

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

Date

March 4, 2024

Time

9 am-11 am

Location

Room 356, Department of Social Services
3433 S. Higuera, San Luis Obispo, CA 93403

Members Present

Abby Lassen
Amelia Grover
Allison Brandum
Devin Drake
Janna Nichols
Jane Renahan
Chris Stanley

Members Absent

Jack Lahey
Wendy Lewis

Other Attendees

Erica Jaramillo
George Solis
Jeff Al-Mashat
Laurel Weir
Lauryn Searles
Madi Swayne, SDSU
Merlie Livermore
Michael Azevedo
Rick Gulino
Russ Francis
Sarah Cooper
Susan Lamont

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Janna Nichols called the meeting to order at 9:08 am. Chris Stanley introduced himself as a replacement for Brandy Graham, representing CAPSLO (Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo) SSVF (Supportive Services for Veteran Families) program. The rest of the attendees, both in person and via Zoom introduced themselves as well.

2. Public Comment

Allison Brandum shared that she attended a meeting with the Morro Bay Police Department and Fire Department last week. When she asked the Police and Fire Chiefs on how they deal with their homeless citizens, Allison was told that they tell them to go to 40 Prado shelter in San Luis Obispo. Allison made sure to

clarify with the Chiefs that the 40 Prado shelter is a 90-day program and has very limited extra beds to accommodate others. In addition, Allison mentioned that the Fire Chief said that there will never ever be a homeless shelter and warming shelter in Morro Bay.

3. Consent: Approval of Minutes

With the amended correction on the February 5th meeting minutes (VituityCares), Devin Drake moved the meeting minutes to be approved. Allison Brandum seconded the motion. The minutes passed via voice vote.

4. Action/Information/Discussion

4.1. Implementing Five-Year Plan Line of Effort 1: Create Affordable and Appropriately Designed Housing Opportunities and Shelter Options for Underserved Populations

4.1.1. Discussion Item: Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP) Round 5 Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan Application

George Solis mentioned that the County has been working on the HHAP 5 grant application. He shared that the key application component for this grant is the requirement to design a regionally coordinated Homeless Action Plan. He also presented slides showing the Performance Measures which are similar to HUD's (Housing and Urban Development) Continuum of Care System Performance Measures. George mentioned that the County wants to get some feedback as to what to prioritize and focus on in designing the Homeless Action Plan required for the HHAP application.

4.2. 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

4.2.1. Discussion: Presentation and Public Input Session regarding Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WaSH) access for unsheltered persons in California

Dr. Madi Swayne from San Diego State University is part of a group based in San Diego County that is doing a statewide study on bathroom and shower access for the unsheltered persons. This project is funded by the California Department of Health. Their group is working on landscape analysis in California for access to safe showers, laundry, and bathrooms. They are engaging with different localities across the state to determine what are the ideal models, and at the same time, what can be done to improve the not so successful models. Dr. Swayne also presented slides on what the future of WaSH access would look like in California.

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

4.3.1 Information Item: Warming Center Updates

Janna Nichols shared that South County warming center has been open 29 nights in a new location at 1023 East Grand Ave. in Arroyo Grande. So far, they have had 58 visitors.

5. Information Item: Update from Homeless Services Division

Laurel Weir shared that the Division will be reporting to the Board of Supervisors in May to provide an update on the Five-Year Plan goal to reduce homelessness.

6. Future Discussion/Report Items

- Follow up regarding WaSH, looking into access to bathrooms, trash for cash idea and locker systems
- Educate/form other initiatives regarding sanitation services (subcommittee)
- Look at an example of ROI (Release of Information) standard form (not the 815), that is easier to fill out
- HHAP 5 application update

7. Next Regular Meeting: April 1, 2024, at 9 am

8. Adjournment

Janna Nichols adjourned the meeting at 10:48 am