

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

Date

June 2, 2022

Time

3pm-4pm

Location

Zoom

Members Present

Allison Brandum

Amelia Grover

Andy Pease

Anna Miller

Anne Robin

Bettina Swigger

Brenda Mack

Dawn Addis

Dawn Ortiz-Legg

Devin Drake

Garret Olson

Kathy McClenathen

Kristen Barneich

Jack Lahey

Janna Nichols

Jim Dantona

Marcia Guthrie

Nicole Bennett

Rick Gulino

Shay Stewart

Steve Martin

Susan Funk

Susan Lamont
Wendy Lewis

Members Absent

Caroline Hall
Jeff Smith
Jessica Thomas
Mark Lamore
Scott Smith
William Crewe

Staff and Guests

Aurora Madrigal William
Daniela Garcia
Elaine Archer
Esther Salzman
George Solis
Jessica Lorance
Jessica Rayray
Jonathan Nibbio
Kate Swarthout
Kelsey Nocket
Laurel Weir
Leon Shordon
Russ Francis
Sarah Montes Reinhart
Yael Korin
Yesenia Alonso

1. Call to Order

Susan Funk called the meeting to order at 3pm.

2. Administrative Action: Vote to Approve a Resolution Acknowledging Governor Newsom’s Proclamation of a State of Emergency and Authorizing Meetings by Teleconference Until the HSOC’s Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting Pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act, as Authorized by Assembly Bill (AB) 361

Janna made a motion to approve a resolution acknowledging Governor Newsom's proclamation of a State of Emergency and authorizing meetings by teleconference until the HSOC's next regularly scheduled meeting pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act, as authorized by Assembly Bill (AB) 361, seconded by Garret. The motion passed with all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

3. Introductions

None.

4. Public Comment

Janna commented on 5CHC's (5Cities Homeless Coalition's) application to the annual California Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program, for a collaborative project with CAPSLO (Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo) and ECHO (El Camino Homeless Organization) to maintain existing work, including Emergency Shelters in Atascadero and 40 Prado in SLO City, and Rapid Rehousing work.

5. Action/Information/Discussion

5.1 Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program

5.1.1 Public Hearing Item: Local Homelessness Plan and Proposed Outcomes for the HHAP Program Round 3

Laurel provided background on HHAP Round 3. This is a State grant to support communities to continue and expand their efforts to address homelessness. Approximately \$4.2 million will be available under HHAP 3, for wide ranging activities including operating subsidies for existing programs. 10% of funding must be set aside for youth funding, 7% is set aside for administration, and 25% must be prioritized for Systems Support. 18% bonus funding will be available in 2024 if outcome goals are met. The State decides on the goals that will be measured, including deciding on the baseline year for data (2020) and the measurement period (2023-4). This presents challenges as 2020 was an anomalous year due to changes associated with COVID.

Two public forums have been held on HHAP Round 3 outcomes. Comments focused on Systems Support activities, including data systems improvement to allow more data sharing, strengthening the Coordinated Entry system, and sharing resources to create efficiency and uniform standards. The Public Hearing Item today is also intended to gather public feedback. A further Public Hearing Item will be on the agenda for the Board of Supervisors meeting considering HHAP Round 3

goals on June 21.

Laurel gave an overview of the homeless services system and then the goals and strategies as reviewed by the HSOC Finance and Data Committee (included in the agenda packet). Draft recommendations for the prioritization of HHAP 3 funding (not including the set asides for youth and systems support) are homelessness prevention, innovative housing solutions (interim housing and delivery of Permanent Supportive Housing), and operations subsidies for shelters and Permanent Supportive Housing.

HSOC members and attendees provided the following input:

- Expanding HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) access should be included
- Homelessness Diversion should be added as a strategy
- Strategy work with healthcare partners, to better support patients with complex medical needs in Permanent Supportive Housing, should be incorporated into Strategy #5 (decrease returns to homelessness)
- The Coordinated Entry system needs to be improved to decrease average length of time homeless – just building more housing will not do this on its own
- It would be helpful for goals and outcomes to be broken down into demographic categories (e.g. people with high levels of medical need)
- In terms of the youth set aside, one of the highest risk groups are youth leaving foster care. There are gaps in service for this group, as they are able to receive housing vouchers but not other supports that are needed such as landlord incentives, assistance with moving costs, and support to move quickly and put down a deposit

5.1.2 Action Item: Vote to Recommend Preliminary Outcomes, Strategies and Funding Levels for HHAP-3 Initial Application and Recommend the HSOC Review and Recommend Revised Outcomes Following Approval of the San Luis Obispo County Five-Year Plan Addressing Homelessness

Laurel reported that since the agenda packet for this meeting was posted, the State has clarified that they do not want HSOC to vote on outcome measures for HHAP 3 at this time. This item will instead be brought to the July meeting of the full HSOC.

5.2 Action Item: Vote to Recommend Awards for \$150,864 in California's Fiscal Year 2022 Emergency Solutions Grant Continuum of Care Allocation Funding

Laurel reported that the ESG is an annual grant from HUD (US Department of Housing and Urban Development). This allocation is passed through the State. One application was received, from 5Cities Homeless Coalition. A non-conflicted Grant Review Committee met and recommended funding the proposal in full.

Kristen made a motion to recommend awards for \$150,864 in California's Fiscal Year 2022 Emergency Solutions Grant Continuum of Care Allocation Funding, seconded by Devin. The motion passed with all in favor except for Jack, Janna, Nicole and Wendy who abstained.

5.3 Action Item: Vote to Approve Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Release of Information Forms

Jessica Lorange provided background on this item. HMIS staff and users are looking to move from a closed system (where participating agencies can only view clients entered by their own agency, except where clients have given permission for specific other agencies to view their data), to an open system, where client data is shared by default. The next step in the process is for the full HSOC to approve the new Release of Information forms. These forms have been reviewed and approved by the HSOC Finance and Data Committee.

Kristen made a motion to approve the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Release of Information forms, seconded by Dawn Ortiz-Legg. The motion passed with all in favor, none opposed and no abstentions.

6. Next Regular Meeting: July 20 at 1pm

7. Adjournment

Susan Funk adjourned the meeting at 4:15pm.