal Year 2026 Continuum of Care funding. Eligible project types include Permanent Housing, Transitional Housing, Supportive Services Only, and Homeless Management Information Systems, with applications accepted for both new and renewal projects. Additional information will be provided at an online Public Information Session on Friday, June 12.

5. Future Discussion /Report Items

- Presentation from the Housing Consortium
- Report from the Coroner's Office on identifying individuals experiencing homelessness at the time of death
- Update on Medi-Cal changes

6. Next Regular Meeting: July 13, 2026

7. Adjournment

Wendy Lewis adjourned the meeting at 12:23 pm.