

COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
TO A BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE

Date: 12-8-12

Applying For: Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC)

Name: Torres Dee
Last First Middle Initial

Address: _____
Number Street City Zip Code

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Place an "X" next to the HSOC membership category below which you wish to represent:

- County Government Service Providers (Behavioral Health, Planning, Social Services, Veterans Services, or Probation)
- Non-profit Service Providers
Which area(s) of the county does this organization serve? Entire County
- Affordable Housing Developers
- Local Businesses/Business Organizations
- Law Enforcement
- Local Academic Institution
- Local Health Provider
- Local Faith Community
- Interested Community (preferentially with homelessness experience)

Please cite your affiliation, as staff member, board member or volunteer, with any community services agency or organization:

CAPSIO Homeless Services Director

Please describe how you qualify for the HSOC category which you have selected above:

Employed by CAPSIO for almost 15 years in the Homeless Services Dept.

Application for Membership on the Homeless Services Oversight Council
Page Two

While not necessarily required, knowledge of issues relating to homelessness and/or previous involvement in addressing homelessness are desirable for HSOC members and will be considered by the selection committee prior to making its recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. Please summarize your experience with the issue of homelessness or with homeless clients:

See attached

Please explain why you would like to serve on the HSOC (attach a separate sheet if necessary):

See attached

Please note: It is possible that the HSOC may contact you to ask for additional information if necessary to prepare its recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

If appointed, are you willing to participate in the majority of meetings each year and, if necessary, in numerous related meetings of subcommittees? Yes No

Should you be appointed, are you willing, if necessary for that particular body, to file a statement of disclosure as a public official under the standards set forth by the Fair Political Practice Commission? Yes No

.....
OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Date called/interviewed _____ Recommended for appointment? Yes No

Appointee prefers not to have address or phone numbers(s) published? Yes No

Additional Comments:

I began working with the homeless in the LA area about 20 years ago as a volunteer. I've continued this work soon after moving to San Luis Obispo in 1992. While studying at Cuesta College and then transitioning on to Cal Poly, I volunteered with the Interfaith Coalition for the Homeless for 4 years before I became employed with CAPSLO.

I am the current Director of Homeless Services for CAPSLO and have worked for the agency for almost 15 years. As Director, I oversee several programs which serve the homeless and low income individuals and families throughout SLO County. They include the Prado Day Center, MLM Overnight Shelter, Safe Parking Program, Warming Station, Case Management, as well as permanent/supportive housing units located in Grover Beach and Atascadero.

I was also very involved in helping to draft our County's 10 year plan to end homelessness, as well as every enumeration count that has been done in our county. Currently, my agency is leading the effort to build and staff the first 24-hour homeless service center in SLO. Increasing the coordination and sustainability of services to the homeless is very important, and to that end, we collaborate with a wide variety of non-profits, service organizations, volunteers, as well as private and public funders county wide.

I believe that my passion, knowledge, and direct experience working with this population can provide a voice which is unique and beneficial to the Council.