

MEETING MINUTES
SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION
COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS
July 11, 2013

In attendance:

Stephen Harsin, Chair, City of Las Vegas
Barbara Geach, City of Henderson
Kathy Somers, City of North Las Vegas
Rose Ann Rabiola Miele, City of Boulder City
Tim Burch, Clark County
Paula Zier, Clark County School District
Stacy Sutton Pollard, Nevada Homeless Alliance
Dr. Cynthia Dodge, alternate, Veterans Administration
Gordon Absher, MGM Resorts International

Absent:

Jodie Gerson, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services
Dr. Carolyn Hughes, Veterans Administration
Captain Shawn Andersen, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department

Agenda Item 1. Call to order, notice of agenda compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.

A meeting of the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition's Committee on Homelessness was called to order by Stephen Harsin, at 2:03 pm, on Thursday, July 11, 2013, at Clark County Pueblo Room, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada 89155. The agenda for the July 11, 2013 meeting was duly posted in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law requirements.

Agenda Item 2. Public Comment. *No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this tem of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken. Comments will be limited to three minutes.*

No comment was made at this time.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Agenda for July 11, 2013; for possible action.

A motion was made to move the presentation from the Nevada Homeless Alliance on Family Connect prior to the presentation on the gaps analysis from HomeBase. The agenda was approved with the revision.

Agenda Item 4. Approval of the Minutes from the June 13, 2013 meeting; for possible action.

A motion was made to add Marcos Perez, alternate, for Jodie Gerson of Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services who was not in attendance, to the attendance list. The minutes were approved with the revision.

Agenda Item 5. Receive an update from the Regional Initiatives Office; for possible action.

Tyrone Thompson, Regional Initiatives Coordinator, provided the update. Summer day shelter is opened seven days a week at Catholic Charities, The Salvation Army, The Shade Tree, and motel vouchers given if needed. Additionally, cooling stations were opened, June 28 through July 4, in response to the

extreme heat, also including outreach teams who hydrated those in the community. Cases of water were also given to Fire Stations and the Metropolitan Police Officers around the city, so that they can give bottles of water to those who need it. Star Nursery held a water drive and donated 150 cases of water. Mainstream Programs Basic Training is held on every fourth Wednesday, and the next one is on July 24, 2013, 1:00 to 4:00 pm in Organizational Development Center Room 3 at the Clark County Government Center. It is a training and resource opportunity for case managers serving our homeless population, and the topic will be Family with Children Services.

Agenda Item 6. Receive an update on the Continuum of Care 2013 local application process; for possible action.

Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Continuum of Care Coordinator, updated that the local Continuum of Care application will be provided through Zoom Grants and will be released including schedules during the week of July 22 and can be found on helphome.org. All projects that are up for renewal should have received an email, and will be monitored by the CoC evaluation working group and will be undergoing a desk audit this year that will include recording out of clarity system as well as the APR's. The CoC evaluation working group's July 15th meeting was cancelled. There was a notification from HUD that they will be releasing on a weekly basis for the next seven weeks. We will be receiving information from the NOFA prior to the NOFA being released in seven weeks. All dates are subject to change based on the deadlines set by HUD.

Agenda Item 7. Receive an update on and discuss the Committee's 2013-2014 Strategic Plan and its key objectives; for possible action.

Stacy Sutton Pollard, Nevada Homeless Alliance, gave an update on the Community Engagement Plan. Speaking points are being developed related towards the census. On July 22, 2013 there will be a meeting with the marketing director from Three Square. Call to action includes funding for the general trust fund, donations, and volunteerism. Encourage the committee to look at the trust fund for non-profit organizations at the next meeting so that they can receive more funding if available.

Michelle Fuller-Hallauer provided an update on the HEARTH Act. An updated Community Action Plan Working Document was provided to accurately reflect time frames and completion status. We need to look creatively at all funding available to us in our community to help insure that we have adequate housing stock. The Nevada Homeless Alliance and our office tried to develop a landlord provider summit and it did not take place, therefore we should try to reconvene our efforts to bring landlords and management companies with our providers to help with permanent housing. Need assistance in order to convey the message to more faith based groups in the community. Currently, working with the state agency to apply for a grant through SAMSA, and a requirement is to make sure that the state has an active Interagency Council on Homelessness.

Agenda Item 8. Receive an update on the Southern Nevada Rapid Results Team; for possible Action.

Michelle Fuller-Hallauer gave a presentation. The goal is to house 100 chronically homeless in 100 days, and the past 100 days ended on June 17, 2013. The goal was surpassed and 116 chronically homeless were housed. The next 100 day goal is to house 125 chronically homeless households. To achieve the take down goal, there needs to be 79 placements per month.

Agenda Item 9. Receive a presentation from the Nevada Homeless Alliance on Family Connect; for possible action

Stacy Sutton Pollard, Nevada Homeless Alliance, gave a presentation. Next provider meeting is on Wednesday July 17, 2013 at HELP of Southern Nevada from 8:30-9:30 am. Project Homeless Connect

planning has begun and the applications will be released in the upcoming weeks. Medical Connect is scheduled for September 29, 2013 and Pearson Center. Family Connect was held on May 15, 2013 at the East Las Vegas Community Center. This is a preventative event for struggling families. Outreach, services, and supplies were available to the families.

Agenda Item 10. Receive a presentation of the gaps analysis from HomeBase; for possible action. Piper Ehlen, Cynthia Nagendra, and Amanda Stempson from HomeBase, gave a presentation. The purpose of the overview of the Gaps Analysis is to focus on the details of the recommendations, on what is needed, the best practices from other communities, and possible next steps. The report was presented to the Committee on Homelessness for feedback.

Agenda Item 11. Receive an update from each committee member regarding relevant activities within their respective organizations relating to homelessness-*the SNRPC Committee on Homelessness members may speak on any item under this section of the agenda. Members may comment on matters including, without limitation, future agenda items, upcoming meeting dates, and meeting procedures. Comments made cannot be acted upon or discussed at this meeting, but may be placed on a future agenda for consideration by the SNRPC Committee on Homelessness.*

Tim Burch, Clark County, shared that the Lincy Institute through the Social Service Advisory Board, proposed a two year planning grant towards education and mental health.

Agenda Item 12. Public Comment-*No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this tem of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be take. Comments will be limited to three minutes.*

Phillip Hollon, Catholic Charities, commented that effective July 1st Deacon Tom Roberts was appointed the President and CEO of Catholic Charities. On June 28, Catholic Charities was presented with a check from the Wal-Mart Foundation. Harley Davidson donated 80 cases of water for people leaving the shelters to take with them.

Vana Lopez, The Shade Tree, announced that August 9th through August 11th the Torino Foundation is holding Camp S'more for mothers and children at a campsite outside of the city. Over 100 volunteers are needed to be able to hold this camp, specifically medical volunteers, and counselors.