

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

Date

September 9, 2024

Time

9:03am-10:34am

Location

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

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Wendy Lewis (Zoom)

Other Attendees

Erica Jaramillo
Jeff Al-Mashat
Laurel Weir
Merlie Livermore
Russ Francis
Susan Lamont (Zoom)

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Jack Lahey called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

2. Public Comment

Allison Brandum shared that a few solar backpacks for the homeless were distributed between 40 Prado, 5CHC (5Cities Homeless Coalition), ECHO (El Camino Homeless Organization) and T-MHA (Transitions Mental Health Association) clientele.

3. Consent: Approval of Minutes

Amelia Grover moved the motion to approve the minutes. Devin Drake seconded. Voice vote was taken, and minutes were approved unanimously.

4. Action/Information/Discussion

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

Laurel Weir shared that HUD (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development) has issued the annual CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity. Application is due at the end of October.

4.2. Committee Updates

4.2.1. Chair Updates

Jack Lahey reported that some staff have been having AI (Artificial Intelligence) profiles automatically tagged in meetings. Per the Brown Act, those are not allowed and must be manually removed. Jack mentioned this has been happening randomly at CAPSLO (Community Action Partnership in San Luis Obispo). County staff will check with the IT staff how this can be dealt with.

Devin Drake shared about the visit from the State representatives in August. Governor Newsom's representative came and met with some housing providers and service providers which included Lumina, CAPSLO, TMHA and ECHO. Representatives from both the City and County of San Luis Obispo were there as well.

4.2.2. Discussion Item: Topics for Upcoming Meetings

Laurel Weir facilitated the discussion on topics for future meetings. Among the suggested topics included the following:

- Warming/Cooling Centers
- Clientele discharge into homelessness
- Employment: Workforce Development Board, THMA's Vocational rehab program
- Clients who have complex needs: in current programs, aging in place
- Staff safety and training
- Pets/pet care
- Street medicine
- Sanitation and hygiene/locker, storage
- Encampments: relocation plans; prevent disruption of services; communication- how to keep people engaged in services
- Agencies to connect with: Care 4 Paws, CAT training, County Sheriff's office, Santa Barbara County (Santa Maria riverbed), SLO Fish & Game, SLO Bangers, Dr. Rawlins, Adventist Health, ECHO, 5CHC, TMHA, Dignity Health, Public Health
- Umbrella organizations spearheading and the people accountable in contracting and offering services

For the meeting in December, the focus will be on identifying needs from service providers' view in terms of practices from those doing encampment clearing.

4.2.3. Discussion Item: HUD Equal Access

Deferred to the October meeting due to time shortage.

5. Future Discussion /Report Items

- Warming Centers

6. Next Regular Meeting: October 7, 2024

7. Adjournment

Jack Lahey adjourned the meeting at 10:34am.