

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

Date

September 18, 2024

Time

1:04pm- 2:57pm

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

Abby Lassen (Just Cause-Zoom)
Ariana Jimenez (alternate for Rochelle Sonza)
Aurora William
Brenda Mack (Just Cause-Zoom)
Christy Nichols
Daniela Garcia (alternate for Jessica Thomas)
Daphne Boatright (alternate for Allison Brandum)
Devin Drake
Jack Lahey
Janna Nichols
Jeff Smith
Jim Dantona
Kathy McClenathen
Kristen Barneich
Luke Dunn
Marcia Guthrie
Margaret Shepard-Moore (Just Cause-Zoom)
Marie Bolin
Mark Lamore
Michelle Pedigo (Just Cause-Zoom)
Michelle Shoresman
Rick Gulino (Just Cause-Zoom)
Rick Scott
Star Graber
Susan Funk
Susan Lamont

Wendy Blacker
Wendy Lewis
Zara Landrum

Members Absent

Allison Brandum
Amelia Grover
Clint Weirick
Dawn Ortiz-Legg
Jessica Thomas
Rochelle Sonza
Steve Gregory
William Crewe

Staff & Guests

Daisy Wiberg
Erica Jaramillo
George Solis
Jeff Al-Mashat
Kari Howell
Kate Bourne
Laurel Weir
Lawren Ramos
Linda Belch
Merlie Livermore
Nancy Crawford
Nicole Bennett
Russ Francis
Suzie Freeman

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Michelle Shoresman called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm. Introductions were made by those new to the meeting.

2. Public Comments

Aurora William shared that she and Abby Lassen Lassen have been working together and have updated the San Luis Obispo County Community Resource Brochure. This brochure contains contact information and an overview of services from community agencies who serve unhoused persons. Copies can be ordered from Burdine printing at (805) 489-4910.

Wendy Lewis shared that ECHO (El Camino Homeless Organization) is having a fundraiser and an awareness walk this Saturday in Atascadero at 10:30am. More information is available at echoshelter.org.

Zara Landrum expressed her appreciation to Jack Lahey, Wendy Blacker, Aurora William and Linda Belch for participating in the Morro Bay town hall meeting held last Sunday.

3. Consent: Approval of Minutes

Susan Funk moved the motion for minutes to be approved, seconded by Janna Nichols. Minutes passed via voice vote.

4. Action/Information/Discussion

4.1. HSOC Administration

4.1.1. Information Item: HSOC Membership Call for Applications to Fill Vacant and Expiring Seats

Laurel Weir shared the following seats are expiring in January 2025: County Government Service Providers, Currently or Formerly Homeless Persons, Advocates, Public Safety Organizations, Organizations Serving Homeless Veterans, Victim Service Providers, Behavioral Health Agencies, and Businesses. There are two vacant seats, namely Faith-Based Organizations and the Youth Board. Application forms are available at the County website. October 7 is the deadline for applications.

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 1) Make funding recommendations for up to \$2,034,933 in Fiscal Year 2024 Funding from the Annual Continuum of Care (CoC) Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); 2) Approve rankings of proposed projects; and 3) Authorize the County as the Collaborative Applicant to prepare and submit the Collaborative Application and all related documents to HUD

Erica Jaramillo presented slides which provided summarized narrative of the funding background, project selection and review process, and the Grant Review Committee agency recommendations. Susan Funk moved the motion to approve the said recommendations. Cathy McClenathen seconded the motion. The motion passed via roll call.

4.2.2. Action Item: Vote to 1) authorize the County as the CoC Collaborative Applicant to submit an application for CoC Builds program funding from HUD; 2) conditionally select the Calle Joaquin project from People's Self-Help Housing as the project for which the CoC would be seeking CoC Builds funding; 3) authorize the HSOC Executive Committee to

provide final approval of a project to submit for the CoC Builds funding, and 4) authorize the Chair of the HSOC to sign a letter on behalf of the HSOC in support of the CoC Builds application

Laurel Weir shared summarized information regarding approval of the requested actions. Janna Nichols moved to approve the motion, and Kristen Barneich seconded. Roll was called and the motion passed.

4.2.3. Information Item: Planning for 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan for HUD Community Development Block Grant, HOME, and Emergency Solutions Grant Funding

George Solis provided information regarding the 2025 Consolidated Plan Process 2025 Community Development Needs Assessment.

4.2.4. Information Item: Notice of Funding Availability for 2025 Annual Action Plan Grants, Permanent Local Housing Allocation grants, and General Fund Support grants for homeless assistance

George Solis shared that NOFA (Notice of Funding Availability) was released on September 3. Applications must be submitted electronically via Neighborly software no later than October 6 by 11:59pm. NOFA is posted on the County's Department of Social Homeless Services Division website at slocounty.gov/HomelessServicesGrants

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

4.3.1. Action Item: Vote to use Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program earned interest from Rounds 1 and 2 to fund a pilot, overnight parking program for individuals living in their vehicles

George Solis reported that Year 1 of the San Luis Obispo Countywide Plan to Address Homelessness included adding smaller scale parking programs with Housing Navigation assistance. He also showed a slide featuring the HHAP-1 and HHAP-2 interests earned as of June 30, 2024.

Jack Lahey moved the motion to approve the recommended action, Mark Lamore seconded. Roll was called and the motion passed.

4.4. Discussion Item: Committee Updates

Mark Lamore mentioned that the Data & Performance Committee is continuing with the updates on the procedures on the HMIS system. The team is also working on data quality management. He also mentioned that the data workgroup is working on how to report out data to HSOC and other groups.

Jack Lahey shared that Coordinated Entry Committee is still working on its principle-based policies. He also mentioned that Interviews for a new CE staff person for CAPSLO (Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo) is ongoing this week.

Laurel Weir reported that Services Coordinating Committee has been working on changing its focus and to do deeper dives in certain issues such as encampment issues and warming/cooling centers.

Michelle Shoresman shared an update on the Grants Review Committee. The group has met once and will have two more meetings in the future.

4.5. Discussion Item: Updates from the Homeless Services Division

Linda Belch reminded everyone of Community Assessment Plan survey.

5. Future Discussion/Report Items

None presented.

6. Next Regular Meeting: November 20, 2024

7. Adjournment

Chairperson Michelle Shoresman adjourned the meeting at 2:57pm.