

SOUTHERN NEVADA CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC) GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

The re-authorization of the
SNRPC Committee on Homelessness (CoH) and
Continuum of Care (CoC) based upon the
HEARTH ACT

August 14, 2014



GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

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BACKGROUND

- **2000** - The Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition (SNRPC) established.
- **2003** – SNRPC created the SNRPC Committee on Homelessness (SNRPC CoH).
- **2009** – HEARTH Act adopted
 - Codifies the Continuum of Care (CoC) planning process as a required local function to address homelessness.
 - Includes a provision to establish a “**governance structure**” to ensure that all stakeholders be included and participate in the Continuum of Care program.
- **2014** – Re-authorization of the SNRPC CoH and CoC into the Southern Nevada Homelessness Continuum of Care (SNH CoC).

THREE KEY FACTORS

- The **Governance Structure** recognizes:
 - The initial regional framework authorized by the SNRPC in 2003 - SNRPC CoH;
 - The Continuum of Care as authorized under the original McKinney Vento Act and incorporating the rules and regulations enacted by the HEARTH Act in 2009; and
 - The re-authorization of the SNRPC CoH and CoC into one cohesive structure.

Southern Nevada CoC:

Purpose, Membership and Responsibilities

as redefined under the HEARTH Act

- The purpose of the CoC is to carry out the responsibilities of the HEARTH Act.
- The CoC delegates to the SNH CoC Board the responsibilities that must be carried out per the HEARTH Act.
- CoC Membership is unlimited:
 - Annual open invitation
 - Meetings twice a year of the entire membership

Southern Nevada CoC Board:

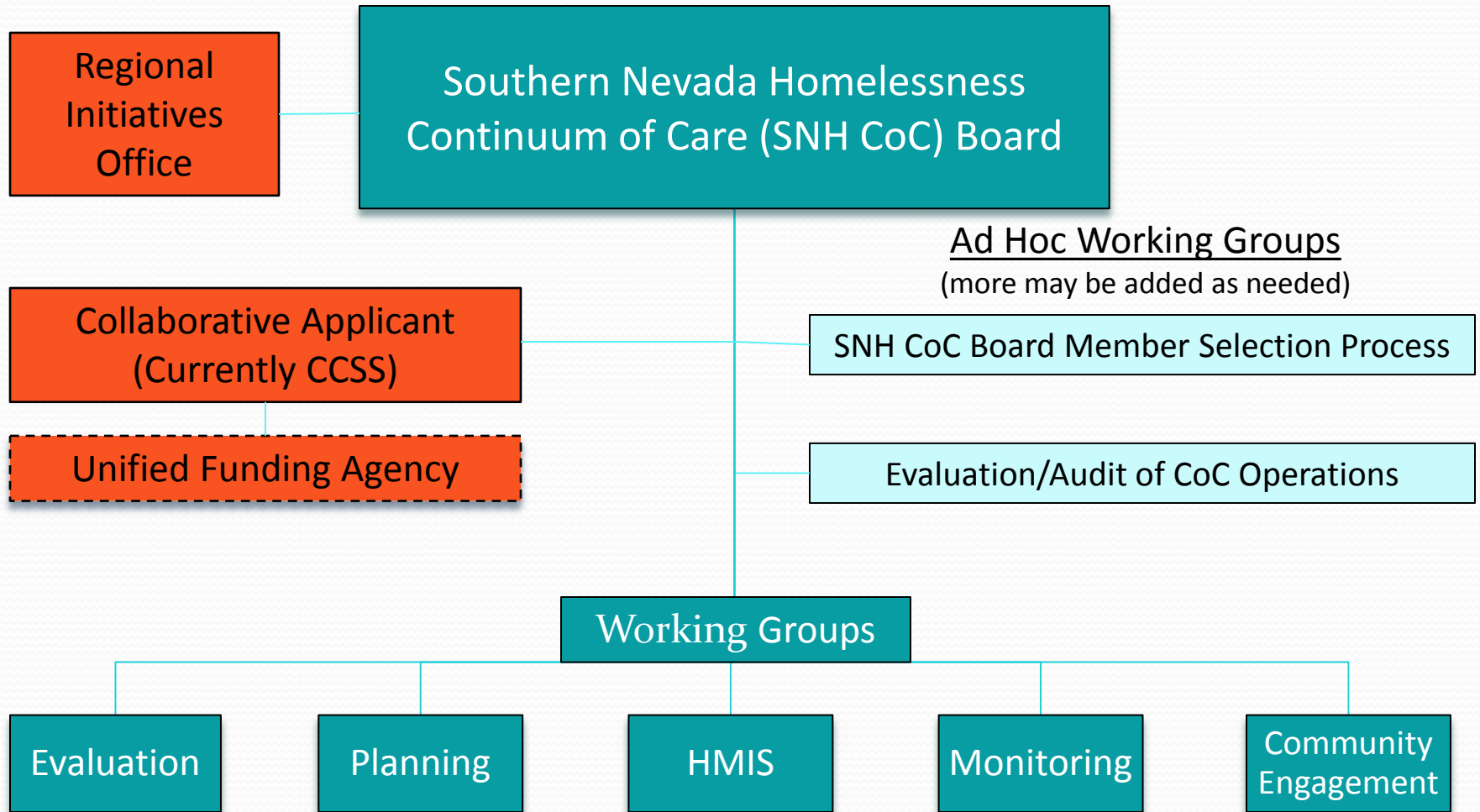


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- Carry out the operations of the CoC as delegated by the CoC in accordance with the process approved by the HEARTH Act and other responsibilities directed by the SNRPC.
- Annually issue a public invitation for new members to officially join the CoC from within the service area.
(forms available online at www.helpohopehome.org)
- The SNH CoC Board meets monthly to conduct business.

Continuum of Care



SNH CoC Board: Sub-population

- HEARTH Act requires the SNH CoC Board has the following sub-populations represented:
 - ✓ Families with Children
 - ✓ Unaccompanied Youth
 - ✓ Seniors
 - ✓ Veterans
 - ✓ Chronic Homeless
 - ✓ Substance Abuse
 - ✓ Victims of Domestic Violence
 - ✓ Seriously Mentally Ill
 - ✓ Transition Age Youth
 - ✓ HIV/AIDS
 - ✓ Pregnant/Parenting Transition Age Youth or Unaccompanied Youth
 - ✓ Homeless
 - ✓ Human Trafficking

SNH CoC Board: **Membership**

- Expanded board includes additional stakeholders
 - Jurisdictional Stakeholders (6)
 - Each Jurisdictional seat on the SNH CoC Board shall represent the greater interest of their respective political subdivision.
 - Jurisdictions are financial contribution to regional coordination.
 - Community Stakeholders (21)
 - SNH CoC Board must represent all sub-populations within the CoC to the extent that someone is available and willing to represent that sub-population.
 - One board member may represent the interests of more than one homeless sub-population.
 - Board Interest Form – reviewed by a Board Selection Ad Hoc Committee.

(forms available online at www.helphomehome.org)

SNH CoC Board: Seats - 27

- Government (5)
- School District (1)
- Public Housing Agency (1)
- Law Enforcement (1)
- Faith Based (2)
- Businesses (3)
- Affordable Housing Developer (1)
- Social Service Providers (3)
- Mental Health Agency (1)
- Organization serving the Homeless or formerly Homeless Veterans (2)
- Higher Education (1)
- Health Care Provider (2)
- Advocate At-Large Member (1)
- Homeless or formerly Homeless Person(2)
- Emergency Medical Services - EMS (1)

SNH CoC Board: **Officers - 4**

- **2 SNH CoC Board Co-Chairs**

- One Co-Chair representing the Jurisdictional Stakeholders
- One Co-Chair representing the Community Stakeholders

- **2 SNH CoC Board Vice Co-Chairs**

- One Vice Co-Chair representing the Jurisdictional Stakeholders
- One Vice Co-Chair representing the Community Stakeholders

NEXT STEPS



- The Southern Nevada Homelessness Continuum of Care Governance Structure must be established per the HEARTH ACT **by August 30, 2014**
- Adoption by the Southern Nevada CoC on August 14, 2014
- Create a Board Member Selection Ad Hoc Committee at the August 14, 2014 meeting
- CoC Membership forms and Board Interest Forms available online at **www.helphopehome.org**
- 3 to 4 month process for Board Member Selection Ad Hoc Committee
- Recommendations to the SNH CoC Board at the January 2015 meeting for SNH CoC Board seats.

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QUESTIONS ?

