

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

In attendance:

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

Absent:

TBD, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services
Mark Smasal, Veterans Administration
Gina Gavan, Nevada Homeless Alliance
Unknown Representative, City of Boulder City

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 Barbara Geach, Chair, City of Henderson, at 2:02 p.m., on Thursday, April 12, 2012, in the Clark County Commission Chambers, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada 89155. The agenda for the April 12, 2012, meeting was duly posted in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law requirements.

Agenda Item 2. Public Comment.

No public comment at this time.

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

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the April 12, 2012, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Tyrone Thompson, Regional Initiatives Coordinator, provided the update. He welcomed Asha Jones as the new Grants Coordinator for the Regional Initiatives Office.

A 2012 Meeting Schedule for the Committee on Homelessness and Working Groups was placed in the agenda packets.

Mr. Thompson and Tim Burch, Clark County Social Services Director, have been attending jurisdictional meeting to update the various jurisdictions on what the Committee on Homelessness is doing.

The Winter Night Shelters services ended on March 25, 2012. Summer Day Shelter will commence on May 1, 2012.

The Inclement Weather Shelter RFQ for services for next fiscal year began advertising on April 9, 2012. The RFQ is available online under "Current Opportunities" on the Purchasing and Contracts Division of the Clark County website: <http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/depts/finance/purchasing/pages/listings.aspx>. The mandatory Pre-proposal Conference is 04/18/2012 at 1:00 pm at Clark County Social Services, 1600 Pinto Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89106. All providers wishing to respond to the RFQ must attend this conference.

The WestCare Quarterly Regional Report will be present in May. Amy Roukie, Regional Vice President, WestCare Nevada and Arizona, will present the report.

The Mainstream Programs Basic Training will be on 04/25/2012, 1-5 pm, at the Government Center, 500 S Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89155. The topic is addictions and mental health.

The Regional Initiatives Office is continuously looking for more partners, including houses of faith, who are interested in providing compassion stations for the winter and summer. Contact Mr. Thompson at 702-455-5626 or email at tyt@clarkcountynv.gov.

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

Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Continuum of Care Coordinator, provided a PowerPoint presentation, informing of the 2011 HUD CoC Renewal Awards and New Projects. She also reviewed what the funding will do for the community.

Service providers are encouraged to use Clarity, the new Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) software.

CoC regulations are expected to be released within the next 30 days. They are interim regulations and will be part of the upcoming local application process.

Stephen Harsin asked if the agencies received partial funding or were the full asked amounts awarded.

Mrs. Fuller-Hallauer stated the Shelter + Care renewals were reduced because of Fair Market Rates.

One new project was awarded \$1 less than what was asked.

Tim Burch asked where could people who want their voices to be heard in reference to HMIS expansion go. Mrs. Fuller-Hallauer said they could attend the HMIS Working Group. Mr. Burch wants an email sent to those in the mailing lists so that they are aware of the HMIS Working Group meetings.

Agenda Item 7: Receive an update on the Prevention Working Group; for possible action.

Catherine Huang Hara, Senior Management Analyst for the Regional Initiatives Office, provided the update.

A quarterly schedule for future meetings of the Prevention/Discharge Planning Working Group has been set. The next meeting is 05/16/2012, 2-4:30 pm at Clark County Social Service, 1600 Pinto Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89106. Invitations for this meeting will be sent out next week. Other meetings are scheduled for 08/15/2012 and 11/21/2012 at the same time and location. Participation is needed from Corrections, Foster Care, medical, discharge planning, and other homeless prevention service providers. The HPRP administered by Clark County is closed to referrals. The grant included funding from grants from the State of Nevada, North Las Vegas, and Clark County. A comprehensive close-out report will be provided at a future meeting.

Households in need of other housing assistance may dial 211 from a local telephone to get information on this and additional resources.

Tara Ulmer, City of Las Vegas Parks, Recreation, Neighborhood Services, provided an update on its HPRP. As of 04/10/2012, the City of Las Vegas has spent 91.5% of its allocation. The City of Las Vegas is still accepting applications until 05/25/2012 or until funds are no longer available.

Anyone seeking more information for HPRP or rental and moving assistance may call 702-229-4280 or visit 1581 Main Street (inside the Salvation Army Family Services building) between 7 am and 4 pm. The building is closed from noon until 1 pm.

Agenda Item 8: Receive an update on the Committee on Homelessness strategic plan; for possible action.

Tyrone Thompson provided the update. The Regional Initiatives Office heard the board give 11 goals to be worked on throughout the year. Technical Working Group created a document to help track the goals beginning next month. The goals are: 1) complete the governance (which is the ratification of the COH bylaws; 2) the alignment of federal and local plans, which has already been presented; 3) follow/integrate CoC Community Action Plan; 4) turn transitional housing projects into supportive housing projects; 5) conduct homeless service gaps analysis; 6) update homeless glossary; 7) create greater public awareness; 8) increase funding and awareness for initiatives; 9) fully implement the HMIS, Clarity; 10) continue to pursue HUD technical assistance, where appropriate, which has already been approved; 11) jurisdictional coordination of ESG and CDBG, now called Emergency Shelter Grant and Community Development Block Grant, homeless related as necessary.

The Technical Working group created an ad hoc group. The bylaws have gone to the District Attorneys office for review. The bylaws will be presented to the board in June.

HomeBase will be at next month's meeting to present a timeline for completing the Community Action Plan performance measures.

Mrs. Fuller-Hallauer has been working with many renewal agencies that have transitional projects, looking to turn them into supportive housing projects to meet HEARTH Act goals, as HUD will no longer fund transitional housing.

Mrs. Fuller-Hallauer is also the lead on the gaps analysis. She is working with service providers to find out the cost per unit of service. This may take 4-6 months, but the board will receive monthly updates. The next Public Awareness Technical Working Group meeting will be 05/22/2012 at 2 pm at Clark County Social Service in the 3rd floor training room and is open to the public.

Clarity HMIS began migration on 03/28/2012 and went live on 04/02/2012. The service providers and users are excited about the new software. A new data analyst will be joining the team to help analyze data. Rob Herdzick will present HMIS progress in June.

HomeBase technical assistance meetings are held every month with even months being done by Adobe Connect conference calls. The odd months, HomeBase will be here a day before the COH to discuss various topics. Next month HomeBase will meet with executive directors and management staff of service providers to discuss annual reports.

Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Fuller-Hallauer have been attending meeting with the City of Las Vegas and Clark County Resources Management to discuss with ESG and CDBG will look like, focusing more on rapid re-housing.

Mr. Harsin asked if the Strategic Plan can be posted on www.helphopehome.org. He would like the board to be able to view the bylaws before the meeting. Mr. Thompson agreed to both.

Mr. Burch asked, regarding HMIS expansion grant, if BitFocus be the purveyor of the expansion process. Mr. Thompson said yes. Mr. Burch asked when the project plan would be available. Mrs. Fuller-Hallauer said that the Regional Initiatives Office is waiting for the HUD Technical Submission document which contains the information that Mr. Burch wants. When the document is received, completed, and returned to HUD, it will also be presented to the board.

Agenda Item 9: Receive an update from the Nevada Homeless Alliance and a presentation from the United States Veterans Initiative; for possible action.

Stacy Sutton, PHC and Programming Director for the Nevada Homeless Alliance, provided the update. Family Connect is scheduled for Wednesday, May 16, 2012. It will be held at the East Las Vegas

Senior Community Center, 250 N Eastern Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89101. For information about donating or volunteering for the event, contact Ms. Sutton at 702-743-1487 or email at nhavoice@aol.com. The next provider meeting will be held on 0/18/2012, 8:30-9:30 am, at the LGBT Center at 953 E Sahara Ave #B-31.

Shalimar Cabrera, Director of US VETS—Las Vegas, provided a PowerPoint presentation for the 2012 Veterans Stand Down held on March 21 and 22, 2012. It was held at the East Las Vegas Community Center. The next Stand Down will be held in the 3rd week in March, 2013.

Stephen Harsin complimented US VETS and his staff for making the event possible.

Agenda Item 10: 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.

Stephen Harsin would like, some time in future meetings, the Regional Initiatives Office to give an overview of everything the committee is doing, who the different partners are.

Mr. Harsin would also like to add Nevada State Bank to a future agenda to present what the Bank is doing to help end homelessness.

Agenda Item 11: Public Comment

Phillip Hollon, Catholic Charities Vice-President of Plaza Services, updated the board on the Easter celebration held on Saturday, March 31, 2012, at Catholic Charities.

Mr. Hollon promoted the Thanksgiving in April Free Community Meal at St Vincent Lied Dining Facility, 1502 N Main Street, Las Vegas, NV 89101, from 10 am to 12 pm. Contact number is 702-215-4732.

Todd Farlow, concerned citizen, commented on the homeless count process, homeless identification, and Metro's handling of homeless with mental health issues.

Barbara Geach thanked Mr. Farlow for his comments. She also suggested that he talk with Tyrone Thompson.

Annie Wilson asked if the people Mr. Farlow mentioned tried to get services. Mr. Farlow said that the people don't know where to go or have transportation.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:06 p.m.