

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

Date

May 15, 2024

Time

1:00pm-3:00pm

Location

Room 101, Department of Social Services, 3433 S Higuera, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Some members (those approved with just cause/ emergency reasons) and the public were able to participate via Zoom video call.

Members Present:

Brenda Mack
Christy Nichols (Zoom)
Jack Lahey (Zoom)
Janna Nichols (Zoom)
Kristen Barneich
Margaret Shepard-Moore (Zoom)
Marie Bolin
Mark Lamore
Michelle Pedigo
Michelle Shoresman
Rick Scott
Star Graber
Steve Gregory
Susan Funk
Susan Lamont
Wendy Blacker
Wendy Lewis
Zara Landrum

Members Absent

Allison Brandum
Amelia Grover
Aurora William
Clint Weirick
Devin Drake
Dawn Ortiz-Legg

Jeff Smith
Jessica Thomas
Kathy McClenathen
Luke Dunn
Marcia Guthrie
Rick Gulino
Rochelle Sonza
Shay Stewart
William Crewe

Staff & Guests

Abby Burgess
Daisy Wiberg
Daniela Garcia (alternate for Jessica Thomas)
Erica Jaramillo
Jeff Al-Mashat
Kathryn Dickinson
Kelley Abbas (alternate for Dawn Ortiz-Legg)
Jeff Al-Mashat
Jeff Eckles (alternate for Kathy McClenathen)
Kari Howell
Kate Bourne
Laurel Weir
Lauryn Searles
Lawren Ramos
Linda Belch
Lisa Murdoch
Merlie Livermore
Michael Azevedo
Nicole Bennett
Russ Francis
Stacie Dewitt
Susan Hayler
Suzie Freeman

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Michelle Shoresman called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm. Introductions were made by those new to the meeting.

2. Public Comments

Jeff Eckles mentioned that Jill Bolster-White of Transitions Mental Health has been added to the San Luis Obispo County Housing Trust Fund Board of Directors.

Lisa Murdoch, Treasurer for the 5Cities Homeless Coalition shared a summary of Janna Nichols' letter to the HSOC regarding February 2024 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Grants Process, specifically HHAP 3 & HHAP 4 funding recommendations concerns.

Margaret Shepard- Moore commented regarding Star Graber's presentation on the Capstone Gap Analysis Report shared with HSOC on November 15. Margaret shared that she has some issues on some of the items that were presented as complete in that report. She mentioned that there are quite a few service barriers, such as access to mental health care and access to substance abuse disorder treatment, that are still not taken care of. Margaret expressed a need to revisit the items in the report and where they stand to date.

Lawren Ramos from CAPSLO shared that they are prepared to adjust their programs depending on the funding they receive. He closed his comments by sharing a letter of gratitude received from one of the clients they serve.

Brenda Mack mentioned her concern regarding an increase in the number of homeless individuals dying in the North County and death is not all because of drug addiction.

Daisy Wiberg shared that the City of San Luis Obispo Homeless Response Unit desires to see clear funding priorities established and really looking at how the resources are allocated between the North, Central and South counties. She shared that funding priorities need to be considered in proportion to the number of people served per location.

Wendy Blacker reported that 805 Street Outreach is providing Narcan. She encourages everyone to have Narcan in their cars and First Aid kits.

3. Consent: Approval of Minutes

Mark Lamore moved the minutes to be approved, seconded by Kristen Barneich. Minutes passed via voice vote.

4. Action/Information/Discussion

4.1. HSOC Administration

4.1.1. Action Item: Vote to Approve Proposed Amendments to the HSOC Bylaws

Laurel Weir presented the recommended changes to the HSOC Bylaws (Agenda item 4.1.1 attached in the meeting packet).

A recommendation was made to add two seats to the Executive Committee, namely a representative from the local Housing Authority and a person with lived experience. Marie Bolin made the motion to approve the recommendation. Zara Landrum seconded the motion. Roll was called and motion approved.

4.1. 2. Information Item: Membership Vacancies

Laurel made an announcement regarding two membership vacancies in HSOC: representative from the local business community and an At-large seat. Applications are available on the HSOC website. Deadline for submission is June 14. Recommendations for the nomination will be presented in the HSOC July meeting.

4.2. Implementing Five-Year Plan

4.2.1. Discussion Item: Homeless Services Division's May Update to the Board of Supervisors

Linda Belch presented a preview of the progress report and some recommendations on County's Five-Year Plan to Reduce Homelessness to be presented to the upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting on May 21.

4.3. Implementing Five-Year Plan Line of Effort 3 – Improve and Expand Data Management Efforts Through the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and Coordinated Entry System to Strengthen Data-Driven Operational Guidance and Strategic Oversight

4.3.1. Discussion Item: Point in Time (PIT) Count

To keep everyone informed, Kari Howell presented a quick overview of the preliminary data gathered during the PIT Count on January 23. Kari mentioned that a comprehensive PIT Count Community Report will be shared to the HSOC and the public at the end of this month.

4.4. Implementing Five-Year Plan Line of Effort 2 - Focus Efforts to Reduce or Eliminate the Barriers to Housing Stability for Those Experiencing Homelessness or at Risk of Homelessness, Including Prevention, Diversion, Supportive Services, and Housing Navigation Efforts

4.4.1. Discussion Item: Planned Parenthood Clinical Services and Educational Programming

Kathryn Dickinson presented slides showing the health services provided by the Planned Parenthood Central Coast locations. She shared that Planned Parenthood provides services to everyone regardless of ability to pay, immigration status, language needs, etc. Planned Parenthood also developed curriculum for middle and high school-age youth, adults who speak Spanish, and for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

4.5. Discussion Item: Committee Updates

Jack Lahey shared that April's Services Coordinating Committee meeting was canceled. He then mentioned that the Coordinated Entry Committee is in the process of discussing its Policies. Mark Lamore mentioned that Data & Performance Committee had an update on the HMIS, PIT Count and change in the Bylaws during its earlier meeting.

4.6. Discussion Item: Updates from the Homeless Services Division

There are no additional updates presented by Linda Belch.

5. Future Discussion/Report Items

- Provide information process in deciding funding allocations
- Need for a snapshot of the organizations who received certain grants to provide additional information for certain funding adjustments and recommendations

6. Updates and Requests for Information

No updates were presented.

7. Next Regular Meeting: July 17, 2024

8. Adjournment

Chairperson Michelle Shoresman adjourned the meeting at 3:12 pm