

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

Date

August 5, 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
Allison Brandum
Amelia Grover
Jack Lahey
Chris Stanley
Michael Azevedo (alternate for Janna Nichols)

Members Absent

Devin Drake
Jane Renahan
Wendy Lewis

Other Attendees

Carrie Collins
Deborah Erb
Jeff Al-Mashat
Kari Howell
Laurel Weir
Merlie Livermore
Russ Francis
Sarah Cooper
Sarah Montes Reinhart
Rob Cogniel

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Jack Lahey called the meeting to order at 9:18 am. Introductions were made by those at the meeting.

2. Public Comment

Allison Brandum presented a sample solar backpack for the homeless. She mentioned that this backpack has a USB port for charging cellphones. Contained inside the backpack are socks, water

bottle, a rechargeable flashlight, transistor radio with alarm clock. Allison said she has 10 backpacks to give out.

Abby Lassen mentioned that Aurora Williams received a grant for the North County Connection to update the Community Resource Brochure which lists different available county wide resources.

Jack Lahey shared that the Prado Center is experiencing a surge in Covid-19 cases. There are 12 participants and staff who are currently affected. Prado Center is still providing services and observing the required protocol.

3. Consent: Approval of Minutes

Allison Brandum moved the motion to approve the minutes. Michael Azevedo seconded. Voice vote was taken, and minutes were approved.

4. Action/Information/Discussion

4.1. Information Item: 2024 Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity

Laurel Weir shared that annual application for the Continuum of Care bonus funding is out.

Information has been published on DSS HSD website for interested applicants. Laurel mentioned that there is an initial intent form that needs to be filled out by interested applicants.

4.2. Committee Updates

4.2.1. Chair Updates

Jack Lahey reported that due to schedule holiday conflicts, and the absence of pressing topics, this Committee has not met since March. Jack also mentioned that this Committee is aiming to commit to a path that can start focusing on a product for the CoC.

Abby Lassen mentioned the importance of addressing the future discussion topics from the last March meeting minutes, namely follow up on WaSH project and sanitation services.

Amelia Grover also suggested finding a way to use this Committee to influence other efforts in the community such as services for aging seniors

4.2.2. Discussion Item: Changing Format and Frequency of Committee Meetings

Laurel Weir shared that last year the HSOC began the process to examine all its different committees with the focus of implementing the Five-Year Plan. With the By-law changes, the Executive Committee was given the responsibility for creating, modifying, deleting committees. When the Executive Committee met in Spring, they authorized the Services Coordinating Committee as one of the continuing committees. The staff and Committee Chair have been meeting, evaluating opportunities and needs and looking at what kind of models might be helpful to help accomplish the goal of having more implementations come out as product, in addition to just information sharing. Laurel shared that a recommendation for this Committee's structure is the use of a working group composed of individuals with interests and knowledge of a particular issue, to do more in-depth examination and bring back recommendations on a particular topic. Laurel also mentioned that one of the benefits of a working group is it can have remote meetings since it is not a Brown Act meeting.

Another recommendation is having fewer but longer meetings. In addition, these meetings are to be designed to have primary focus on a topic, and to spend more time discussing a particular issue, allowing more people to participate and provide updates on certain topics. Timeline being proposed is to have a September meeting for a preliminary update on the status of the working group. Also suggested is to get some dates and topics for the next two meetings to test the model out. Laurel also used this meeting to gather possible ideas to discuss for future meetings.

Some of the suggested topics included the following:

- Increasing access to employment resources
- Helping patients with complex needs
- Sanitation and hygiene
- Street medicine
- Aging and medical care
- Pet Care for people who needs to go to rehab
- Folks who are active in substance use- how to provide care- viewed as a big barrier in delivering services- access to services
- Encampment clearings
- Veteran population-healthcare
- Transportation as a barrier
- Locker/storage system
- Provide services to the underserved regions of the County-Los Osos, Morro Bay
- Permanent Supportive Housing- is it equipped to deal with medical issues, such as incontinence, mobility device; how to move tenants to higher levels of care (i.e. if they are aging)
- Supervision with warming/cooling centers

4.2.3. Action Item: Authorize Working Group to Focus on Access and Success

With the amendment to change the name of the working group to Access and Progress, Allison Brandum moved the motion, seconded by Amelia Grover. Roll was called and the motion passed.

5.Next Regular Meeting: September 9, 2024

6. Adjournment

Jack Lahey adjourned the meeting at 11:00 am