

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION**  
**COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS**  
**January 12, 2012**

**In attendance:**

Tim Burch, Chair, Clark County  
Kathy Somers, alternate, City of North Las Vegas  
Stephen Harsin, City of Las Vegas  
Annie Wilson, alternate, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department  
Gordon Absher, MGM Resorts International  
Barbara Geach, City of Henderson  
Sara Duncan, alternate, Clark County School District  
Stacy Sutton, alternate, Nevada Homeless Alliance  
Marcia Evans, alternate, Veterans Administration  
Jodie Gerson, alternate, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services

**Absent:**

Stuart Ghertner, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services  
Mark Smasal, Veterans Administration  
Gina Gavin, Nevada Homeless Alliance  
Unknown Representative, Clark County School District  
Unknown Representative, City of Boulder City

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

The meeting of the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition Committee on Homelessness was called to order by Tim Burch, Chair, Clark County, at 2:02 p.m., on Thursday, January 12, 2012, in the Clark County Commission Chambers, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada 89155.

The agenda for the January 12, 2012, meeting was duly posted in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law requirements.

**Agenda Item 2. Public Comment.**

No public comment given.

**Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Agenda for January 12, 2012; for possible action.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the January 12, 2012, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Kathy Somers, City of North Las Vegas, had not arrived yet although quorum was met without her.

**Agenda Item 4. Approval of the Minutes from the December 8, 2011, meeting; for possible action.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The motion was approved unanimously. Kathy Somers, City of North Las Vegas, had yet to arrive.

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

Tyrone Thompson, Regional Initiative Coordinator, presented an Inclement Weather Shelter December 2011 report to the board. The Regional Initiatives Office is continually looking for Compassion Station partners, including houses of faith. Contact Tyrone Thompson at 702-455-5626 or [tyt@clarkcountynv.gov](mailto:tyt@clarkcountynv.gov).

Mr. Thompson provided an update on the Corridor of Hope intervention activities. The focus is on Owens and B Street, Owens at Stocker Street, NE corner of Las Vegas Boulevard and Owens, and across the street from the new city of North Las Vegas City Hall. There was a meeting on January 11, 2012, coordinating efforts with law enforcement, service providers, and community volunteers who went out and encouraged people to come into housing or services to help them. There was a feature article in the Las Vegas Review Journal referencing families that were housed and helped due to the outreach. There will be an intervention on January 18 and 19, 2012, working with Rapid Response teams to clean the areas. In conjunction, there will also be a Corridor of Hope Housing Connect. At the event, immediate housing services will be offered to those leaving encampments at the Corridor of Hope Center at 1581 N Main Street, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Faith-based or service organizations that have housing options immediately available should contact Tyrone Thompson at 702-455-5626.

The next Mainstream Program Basic Training will be held on January 25, 2012, at the Clark County Government Center, 500 S Grand Central Parkway in Organizational Development Center Room 3 from 1-5 p.m. The topic is services for veterans. The training is for case managers in the community as well as for those interested in knowing about various services in the community and can help communicate to others what is going on in the community.

Barbara Geach reminded staff about putting “Trending Issues” item on the agenda to give the committee members the opportunity to have discussion. She requested that it be added to future agendas. Tim Burch wants the staff to look at other boards’ meetings that have trailing items/emerging issues that are discussed at the end of meetings.

**Agenda Item 6: Receive an update presentation on the December 8, 2011, Committee on Homelessness Strategic Planning meeting; for possible action.**

Tyrone Thompson, Regional Initiatives Coordinator, and Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Continuum of Care Coordinator, provided a presentation that gave an overview of the Strategic Planning Session, to report key discussion points and provide recommendations that occurred during the December 8, 2011, meeting. Bylaws need to be created and ratified. The Technical Working Group is working on a draft for review and later ratification.

Ms. Fuller-Hallauer reviewed the Federal and Local Plans Alignment Table with the board and summarized what the table means to help the Committee be ready for the HEARTH Act.

Mr. Thompson reminded the board of other topics discussed: update the Homeless Glossary; create greater public awareness with shareable tools and marketing materials for the general public; and increase fundraising and awareness for initiatives to meet the plan.

The recommendations from the Regional Initiatives Office are: fully implement the HMIS Clarity software system; task the Working Groups to assist with implementation of recommendations from the Committee on Homelessness; continue to pursue HUD Technical Assistance where appropriate; Jurisdictional Coordination for ESG (Emergency Solutions Grant) and CDBG—Community Development Block Grant (where homeless related) RFP’s (Request for Proposal) and reporting requirements; and conduct a Homeless Services Gaps Analysis.

There were some comments and suggestions for the Gaps Analysis from members of the board. Stephen Harsin asked when the HEARTH Act implementation is expected for our community. Ms. Fuller-Hallauer explained the HUD is releasing the HEARTH Act in stages. There is no set date yet. Mr. Thompson will update the board on when Clarity (HMIS software) will be online and will give a timeline for the Gaps Analysis.

There was a motion to adopt the priorities and recommendations. It was seconded. The motion was carried.

**Agenda Item 7: Receive an update on the local Continuum of Care; for possible action.**

Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Continuum of Care Coordinator, provided a presentation report on the 2011 HUD CoC Renewal Awards. Ms. Fuller-Hallauer informed the board that it is time to perform a Housing Inventory Count (HIC) and Point in Time (PIT) Count on the night of January 26, 2012. All housing providers will be asked to provide their capacity, beds and people. Tim Burch requested a report back on the HIC to show the urgency of homelessness in our community.

**Agenda Item 8: Receive an update on the Prevention Working Group; for possible action.**

Catherine Huang Hara, Senior Management Analyst, provided an update on the Clark County, North Las Vegas, and State of Nevada HPRP grants. Close out will begin soon on the State and North Las Vegas grants, but there is still financial assistance available from the County Grant. Households in rental housing facing eviction or needing to relocate into rental housing after recently becoming homeless may contact HELP of Southern Nevada at 702-217-2445, HopeLink in Henderson at 702-566-0576, or Lutheran Social Services 702-639-1730; or 211 from a local telephone to get information on housing and additional resources. Tara Ulmer, City of Las Vegas Parks/Recreation Neighborhood Services Department, provided an update for the City of Las Vegas HPRP grant. Ms. Ulmer announced that Rental Assistance Applications will be accepted beginning Monday, January 23, 2012. Contact number is 702-229-4280. Ms. Ulmer also announced that Emergency Relocation Program has moving assistance available for those in units privately owned that are in foreclosure. For more information call 702-229-4280.

**Agenda Item 9: Receive an update from the Nevada Homeless Alliance and a report on the Fall 2011 Southern Nevada Project Homeless Connect; for possible action.**

Stacy Sutton, Project Homeless Connect and Programming Director for Nevada Homeless Alliance, provided a presentation update and recognition for Project Homeless Connect. The next 2012 Project Homeless Connect will be December 6, 2012. Tim Burch commented on Project Homeless Connect. Stephen Harsin requested Ms. Sutton's presentation be put on the Help Hope Home website.

**Agenda Item 10: Discuss and approve changes in board membership; for possible action.**

Tim Burch, Clark County, presented the changes to the board. Clark County will be stepping down as chair. The City of Henderson is nominated to be the next chair, following the rotation of the SNRPC. A motion was moved, seconded, and approved. Barbara Geach, City of Henderson, thanked the board and Tim Burch for his leadership on the committee over the past year. Ms. Geach resumed the meeting as chair.

**Agenda Item 11: Public Comment**

Phillip Hollon, Catholic Charities, provided an update on events held in December, including over 2,000 served at their holiday meal on December 18<sup>th</sup>, and over 2,000 toys distributed before Christmas day. Forty-one Eagle Scout volunteers helped bag food, prepare meals, and paint walls within the emergency shelter facility.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:09 p.m.