

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

**Date**

October 16, 2024

**Time**

3:07pm-5:07pm

**Location**

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

**Members Present**

Jack Lahey (Zoom)  
Mark Lamore (Zoom)  
Michelle Shoresman  
Susan Funk

**Members Absent**

Michelle Pedigo  
Brenda Mack

**Staff and Guests**

Dawn Ortiz-Legg  
Devin Drake  
George Solis  
Janna Nichols  
Kate Bourne  
Laurel Weir  
Merlie Livermore  
Russ Francis  
Scott Collins  
Suzie Freeman

**1. Call to Order and Introductions**

Michelle called the meeting to order at 3:07pm.

**2. Public Comment**

None presented.

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

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

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

#### **4.1. HSOC Administration and Membership**

##### **4.1.1. Action Item: Vote to Recommend Nine Persons for Appointment to Vacant or Expiring Seats on the Homeless Services Oversight Council**

Laurel provided some background information regarding the recommendation process. This year's recommendation has nine persons for appointment.

Susan moved the motion for the two uncontested nominations, namely, Victim Service Providers seat that Susan Lamont currently holds, and Rick Scott for a second term for the Law Enforcement seat he currently holds. Mark seconded the motion. Roll was called, all were in favor and nominations were approved.

For the nominations with more than one applicant:

Scott moved the motion to nominate Ilene Brill for the Faith-based Organizations seat, seconded by Jack. Roll was called. Susan voted against; majority approved the nomination. The motion passed.

Michelle moved the motion to nominate Benjamin Albracht for the Veteran's seat. Susan seconded. Roll was called and nomination was approved.

For the following seats: Business seat (Jim Dantona), Behavioral Health Agency (Raven Lopez), Currently or Formerly Homeless Persons seat (Brenda Mack), 1<sup>st</sup> At-Large seat (Abby Lassen), Susan moved the motion for approval, seconded by Michelle. Roll was called, all were in favor, the motion passed.

Scott moved the motion to recommend Allison Brandum for the 2<sup>nd</sup> At-Large seat, seconded by Susan. Roll was called. Mark voted against. Majority voted and the motion passed.

#### **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 select the Calle Joaquin project from People's Self-Help Housing as the project for which the San Luis Obispo County Continuum of Care (CoC) would be seeking CoC Builds funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**

Susan made the motion to approve selection of the Calle Joaquin project, seconded by Jack. Roll was called and the motion passed.

##### **4.2.2. Information Item: Update from the Affordable Housing Task Force**

Scott Collins, Executive Director of the Housing Authority of San Luis Obispo (HASLO) shared information on Permanent Affordable housing. He reported that there is a need for a permanent landing spot for everyone currently in encampments, shelters and temporary housing. Scott defined Capital "A" affordable housing as a permanent deed restricted, typically 55 years, with set income levels. Scott mentioned that the goal is to build

hundreds of new units to meet the goals of RHNA (Regional Housing Needs Assessment) and the 5-year county plan to reduce homelessness.

In his report, Scott mentioned that the three main players in SLO County for these developments are HASLO, Peoples' Self-Help Housing, and the Paso Robles Housing Authority. The three housing project types of permanent Affordable housing developments are geared for: family, seniors and people with special needs (which includes homelessness, physical and mental health disabilities, etc.). He also reported that besides not being cheap, it takes about on average from 5-10 years to complete an affordable housing project. These projects are made "Affordable" to the tenant through a stack of local funding sources, which allows them to rent at what would otherwise be market rate. Scott also shared that every affordable housing project requires tax credits. Tax credits often make up 60 percent-70 percent of affordable housing project funding. Between 2024-2028, 39 projects are either going to be completed or are in the pipeline, with a combined total of 1,819 affordable units envisioned. Total local funding of approximately \$20-\$30M will be needed for these projects. If all 39 projects received tax credits, the investment would leverage over \$1B of funding. Scott reported that to maintain the current pace of 3-4 projects per year countywide, the funding needed to make those projects competitive for tax credits would be in the \$5-6M range per year. Scott ended his report by sharing that local sources of affordable housing are running dry, causing concerns among affordable housing developers about the ability to maintain the current production rate. He said it is critical to identify more reliable ongoing sources of funding.

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

##### **4.3.1. Discussion Item: Update on the HSOC's Grant Process Review Committee**

Laurel reported that the workgroup is continuing to schedule a few more meetings to meet and discuss the Grant Process.

#### **4.4. Future Full HSOC Agendas**

##### **4.4.1. Discussion Item: HSOC Agenda for November**

- Needs Assessment results
- Dept of Education- how kids get enrolled
- HSOC Membership item
- Update on warming shelter
- Scott Collins update-Task Force update

#### **4.5. Committee Reports**

##### **4.5.1. Discussion Item: Committee Reports**

Mark reported that the Data & Performance Committee is working to update and approve the grievance policy. He also mentioned that majority of the team's time is spent on working on a dashboard. The team is going to present dashboard options and get feedback at their next meeting.

Laurel reported that the Services Coordinating Committee is restructuring the way it will hold its future meetings. The shift is moving towards less frequent but longer meetings for more in-dept focus and discussion on certain topics. She reported that the next meeting is scheduled in January.

Laurel also reported on Coordinated Entry Committee. She shared that the committee is continuing to create structure and having discussions formalizing policies.

**4.6. Discussion Item: Updates from County Staff on County Initiatives**

Laurel reported that the County has hired Margaret Shepard-Moore as part-time Program Manager for the Welcome Home Village project. She also mentioned that the Homeless Services Division received the approval to hire for a position in- charge of Encampments. In addition, Laurel also reported that Homeless Services Division Deputy Director Linda Belch will present a staff report regarding San Luis Obispo County Homeless Services funding budget update to the Board of Supervisors' meeting in December.

**5. Next Regular Meeting:** December 18, 2024

**6. Adjournment**

Michelle adjourned the meeting at 5:07 pm.