



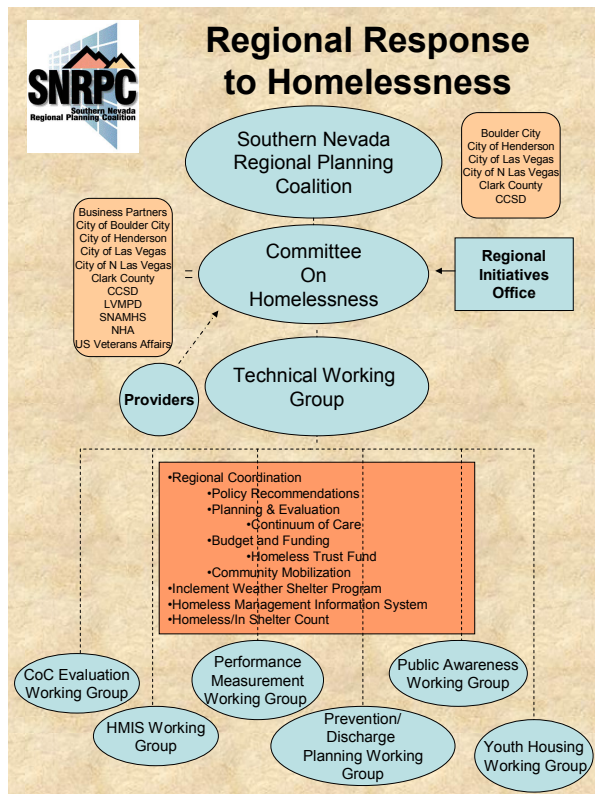
Background:

On February 22, 2001, the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition (SNRPC) Board established a Homeless Task Force, which was charged with constructing a workable plan to reduce homelessness throughout the region. This task force became the SNRPC’s Committee on Homelessness (CoH) on September 25, 2003.

On July 8, 2005, the SNRPC adopted the Southern Nevada Regional Homeless and Housing Plan, which identified 10 priority areas with nearly 40 strategies for addressing homelessness in the region.

Help Hope Home: Southern Nevada’s Regional Plan to End Homelessness, under the leadership of the CoH, was published in 2007 as a business case defining the problem, vision, and approach towards ending homelessness. Its companion Implementation Schedule was published in 2008 and serves as a road map for addressing the needs of our homeless citizens throughout Clark County, Nevada. The Implementation Schedule includes goals and measurable action steps, and is updated biennially as goals are achieved or needs in the community change.

The plan outlines three key strategies to change, including:



Plan for Outcomes - Design a roadmap for change, including objectives, activities, and evaluation plans for each of the key strategies that will drive community outcomes. Build the infrastructure that will deliver services, increase access to housing opportunities and support through increased collaboration and strategic alliances across the region.

Close the Front Door - Prevent homelessness whenever possible. Improve the availability of prevention programs, expand the types of prevention strategies, and evaluate their effectiveness in preventing homelessness. Provide people at risk for homelessness with wraparound services. Improve access to wraparound mainstream services that link clients to services and community support to keep the client in safe, affordable housing and address health and wellness issues.

Open the Back Door - Rapidly re-house people who become homeless. Expand the availability of affordable permanent housing and improve access to sustainable housing options. Implement the transition from the existing tiered shelter system to a system that focuses on providing housing.

Expected Benefits to the community from implementing the ten year plan include:

- Significant cost savings in public systems from reduced use by homeless individuals, including hospital emergency rooms, ambulances, and EMT services
- Cost savings in homeless service systems, including homeless shelters, acute psychiatric services, and corrections programs which result from placement in supportive housing
- Enhanced quality of life for people experiencing homelessness, as well as those who are at risk for becoming homeless, and an improved sense of community for all Southern Nevadans.



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