

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Social Services	(2) MEETING DATE 1/29/2013	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Laurel Weir 781-1833	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve the appointments of Dee Torres, Marianne Kennedy, Jessica Thomas, Jennifer Kirn and Dana Cummings to the Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC).			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors appoint Dee Torres, Marianne Kennedy, Jessica Thomas, Jennifer Kirn and Dana Cummings to fill five vacant positions on the HSOC as set forth in Attachment A.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? No
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
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(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Emily Jackson			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts -			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Social Services / Laurel Weir 781-1833

DATE: 1/29/2013

SUBJECT: Request to approve the appointments of Dee Torres, Marianne Kennedy, Jessica Thomas, Jennifer Kirn and Dana Cummings to the Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors appoint Dee Torres, Marianne Kennedy, Jessica Thomas, Jennifer Kirn and Dana Cummings to fill five vacant positions on the HSOC as set forth in Attachment A.

DISCUSSION

The composition of the HSOC is meant to be diversified, using the collaboration of individuals and agencies to provide guidance and oversight for the on-going implementation of the 10-Year Plan.

Efforts to achieve full membership for the HSOC are ongoing and this item recommends five applicants for appointment to fill a vacant non-profit service provider seat, victims' services representative seat, local K-12 academic seat, local university/higher education seat, and a veterans' services representative seat.

Ms. Dee Torres is the Director of Homeless Services for Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo (CAPSLO). She has worked with the agency for almost 15 years and brings considerable knowledge of the homeless issues in San Luis Obispo County. Ms. Torres has been involved in drafting the County 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness as well as an active leader and participant in the county wide Homeless Enumeration. Therefore, Dee Torres is recommended for appointment to fill a Non-Profit Service Provider seat with a term expiration of 1/1/2015. Ms. Torres' application to serve on the HSOC is attached as Attachment B.

Ms. Marianne Kennedy is the Executive Director of the Women's Shelter Program of San Luis Obispo County (WSP). Ms. Kennedy has over 26 years experience, providing emergency shelter and transitional housing for homeless victims of domestic violence and their children. Ms. Kennedy also serves as a board member for several non-profits that work to increase the amount of affordable housing in San Luis Obispo County. Therefore, Marianne Kennedy is recommended for appointment to fill the Victims' Services Representative seat with a term expiration of 1/1/2016. Ms. Kennedy's application to serve on the HSOC is attached as Attachment C.

Ms. Jessica Thomas is the Program Manager for Homeless and Foster Youth Services for San Luis Obispo County. Ms. Thomas works with K-12 school districts in San Luis Obispo County and Cuesta College assisting with all aspects of student interaction with the schools, to identify and help students who may potentially be at risk of homelessness. The Homeless and Foster Youth Service Program is responsible for ensuring that all homeless and foster youth in SLO County have access to the same educational experience and resources as all students. Therefore, Ms. Thomas is recommended for appointment to fill the K-12 Academic Seat with a term expiration of 1/1/2015. Ms. Thomas' application to serve on the HSOC is attached as Attachment D.

Ms. Jennifer Kirn is the Youth Programs Supervisor for Cuesta College. Ms. Kirn supervises programs for Cuesta College that link young adults that are high school dropouts to resources allowing them to attain their GED or diploma. Through these programs, Ms. Kirn works with homeless, foster and probation youth, assisting them in finding services and working

towards solutions for ending homelessness. Therefore, Jennifer Kirn is recommended for appointment to fill a Local University or School of Higher Education seat with a term expiration of 1/1/2016. Ms. Kirn's application to serve on the HSOC is attached as Attachment E.

Mr. Dana Cummings is the San Luis Obispo County Veterans Service Officer. Mr. Cummings helps agencies that assist veterans in need to obtain housing, find employment and connect with the benefits and services they have earned through their military service. Mr. Cummings' knowledge and experience with the Veterans community is a valuable asset to the HSOC in helping to identify the needs of homeless veterans. Therefore, Mr. Cummings is recommended for appointment to fill the Veterans' Services seat with a term expiration of 1/1/2016. Mr. Cummings's application to serve on the HSOC is attached as Attachment F.

The Maddy Act requires that the Board of Supervisors approve all changes to HSOC membership. This report requests approval of the HSOC recommendations.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

The HSOC voted to recommend the appointment of Jennifer Kirn at the December 12, 2012 meeting and the appointments of Dee Torres, Marianne Kennedy, Jessica Thomas and Dana Cummings at the January 16, 2013 meeting. The Clerk Recorder's office has confirmed that the terms of office are accurate and that the posting requirements have been met.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial considerations associated with these appointments

RESULTS

The immediate results of the action requested today will be to strengthen the HSOC by adding the expertise of Ms. Torres, Ms. Kennedy, Ms. Thomas, Ms. Kirn and Mr. Cummings.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment A HSOC Membership Composition
2. Attachment B Dee Torres HSOC Application
3. Attachment C Marianne Kennedy HSOC Application
4. Attachment D Jessica Thomas HSOC Application
5. Attachment E Jennifer Kirn HSOC Application
6. Attachment F Dana Cummings HSOC Application