

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

(1) DEPARTMENT Administrative Office	(2) MEETING DATE 12/3/2013	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Leslie Brown 805-781-5011	
(4) SUBJECT Presentation and discussion of the ACTION for Healthy Communities 2013 Report "Vital Signs – Understanding San Luis Obispo County."			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that your Board receive and file the ACTION for Healthy Communities 2013 Report "Vital Signs – Understanding San Luis Obispo County." (Clerk's Filed)			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Fund Centers 106, 136, 139, 142 and 160	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$28,000.00 (spread over two fiscal years)	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT N/A	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____ ) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. <u>40 mins.</u> )			
(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"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW  This item was prepared by the Administrative Office			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts -			

# County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Administrative Office / Leslie Brown, Administrative Analyst  
805-781-5011

DATE: 12/3/2013

SUBJECT: Presentation and discussion of the ACTION for Healthy Communities 2013 Report "Vital Signs – Understanding San Luis Obispo County."

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that your Board receive and file the ACTION for Healthy Communities 2013 Report "Vital Signs – Understanding San Luis Obispo County." (Clerk's Filed)

## **DISCUSSION**

ACTION for Healthy Communities (ACTION) is a collaborative of various public agencies and private organizations that have come together with a common mission to improve the overall quality of life in San Luis Obispo County. The focus of ACTION's effort has been to gather and present data on various key indicators that present a picture of the current state of the county in terms of whether residents are able to meet basic needs (such as food, housing, clothing, etc.) education, the economy, physical and mental health of the residents, physical environment, public safety, and the social environment. This is the only local source of information for many indicators. Data is collected via a telephone survey of approximately 1,100 randomly selected county residents and in-person surveys of target populations that may be difficult to reach in a phone survey (such as the homeless and non-English speakers.). Data is also gathered from a wide variety of sources as noted in the report. The ACTION for Healthy Communities report "Vital Signs – Understanding San Luis Obispo County" is meant to raise public awareness of human needs, changes in trends, emerging issues and community problems; provide information to organizations planning, funding and/or providing services to the community; and lead to the establishment of community goals and actions to achieve those goals. The report will be posted on the internet at [www.actionslo.org](http://www.actionslo.org) on December 3, 2013.

Applied Survey Research (ASR) was hired by the ACTION for Healthy Communities to administer the survey, gather the secondary data, and prepare the report. This is the same firm that prepared the 2006 and 2010 reports. Susan Brutschy and Abbie Stevens from ASR will present an overview of the 2013 ACTION for Healthy Communities report to the Board at today's meeting.

The first report was issued in 1999. That report focused primarily on health issues in the community. Follow-up reports were issued in 2001, 2003, 2006 and 2010. The 2013 report is the sixth in this series of reports. Over time, the scope of this project has evolved and expanded. Each year, the Steering Committee reviews the list of indicators included and refines that list to best meet the needs of the community. If the Committee finds that some indicators are no longer meaningful and used as intended, the data is no longer gathered. On the other hand, if the Committee is aware of emerging issues that need to be captured and monitored over time, indicators measuring these issues are added.

The County has participated actively in this project since its inception. Steering Committee members includes staff from the Administrative Office, Planning and Building Department, the Health Agency, and Department of Social Services.

## **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT**

This collaborative project involved several community groups who have volunteered their time to accomplish this project. The ACTION Steering Committee includes representatives from the San Luis Obispo Air Pollution Control District, Transitions-Mental Health, Community Action Partnership of SLO County, San Luis Obispo Council of Governments, San Luis Obispo County Office of Education, Dignity Health, First 5 San Luis Obispo County, United Way of SLO County, Adult Services Policy Council, and the San Luis Obispo County Community Foundation as well as the County representatives noted above.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Overall, this projected cost approximately \$90,000. Contributions from various community agencies and businesses help fund this project. The County has contributed a total of \$28,000 to the ACTION for Healthy Communities Coalition for this project; \$20,000 of which was budgeted by your Board in Fund Center 106 – Contributions to Outside Agencies. This amount represents the largest single contribution to this project. In addition, the County Health Agency contributed \$5,000, the Planning and Building Department contributed \$2,000, and the Sheriff's Department and Probation Department each contributed \$500. The various contributors are listed in the report on page xv.

## **RESULTS**

The Action for Health Communities Report provides information to the community to raise awareness of trends, emerging issues, areas of improvement, and areas where more effort is needed to improve the quality of life in San Luis Obispo County. This information is valuable to policy makers making funding decisions, service providers, program planners, and organizations seeking grant funding to expand or enhance services or otherwise improve results for the community.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. "Vital Signs – Understanding San Luis Obispo County" Clerk's file statement.