

MEETING MINUTES
SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION
COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS
September 13, 2012

In attendance:

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

Absent:

Gordon Absher, MGM Resorts International
Mark Smasal, Veterans Administration
Unknown Representative, City of Boulder City

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

Meeting of the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition Committee on Homelessness was called to order by Barbara Geach, Chair, Neighborhood Relations Manager, at 2:02 pm, on Thursday September 13, 2012, at Clark County Commission Chambers, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101. The agenda for September 13, 2012, meeting was duly posted in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law requirements.

Agenda Item 2. Public Comment.

No public comment was made.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Agenda for September 13, 2012; for possible action.

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

Agenda Item 4. Approval of the Minutes from the August 9, 2012 meeting; for possible action.

Barbara Geach requested the following corrections be made to the August 9, 2012 meeting minutes. On page 4, second paragraph, the last sentence should read “*IF* Mr. Burch asked Mr. Thompson”. On page 6, third paragraph, the sentence should read “Projects and renewal projects will be *awarded* funds” and towards the end of the same paragraph, the sentence should read “will they have to come in as a new project *or* an extension”. The second paragraph under agenda item 9, the sentence should read “those issues into consideration have *implemented* changes within the organization”. Stacy Sutton stated that the Volunteer Center Web address is incorrect. On page 8, the web address should read www.volunteercentersn.org. A motion was made to approve the minutes for August 9, 2012, with the corrections. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

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

Tyrone Thompson, Regional Initiatives Coordinator with the Regional Initiatives Office, gave the update.

Mr. Thompson stated that the summer day shelter services will end on September 30, 2012. He thanked the current providers for their services over the course of the past six years. Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was released for inclement weather services for the first time in six years. Mr. Thompson specifically thanked Catholic Charities, Emergency Aid of Boulder City, HopeLink and The Salvation Army for their services.

Mr. Thompson stated Compassion Stations are an opportunity for the community to help the emergency shelters during inclement weather conditions to allow homeless individuals and families, and those who do not have adequate cooling/heating within their homes, to retreat from the heat or the cold in the community centers and faith based organizations. Mr. Thompson stated he is looking for new partners for both the summer and winter months. If anyone is interested in opening a Compassion Station within their organization, contact Tyrone Thompson at 702-455- 5626 or email tyt@clarkcountynv.gov.

Mr. Thompson gave a special thanks to the outreach providers for having a proactive approach to quick changes in the weather. The outreach teams went out to the streets, tunnels, and at risk flood areas, prior to the flooding to caution the homeless individuals of the weather conditions.

Mr. Thompson stated that Mainstream Programs Basic Training is held every fourth Wednesday of the month at the Clark County Government Center in the Organizational Developmental Center, room 3, from 1pm-5pm. These training programs are offered to the community, mainly to the professional and grassroots case managers, faith-based organizations and the general public where they can learn about the community resources. The next training is offered on September 26, 2012. Topic of the month is Domestic Violence. The first portion of the training will be domestic violence 101, followed by presentations from the providers who offer services for the victims. It's open to the public and it is completely free. Anyone interested in learning about the services offered in the community may attend. Mr. Thompson stated that the 2013 Homeless Census has been scheduled for January 24 and 25, 2013. Urban areas will be covered on January 24, 2013, starting as early as 1 a.m. and ending at 6 or 7 a.m. The rural areas will be covered on January 25, 2013. All the areas will be covered throughout the states so as to get a point in time count of all areas in Nevada.

Mr. Burch asked Mr. Thompson if it is possible to record the Mainstream Programs Basic Training in hopes of providing on demand learning for new case managers in the community. Mr. Burch recommended that the Regional Initiatives Office coordinate with the Clark County Social Services employees to obtain recording equipment.

Mr. Thompson stated this will be discussed at the next Technical Working Group meeting.

Ms. Gerson asked Mr. Thompson if there is any way staff members can call in for a teleconference to the Mainstream Programs Basic Training session. She mentioned that the State has the video equipment. However, they do not have the space to hold the trainings.

Mr. Thompson replied that he will explore all possible options.

Ms. Gerson asked if the 2013 Homeless Census will be held at 1 am in the morning.

Mr. Thompson replied that it does start at 1 am.

Agenda Item 6. Approve recommendations in response to the Inclement Weather Shelter Program Services Request for Qualifications (RFQ 602599-12), for possible action.

Catherine Huang Hara, Senior Management Analyst, Regional Initiatives Office gave the presentation.

Ms. Hara stated that the Inclement Weather Shelter Program is a component in the implementation of Help Hope Home: the Southern Nevada Regional Plan to End Homelessness. The goal is to offer relief from the most extreme weather conditions during the hottest and coldest weather periods, particularly, the day shelter services for the heat during the summer months, night shelter services for the cold during winter months, and motel vouchers for households unable to be in shelter.

Ms. Hara stated that within the scope of work, the provider will operate **both** a summer and winter component. The summer component lasts from May 1st - September 30th. The winter component would

be active from Monday in November closest to the 15th - Sunday of the final full week in March (19 weeks). For the next year, winter component will run from November 19, 2012 - March 31, 2013. Other scope of work includes, the provider must operate a summer day shelter program commencing no later than 11:00 am and continuing until at least 7:00 pm, operate a winter weather shelter program providing nighttime shelter for a minimum of twelve (12) hours and a maximum of sixteen (16) hours, and the PROGRAM services shall be provided to homeless individuals and/or families free of charge and without restrictions on the length of stay for the entire contract period. Part of the scope of work will include reporting program requirements, such as reporting demographic information generated from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). This would include the number of clients who are disabled, senior citizens (62 and over), unaccompanied youth (under 18 years of age), families (including total number of members in the household) and veterans. Client outcomes will also be measured in the program following year. Client outcomes include requesting services to transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency, narrative of outcomes to clients who have connected to longer-term services to move out of homelessness.

Ms. Hara stated that the budgeted amounts include a fee-for-service rate so that agencies may bill up to, but not exceed, the total amount for the season, and it allows for maximum utilization of funds by providers. The contract periods will include the entire winter and summer seasons continuously from May through September.

Ms. Hara stated that the contracts may be renewed on an annual basis for a period of up to five (5) years subject to: an annual review by Owner (Clark County Social Service) of Provider's services during the preceding contract year, proposed services and budget for the renewing contract year, and availability of program funding. Amendments to contracts may be executed to modify scope and budgeted amounts as warranted.

Ms. Hara stated that the Evaluation Group, part of the Evaluation Working Group, included members from each participating jurisdiction and representatives from Clark County Department of Family Services, Clark County Department of Social Services, Clark County Community Resources Management Division, City of Henderson, City of Las Vegas, City of North Las Vegas, Nevada Homeless Alliance, and Clark County School District.

Ms. Hara stated the recommendations from the Evaluation Group. Serving only males, Catholic Charities should be allotted money for 180 winter beds and 130 summer spaces for a total amount of \$619,001. Serving males and females, the Salvation Army should be allotted money for 105 winter beds and 170 summer spaces for a total amount of \$262,942. Serving females and children, The Shade Tree should be allotted money for 25 winter beds and 25 summer spaces for a total amount of \$73,560. HopeLink provides motel vouchers for 564 nights of winter beds and 636 nights of summer spaces for a total of \$46,608. The amount of winter beds for all agencies is 310, total for the summer spaces is 325 and the total amount is \$1,002,111.

Funding for the services will include: \$596,759 from the Regional Homeless Interlocal Budget, with a balance being provided by Clark County Social Service. This recommendation represents an increase of 49 total winter spaces and an increase of 15 summer spaces per day.

Ms. Hara stated that if the Committee on Homeless approves the recommendations, then the contracts and budgets will be drafted with the approval of the contracts from the Board of County Commissioners on either October 15, 2012 or November 6, 2012. Services will then be executed for winter shelter beginning November 19, 2012.

For any further questions, contact Catherine Huang Hara, Senior Management Analyst, SNRPC Regional Initiatives Office at 702-455-5623 or via email at c3h@clarkcountynv.gov or Debbie Johnson, Purchasing Analyst, Clark County Finance Department at 702-455-6277 or via email at dbj@clarkcountynv.gov.

Ms. Gerson asked if there is a difference between how many are males and how many are females at The Salvation Army winter and summer spaces. Ms. Hara stated that The Salvation Army did not clearly state the breakdown for males and females. However, she is working with them to get that additional information.

Mr. Harsin asked for clarification for the dramatic difference in the amounts for Catholic Charities and The Salvation Army, despite both agencies providing relatively the same total number of winter and summer spaces. Does Catholic Charities provide more services than The Salvation Army? Ms. Hara stated that Catholic Charities provides more over night beds that exponentially increases the amount. Mr. Burch stated that the summer spaces are congregate areas, whereas the winter beds are overnight. Ms. Hara stated that there are more supplies, maintenance, and security costs at Catholic Charities account for the difference in the amount.

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

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

Tyrone Thompson gave the update on the Committee on Homelessness strategic planning goals and activities. Strategic Planning Session last convened in December 2011. At that time, there were ten goals that were outlined.

Mr. Thompson gave an update on the governance and ratification of Committee on Homelessness (CoH) bylaws. He requested the CoH to table the approval of the bylaws and/or resolutions from fall of 2012 to winter of 2013 (early months of 2013) to ensure the bylaws are in alignment with the HEARTH Act. Mr. Thompson stated that master's level students from the University of Las Vegas, Nevada will be actively involved with the alignment of the federal and local plans. A draft of the aligned plan will be ready by January, 2013.

Mr. Thompson stated that strategic plan goal 4 is to conduct homeless services gaps analysis. Mr. Thompson stated that a formal report will be given to the committee regarding an initiative to house the most chronic, vulnerable homeless Veterans in Southern Nevada as part of a 100 day goal.

The fifth strategic goal is to update the Homeless Glossary. Mr. Thompson stated that the updated Homeless Glossary and an Acronym list will be on the Help Hope Home website by September 13, 2012. The information can be found at www.helphopehome.org.

Mr. Thompson stated the process of goal number 9 to continue to pursue HUD Technical Assistance where appropriate. On August 16, the regional director from HUD, David Uhler visited Southern Nevada to provide technical assistance to the CoC projects, as well as meeting with the Regional Initiatives Office. From August 28-30, 2012, Matthew Doherty, Regional Director of the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) visited the Southern Nevada area to familiarize himself with the local CoC, as well as to provide any assistance on behalf of USICH. Mr. Doherty met with the members of the CoH and the Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority during his visit.

Mr. Thompson stated he and the Regional Initiatives Office would like guidance from the committee to coordinate another strategic planning session. He recommended that the CoH consider a full day set aside for February 14, 2013 for another strategic planning session to review the HEARTH Act and the strategic plan. Mr. Burch asked if the CoH has to wait until the retreat in February, 2013 to amend the goals in the strategic plans that have already been attained. Ms. Geach stated that she would like to amend the attained goals on the plan prior to the planning session.

Ms. Geach asked for clarification of the timeframe to approve the bylaws. She asked Mr. Thompson if he was referring to winter months during the early months of the year or more towards December of 2013. She agreed with Mr. Thompson that the strategic plan to be scheduled for February. Mr. Thompson stated that the he was referring to January-February, 2013.

Mr. Burch made a motion to amend Item VIII on the strategic plan to reflect completion of the phase one of the HMIS Clarity system implementation and move the HMIS expansion grant from Item III to phase two.

Agenda Item 7. Receive a presentation on the Rapid Results HUD Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) project; for possible action.

Tyrone Thompson from the Regional Initiatives Coordinator and Deloris Sawyer from the Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority (SNRHA) gave the presentation about the Southern Nevada Rapid Results: Housing Veterans through HUD VASH that provides supportive housing for veterans.

Mr. Thompson stated that Southern Nevada is part of the 100,000 Homes Campaign. As part of this initiative, members of the community attended a Rapid Results Boot Camp in San Diego. The purpose of the boot camp was to challenge each participating community to capture the most chronic, vulnerable homeless individuals and families to get them into housing. As a result, a 100-day work plan was developed to house 50 of the most chronic, homeless veterans. The Rapid Results planning team conducted bi-weekly face to face planning meetings to continue work on improving processes/ service delivery. Southern Nevada was able to significantly reduce the number steps/days it takes for a client to get housing.

Deloris Sawyer, Housing Choice Voucher Director, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority, 340 N. 11th Street, Las Vegas, NV.

Ms. Sawyer stated that prior to attending the Rapid Results Boot Camp in San Diego, there were roughly about 100 steps in the process from the Veterans Affairs (VA) referring a client to the SNRHA to the client attaining a home. However, after the boot camp, many of the steps were reexamined to shorten the housing process. The collaboration between the VA and the SNRHA reduced the number of steps from 100 to 30, where the previous average time to find housing for a client was 90-120 days, where as now, its 15-35 days.

Mr. Thompson stated that Southern Nevada was invited to go to Washington, DC on September 10, 2012 to present to the national leaders of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) of United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) at the Sustainability Review.

Mr. Thompson recognized members of the Rapid Results Team, including, members from the VA, US Vets Initiative, Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition (SNRHA), Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition, Regional Initiatives Office (SNRPC RIO), and HUD.

Mr. Thompson stated that the Vulnerability Index (VI) from the 100,000 Homes Campaign was implemented in the Southern Nevada region to identify the most chronic, vulnerable homeless veterans in the community. This was done by conducting the Southern Nevada Registry Week from June 11-13, 2012, where volunteers canvassed the most concentrated areas with high volumes of homeless population to survey those individuals. In collaboration with the VA, the Vulnerability Index and the VA intake forms were cross referenced to capture the medical information of a homeless individual.

That data was entered in the 100,000 Homes Campaign national database called QuickBase. The database ranks each individual that has been entered into the system with a number that indicates the vulnerability of that person. The higher the score, the more vulnerable that person is. This was the process used to identify and target the most chronic, vulnerable homeless veterans in the community.

Mr. Thompson applauded Michele Fuller-Hallauer and her team for planning and executing the Registry Week in only three weeks. He stated that over 300 VI surveys were completed and entered into QuickBase. 78 Veterans were surveyed and 32 ranked as chronic and vulnerable, according to the QuickBase system.

Mr. Thompson stated that 26 vulnerable, chronic homeless Veterans were housed in Las Vegas by August 17, 2012 and a total of 84 Veterans were housed.

Ms. Sawyer stated that early in August, the Rapid Results Team members and the Nevada Homeless Alliance worked on a “Welcome Home” Baskets campaign to provide basic needs, supplies and gift cards to Veterans. Ms. Sawyer thanked the community providers and the faith based partners for contributing to this cause. A group of community volunteers assembled the baskets. The Welcome Home Baskets were delivered to Veterans on Friday, August 31, 2012.

Ms. Sawyer stated that the three biggest innovations that came about as a result of the collaborative efforts, the SNRHA was able to decrease the time between “referral” and “issuance” of HUD VASH voucher, incorporate a universal Vulnerability Index into the community, and plan to host “Local Boot Camps” to engage other community partners to graduate HUD VASH recipients to other permanent housing options in order to free up slots for other deserving veterans. The SNRHA and the VA were able to effectively community between each other to dramatically reduce the time for referral and issuance.

Mr. Thompson stated that within the community, there is a shortage of HUD VASH vouchers. He stated that the community will need more vouchers to accommodate the demand. In moving forward, Mr. Thompson emphasized on the importance of keeping open communication and meeting as necessary to keep the momentum of this process. Also, to continue to work with National leaders on the many innovations that may develop from the team and help break down the barriers that may exist in keeping the community from meeting those goals/endeavors. In order to utilize the VASH vouchers in the most strategic way, Mr. Thompson stated that the community must first explore different housing options for each client to ensure a VASH voucher is the option. Also, the community will be moving forward to graduate the HUD VASH voucher beyond the voucher, to a more permanent housing situation.

Ms. Sawyer stated that the national leaders were in full support the idea to graduate clients from the VASH vouch to a more permanent self-sustaining housing. She continued to say that Congress has been cutting funding for many programs but Southern Nevada is fortunate to receive vouchers for the last few years and the community is projected to receive 100 more vouchers next year, if funding is allocated.

Ms. Sawyer stated that as an alternative to the vouchers, agencies are looking to utilize the Tenant Based Rental Assistance program, where the clients can get assistance for up to two years. This program is a better option for clients than placing them in temporary housing situations. Ms. Sawyer spoke about creating a preference in the TBRA program where the clients would be promoted up to the regular voucher program and ultimately into home ownership. This process would free up the vouchers for the next family that may need the assistance.

Mr. Thompson stated that national leaders are expecting the community to continue the new and improved process as a result of the boot camp beyond the 100-day challenge, even build tighter relationship.

Mr. Thompson thanked Nevada Homeless Alliance for spearheading the Welcome Home Basket project. He also thanked community members and organizations such as, Anthony Rodriguez, Baby’s Bounty, Back to Basic Global, Cambridge Community Center, Crystal Marable, Catholic Charities, Clark County Gang Intervention Team, Curtis Hall, Darrell Kelly, Deloris Sawyer, Dixie Thompson, Donna Jordan, Gail from Nellis Airforce base, Hindu Temple of Las Vegas, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority, HUD, Jenae Hurlbut, Kathy Somers, Katrina Felder, Nellis Airforce Base, Nevada Homeless Alliance, Phyllis Hargrove, Regional Initiatives Office, Sands Expo Las Vegas, US Vets Initiative, Karen Lewis, Veterans Affairs, William U. Pearson Center and staff, and the volunteers from Zeta Archonette Club, Clark County Television.

A Welcome Home Baskets for Vets chronicle was played. Ms. Geach commended the Rapid Results Team for spearheading the project.

Agenda Item 9. Receive an update on the local Continuum of Care; for possible action.

Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Continuum of Care Coordinator gave the update on the Continuum of Care and the local process.

Ms. Fuller-Hallauer stated that the HEARTH Act Interim CoC regulations were released on July 14, 2012. She encouraged everyone to review the regulations and give comment back to HUD. The public comment period will be due by October 1, 2012. Guidance continues to be published by HUD regarding the regulations. The regulations can be found at <http://hudhre.info/index.cfm?do=viewResource&ResourceID=4650>.

Ms. Fuller-Hallauer stated that the CoC Program is the new term from HUD for the CoC Homeless Assistance Funds. In Southern Nevada, the term “CoC Program” has been used to describe all the Continuum of Care programs in the community, whether HUD funded or not. Under the HEARTH Act, the CoC Program codifies the processes of each continuum and how they do business around homeless services.

Ms. Fuller-Hallauer stated that under the CoC regulations and HEARTH Act, the Supportive Housing Program (SHP) and the Shelter Plus Care (S+C) programs are now combined into one program called the CoC Program. This new change standardizes the match requirements as well as the services that are being provided.

Subgroups have been established by the Evaluation Working Group (EWG) to closely examine the interim regulations. Representatives from the community participate in the EWG. Member of the group review funding recommendations to monitor and evaluate programs and bring forth recommendations for CoC programs that go into the community’s consolidated application. Once the regulations were released, the EWG members developed three subgroups to address CoC regulation changes: Planning and Membership, Centralized or Coordinated Intake, and Compliance/ Monitoring committee. Each of the subcommittees is made up of the individuals that are represented in the EWG. There subgroups are tasked with compiling feedback or comments to HUD on behalf of the community, as well as to provide guidance to the CoH on what needs to be implemented within the community so as to be in compliance with the regulations.

Planning and Membership subcommittee is working on evaluating and determining the regulations to ensure the continuum is in accordance with the regulations. This would include the make up of the CoC EWG, as well as the CoH. The CoC regulations state specific guidelines for every community in the nation to implement the new changes in order to be in compliance with the law. Recommendations to the CoH will be given periodically over the next few months. The subcommittee will also give guidance to the CoH on the specifics on the bylaws.

The Centralized or Coordinated Intake group convened for the first time on September 12, 2012. The HUD Technical Assistance (TA) provider, HomeBase led the Centralized or Coordinated workshop. The subcommittee, along with HomeBase, will help and develop to create a centralized or coordinated intake. The group will also make recommendation to the CoH regarding the participants of a steering committee to oversee the centralized or coordinated intake group.

The Compliance/Monitoring working group will be implementing work within phases. During the first phase, the subcommittee will be doing random HMIS audits for Transitional Housing programs. The auditors will evaluate the hard copy of the files and compare them to what is actually reported in HMIS to ensure that the records are consistent across the board. As they move forward, they will be working with HomeBase to develop monitoring tools, as well as implementing full monitoring and auditing while moving towards becoming a United Funding Agency.

Ms. Fuller-Hallauer stated that the Committee on Appropriations gave a report for the Fiscal Year 2013, where the House Report read “The Continuum of Care is supposed to be a competitive grants program. It is not the committee’s intention to maintain an entitlement program for ailing and inflexible service

providers. The Committee reminds providers in the Continuum of Care that these funds are intended to assist and house the homeless as effectively and efficiently as possible.”

The CoC funding is not an entitlement program. It is to be a competitive process, where money will not be automatically allotted to projects because they have been funded in the past. She stated that the EWG has voiced concerns that funding reallocation may have to take place this year, where the low performing projects are to be closely evaluated to determine if funding should be provided.

The EWG members are looking at many factors of the CoC renewal projects that have recently been submitted to Michele Fuller-Hallauer. More specifically, they are looking at performance outcomes, occupancy rates, spending rates, consider the monies that have been deobligated from HUD in the past years.

Ms. Fuller-Hallauer stated that the local applications were due to the Regional Initiatives Office by August 6, 2012. There were 33 applications that were submitted. Of the 33 applications, 5 were new Permanent Supportive Housing projects. Presentations were made on August 20 and 21, 2012 to the EWG. Members of the EWG requested follow up information from project applicants. That additional information was due to the Regional Initiatives Office by August 31, 2012. The EWG will be submitting the scoring tools for each application by September 17, 2012 during the EWG open meeting at Clark County Social Services, Training Room, 1600 Pinto Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89106 from 1 pm-3 pm.

Ms. Fuller-Hallauer stated that the EWG decided to re-open the CoC Local Application process for rapid rehousing projects only after the HUD guidance was released that stated that the rapid rehousing projects were eligible as permanent housing under this year's Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). The 3 rapid rehousing applications were submitted to the RIO by September 12, 2012. The Rapid rehousing presentations are scheduled for September 25, 2012 to the EWG that will take place at Clark County Social Services, Training Room, 1600 Pinto Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89106.

The HUD CoC Registration is open, where the community notifies HUD that the community wants to participate in the funding opportunity. Ms. Fuller-Hallauer stated that she will submit the list of the board members, the CoC and the community's preparation to move forward as a United Funding Agency. The registration period will close on October 1, 2012. Some time thereafter, HUD will release the NOFA and the community will be able to move forward with the local competition. After the NOFA is released, the EWG will make recommendations on renewal and new projects to the CoH.

Ms. Fuller-Hallauer stated that with the CoC regulations being released and open for public comment, this is the opportunity for a letter writing campaign to Secretary Donovan to change the funding formula. Two years ago, the community had put forth a funding formula that would take into consideration the poverty levels, housing/rent burden, and rates of overcrowding. All of the aforementioned information can be collected through the US Census Bureau. Ms. Fuller-Hallauer asked that the community reinstitute the letter writing campaign. She said she would be glad to provide a sample letter. She encouraged the members of the CoH to reach out to their congressional offices and encourage them to weigh in with HUD. She also encouraged the CoH members to send the template letter out to all the community members to write a similar letter to Secretary Donovan and HUD to reconsider the funding formula. This would drastically change the amount of money being awarded to the community for homeless programs.

Mr. Burch stated that Southern Nevada pulls in fewer funds per capita than Guam. This community is one of the most underfunded communities than any other US occupied territories. He also encouraged community members to submit a letter. He requested the template letter to be posted on the Help Hope Home website, as well as to provide email addresses for the higher elected officials to direct the letters to.

Ms. Geach asked for the amount of money that would be coming in to the community as a result of the changes to the funding formula. Ms. Fuller-Hallauer could not recall the exact number but she stated the amount was quite significant. She will be able to provide the exact numbers to the CoH members.

Ms. Gerson asked when the letter should be submitted.

Ms. Fuller-Hallauer stated that the letters should be turned in by October 1, 2012. The comment period will also be closed by October 1, 2012.

Mr. Hardin asked when the currently was first put into place.

Ms. Fuller-Hallauer stated that the current funding formula has been place since the 1950's.

Mr. Hardin requested Ms. Fuller-Hallauer to state that the community has had the same for over fifty years.

Agenda Item 10. Receive an update on the community action plan and technical assistance for HEART Act implementation from HomeBase; for possible action.

Danielle Wildkress and Cynthia Nagendra from HomeBase gave the update on the HUD technical assistance. The HUD TA covers the following main areas: 1. Standardize performance outcomes and require funding applicants to reach these outcomes in order to receive funding through the Evaluation Working Group, 2. develop and implement monitoring tools to ensure grantees meet performance outcomes and comply with HUD rules, grant obligations, and CoC policies, 3. use data to inform policy and 4. map the current system; analyze gaps in how clients move through the current system.

Ms. Wildkress stated that the EWG set initial standard measurements and integrate into NOFA scoring tools. A plan was developed to address data issues (coverage, quality, depth) that are being collected in the community. One of the key parts of the plan is to ensure the Emergency Shelters are entering full program specific data entry into HMIS soon. The goal is to get at least 50% of the ES to do full program specific data entry by end of 2012 and that 100 % of the ES's will be entering program specific data by July, 2013. Ms. Wildkress stated that the community will most likely surpass the goals. She stated ES are very important to do system analysis. The HMIS manger, Bitfocus generated the programming to do system wide reports to ensure the data quality. Moving forward, the performance measurement tools are being implemented this year. During the time when the NOFA is release, as HUD TA's, they will not be able to provide TA for the community. However, during the blackout period, HomeBase will create draft monitoring tools. The data action plan implementation will continue.

Ms. Nagendra stated that one of the pieces of the TA is systems mapping. The HEARTH CoC Interim regulations require a centralized or coordinated assessment system for CoC and Emergency Solutions Grant grantees. The centralized or coordinated intake process is defined in the regulations as "a process designed to coordinate client intake, assessment, and provision of referrals". This regulation connects a client with the "right" intervention independent of where the client accesses the system, and maximizes system resources (high-need clients receive intensive intervention; low-need clients receive a "light touch"). Mapping the current system can identify potential gateways, barriers that need to be reduced, system gaps, and existing resources.

Ms. Nagendra stated that the HUD TA plan does not fully cover the Coordinated Assessment design and implementation but it does cover the initial steps to establish a framework. In doing so, the CoC stakeholders were briefed on concepts of Coordinated Assessment. Emergency Shelters were also introduced to systems-redesign.

Ms. Nagendra stated that the next step is to survey the CoC during the blackout period. Early 2013, HomeBase will begin mapping the system and establish guiding principles for coordinated assessment.

Ms. Nagendra commended Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Tyrone Thompson and the Regional Initiatives Office for moving the action plan forward to reach the goals of the TA plan.

Agenda Item 11. Receive an update from the Nevada Homeless Alliance; for possible action.

Stacy Sutton, Nevada Homeless Alliance gave the update. She stated that Project Homeless Connect (PHC) has been scheduled for December 6, 2012 at the Cashman Center. Volunteer opportunity will be live by the end of the week on the United Way of Southern Nevada's Volunteer Center website. Anyone

interested in volunteering for PHC can go to www.volunteercentersn.org to sign up. For event and sponsorship information, please contact Nevada Homeless Alliance at nhavoice@aol.com or call 702-743-1487. The PHC planning meetings will be held in conjunction with the monthly Provider Meetings. Anyone interested in the larger planning of the event is welcome to attend. The next meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2012 from 8:30 am-10:30 am at The Center, 935 East Sahara Ave, Suite B-31, Las Vegas, NV. At that time, the agency booth applications and policies and procedures documents will be released. Participating organizations can start signing up to provide services at the event as of next Wednesday. The documents will also be uploaded onto the Help Hope Home website at www.helphopehome.org. There is no provider presentation scheduled for the month of September but it will resume in October with a presentation from Southern Nevada Children First.

Agenda Item 12. 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.

Jodie Gerson stated that Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services has an alternate chair. The alternate will be Jose (Marcos) Perez. He will start attending the CoH and the EWG meetings in the future.

Agenda Item 12. Public Comment.

Phillip Hollon, Catholic Charities (CC), thanked the committee for the recommendations that were made for the Inclement Weather Shelter. He stated that CC is currently being funded for 155 beds. However, the current recommendation for 180 overnight shelter beds would restore the levels back to 2010-2011 levels. The shelter is currently seeing about 200 men per night that are coming through. The summer day shelter is currently approved for 100 spaces. However, the new recommendations would increased that number to 130. CC is currently seeing about 149-150 individuals on average on any given day. Some days are greater, going as high as 200 men per day for the summer day shelter.

Mr. Hollon thanked the committee for the recommendations and the community support for providing additional resources to keep the program running.

Mr. Hollon stated Catholic Charities will be holding a special meal sponsored by Frank and Victoria Fertitta Foundation in memory of Frank Fertitta Junior, on Thursday, October 4, 2012. Chef Juan Panate will be preparing the Feast of St. Francis Meal. This meal will consist of beef scaloppini, creamy mashed potatoes, Italian vegetables, dinner rolls with creamy butter, seasonal fruit cup, water and chilled soda. The meal will be served from 3:30 pm-5:30 pm. All community members are invited to attend. Meeting adjourned at 3:24 pm.