

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

Date

October 7, 2024

Time

9:04am-10:40am

Location

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

Members Present

Allison Brandum
Amelia Grover
Ashley Valenzuela (alternate for Jane Renahan)
Chris Stanley
Jack Lahey
Janna Nichols

Members Absent

Devin Drake
Jane Renahan
Susan Lamont
Wendy Lewis

Staff & Guests

Russ Francis
Merlie Livermore
Suzie Freeman
Laurel Weir
Tim Siler
Abby Lassen (no just cause form)
Austin Solheim
Frank (ECHO)

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Jack called the meeting to order at 9:04am. Introductions were made by those present at the meeting.

2. Public Comment

No public comment presented.

3. Consent: Approval of Minutes

Janna moved the motion to approve the minutes. Allison seconded. Voice vote was taken, and minutes were approved unanimously.

4. Action/Information/Discussion

4.1. I Action Item: Approve Emergency Transfer Plan Policy for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and/or Stalking

Janna moved the motion for approval with the amendment that Housing Provider language needs to be further defined. Jack seconded. The roll was called, and all were in favor and the motion passed.

4.2. Committee Updates

4.2.1. Information Item: Warming and Cooling Centers

Jack shared at CAPSLO at Prado operates a cooling center when there is a heat advisory according to the NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) forecast, specific to the San Luis Obispo zip code. People are welcome to come at 8am. There is no capacity limit. He mentioned that they offer showers, laundry, meals, hygiene kits, etc. The warming center is offered when the temperature is at 38 degrees or colder or 50 percent chance of rain or higher, and is open from 4pm through 6am. Nobody who has sex offender background is allowed. Pets (with vaccination documents) are allowed.

Janna reported that 5 Cities Homeless Coalition Center has now acquired a building to serve as a permanent site for their warming center located at 1023 East Grand in Arroyo Grande. The building has a capacity to accommodate 34 people. They take families as well. They have adopted the same criteria as CAPSLO, that they open when the temperature is at 38 degrees or colder or there is 50 percent chance of rain or higher. Janna also shared that they do not take individuals with sex offender criminal background and those with history of manufacturing of drugs. They are not currently operating a cooling center. She also mentioned that in addition to the flyer with a QR code and sending out an e-blast, they also have a text messaging service for those who want to be notified when the center is open.

Austin reported that ECHO in Paso Robles offers a day use cooling center when the temperature is 95 degrees and above, from 10am through 4 pm, and as long as they have available staff. They are also running a shower program, Monday through Friday. He also mentioned that they do not offer overnight warming shelter services, just day use warming center during cold and extreme weather conditions.

Suzie presented slides showing weather center notifications.

4.2.2. Discussion Item: HUD Equal Access and Non-Discrimination Policies

Laurel talked about Implementing HUD's Equal Access and Gender Identity Rules.

4.2.3. Information Item: HUD 2024-25 Continuum of Care Grant

Laurel reported that the Continuum of Care Grant applications are due by the end of October.

5.Future Discussion /Report Items

- Revisit the VAWA (Violence Against Women Act) conversation
- Encampments
- Update on warming centers

6.Next Regular Meeting: January 6, 2025**7. Adjournment**

Jack adjourned the meeting at 10:40am.