

**SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION
SOUTHERN NEVADA HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
January 14, 2016**

In attendance: Julie Calloway, Co-Chair, City of Boulder City
Arash Ghafoori, Vice Co-Chair, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth
Dawn Davis, alternate, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada
Barbara Geach, City of Henderson
Kathi Thomas-Gibson, alternate, City of Las Vegas
Lorena Candelario, alternate, City of North Las Vegas
Bobby Gordon, alternate, Clark County Social Service
Kelly Jo Shebeck, Clark County School District
Jesse Robinson, HELP of Southern Nevada
Ty Muncie, alternate, Las Vegas Metro Police Department
Donna Jordan, alternate, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services
Phyllis Cobb, Veterans Administration
Nancy Menzel, UNLV
Stacy Sutton Pollard, Nevada Homeless Alliance
Erin Kinard, WestCare, Inc.
Jackie Banales-Garcia, Nevada HAND
Geoff Spataro, United Way of Southern Nevada
Amber Batchelor, S.A.F.E. Nest
Taylor Hough, Touro University Nevada
Ardell Galbreth, Workforce Connections

Absent:

Nick Spriggs, Co-Chair, Briggs and Spriggs
David Slattery, Las Vegas Fire & Rescue
Kena Adams, Moapa Band of Paiutes
Angela Marshall, Second Chance Christian Ministries
Henry Sneed, The Church LV
Shalimar Cabrera, U.S. Vets – Las Vegas
Melissa Clary, Huntridge Neighborhood Association
John Hill, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority
Corrine Valencia, U.S. Navy Veteran

Agenda Item 1. Call to order, notice of agenda compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. A meeting of the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition's Southern Nevada Homelessness Continuum of Care Board was called to order at 2:08 p.m., on Thursday, January 14, 2016, at United Way of Southern Nevada, 5830 W. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89103. The agenda was duly posted in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law requirements.

Agenda Item 2. Public Comment.

No Public Comment was given.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Agenda for January 14, 2016; for possible action.

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

Agenda Item 4. Approval of the Minutes from the December 10, 2015 meeting; for possible action.

Ardell Galbreth, Workforce Connections, refrained from voting citing his absence at the meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 5. Approval of new board members and rotation of new chairs with new vice co-chair; for possible action.

Julie Calloway, City of Boulder City, explained the natural progression involving the rotation of new chairs and co-chairs on the board. A motion was made for the approval for Clark County to become the new chair, based on the rotation. The

motion was approved. Based on the same rotation, Arash Ghafoori, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, would move up as co-chair, and Kelly Jo Shebeck, Clark County School District, would move up to the vice co-chair position. The motion was made to accept Mr. Ghafoori and Ms. Shebeck as co-chair and vice co-chair. The motion was approved unanimously. Mr. Ghafoori brought to the board's attention that two business positions on the board are currently vacant and should be filled. Barbara Geach, City of Henderson, stated she had reached out to MGM, and Maria Gatti recommended Vesela Zehirev for one of the positions. Ms. Zehirev is involved in community activities and fundraising. Mr. Ghafoori nominated Monica Gresser of Brazen Architecture. Ms. Gresser in becoming more involved with community outreach and hosts conversations in her business involving topics including general homelessness and youth homelessness. A motion was made to accept the two new potential board members and was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 6. Nominate and elect new vice co-chair; for possible action.

Barbara Geach, City of Henderson, clarified that this seat is for the community service seat, since the other seat is a rotating position from the SNRPC. She then nominated Erin Kinard, WestCare, to be the new vice co-chair. Ms. Kinard's nomination was unanimously approved. Julie Calloway, City of Boulder City, then turned the meeting over to the new co-chair, Bobby Gordon, Clark County.

Agenda Item 7. Receive an update from the Steering Subcommittee; for possible action.

Arash Ghafoori, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, reminded the board that the Steering Subcommittee is a new committee. At the first meeting, the annual calendar for 2016 was discussed, as well as setting the agenda for today's meeting. The types of meetings for the 2016 calendar include educational and interactive meetings, while still conducting the business at hand. This would be accomplished by having former presentations, a workshop format, working sessions, and items for discussions and approval. The scheduling of the monthly Steering Subcommittee meetings was determined to be held to coincide with the monthly Board meetings. The required CoC meetings are scheduled for today, January 14, and July 21. Updates for the meetings will be sent via email as well as being posted on the HelpHopeHome website. Ideas discussed for the first workshop/working session were public bathrooms, the concept of tiny homes, feeding and donations concerns and unintended consequences, and having a session on non-profit homeless providers in order to address the haves and have-nots in the community. Bobby Gordon, Clark County, also reminded everyone that any other items that anyone wishes to have added to the board meeting agenda can be submitted to any steering subcommittee board member.

Agenda Item 8. Receive an update on the 2016 Southern Nevada Homeless Census; for possible action.

Catherine Huang Hara, Clark County, discussed the sequence of events scheduled for the 2016 Southern Nevada Homeless Census. She noted that there is an ongoing recruitment for volunteers for the Youth count and the Urban count. On January 13, the Deployment Captains meeting was held for the Urban count and Youth count, as well as for specialty teams. On January 19, Provider training will be held at 1:30 and 3:30 at Clark County Social Service Training Room, at 1600 Pinto Lane. Providers should inform Ms. Huang Hara of the number of people attending the training. Training for volunteers will be held on January 21 at 8:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 5:45 p.m. at the Clark County Government Center in the Chambers. Training for the navigators will take place on January 25. Referrals are being requested from VA, U.S. Vets, Catholic Charities, and any other providers who work with veterans involved in transitional or permanent housing programs. The evening of January 26, the shelter count will occur through HMIS inputs or by entering information on the manual spreadsheet. At 12:00 a.m. on January 27, the Urban deployment will begin. The 6 deployment stations are: Mountain Crest Community Center in the Northwest, Walnut Recreation Center in the Northeast, Catholic Charities in Downtown, Rawson-Neal Psychiatric Hospital in the West, Cambridge Recreation Center in the Central part of the valley, and Henderson Multigenerational Center. At 5:00 a.m. on January 27, the tunnel and wash count will deploy from Cambridge Recreation Center. That team is led by Mobile Crisis Intervention Team of HELP of Southern Nevada. They are looking for outreach team members that are on staff to help them with this venture. Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on January 27, the Youth count occurs. This year there are 4 youth deployment stations, which are: HELP of Southern Nevada Shannon West Homeless Youth Center, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, Southern Nevada Children First, and Clark County Social Service Step-Up. Volunteers for either the urban count or the youth count are still needed and they can register at www.helphopehome.com. Erin Kinard, WestCare, asked the number of volunteers needed for the census. Ms. Huang Hara stated the last time she looked at the number who had signed up, the count was 129, but many more are needed. She also mentioned that she is still getting large groups enquiring as to how to sign up and help with the census. Arash Ghafoori, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, asked if the volunteers could select their preference of deployment station or is it assigned. Ms. Huang Hara stated that part of the registration process included requesting a site. Mr. Ghafoori also asked if there was a good response for the providers assisting with the shelters and transitional housing. Ms. Huang Hara replied that she has been asking the providers to send a list of their staff that would be assisting in order to determine the number of volunteers assisting, and added that at this point there hasn't been a good response. Bobby Gordon, Clark County, asked how many volunteers would be needed, since over 100 have signed up. Ms. Huang Hara answered that last year there were over 200

volunteers, which contributed to it being the most successful count and deployment of those volunteers. Ms. Gordon asked if there is usually a large push towards the end, to which Ms. Huang Hara stated there usually is, as student groups are made aware of the opportunity. Ms. Gordon asked about faith groups signing up as volunteers. Ms. Huang Hara stated that the largest faith group to assist has been the Church of Las Vegas. Donna Jordan stated that AmeriCorps is supposed to help during the census. Stacy Sutton Pollard noted that the primary volunteer signup had been done through Volunteer Spot, but enquired as to if a sign up had been done on Volunteer Match, as well. Ms. Pollard stated she knew that MGM Resorts informed their employees through their internal newsletter and had them sign up through Volunteer Match.

Before moving on to Agenda Item 9, Ms. Gordon stated she needed to back up with regards to the new board members. Earlier, a nomination for new board members was made. A motion is now needed to accept the current board, the rotation of the new chairs, and the new nominees. Barbara Geach, City of Henderson, reminded the board that once the motion is approved, the entire CoC needs to approve it as well. The motion was then made and approved. Ms. Huang Hara brought to the attention of the board that Ardell Galbreth, is replacing Heather DeSart for Workforce Connections. Mr. Ghafoori made a motion to the entire CoC to accept the board membership, including the new members. Michele Fuller- Hallauer, CoC Coordinator, stated that in addition to Mr. Ghafoori's motion, the full CoC needs to give the board the authority to continue to represent and act on their behalf for the next year. Mr. Ghafoori restated the motion to include Ms. Fuller-Hallauer's comment. The CoC members in the audience consisted of Denise Charles, St. Jude's Ranch for Children; Phillip Hollon, The Salvation Army; and Yceychie Fields, Southern Nevada Children First. All three members accepted the motion.

Agenda Item 9. Receive an update from the Nevada Homeless Alliance and receive a presentation and recognitions for 2015 Fall Project Homeless Connect; for possible action.

Stacy Sutton Pollard, Nevada Homeless Alliance, reported that Project Homeless Connect was held on Tuesday, November 17, at Cashman Center. Ms. Pollard thanked the photographers of the event, who were Catherine Huang Hara and Lindy Rice of Rice Photography. This year, approximately 3,477 clients were served, including 152 families. Those clients were individuals and families that were identified as homeless or at risk of homelessness. Approximately 157 agencies participated, with more than 400 agency volunteers, and over 600 community volunteers. Ms. Pollard thanked the community and stressed that because of the support of the community, the event was very strong. Ms. Pollard credited Jimmy Rolson from Catholic Charities and the lead on pre-registration to the event, for the jump in the number of clients. A special thanks was given to Catholic Charities for their assistance with implementation of Clarity Passport distribution and usage at the event; and also to Catholic Charities, Salvation Army, and HELP of Southern Nevada for hosting pre-registration sites. Catholic Charities, The Salvation Army, and HELP of southern Nevada had a competition to see who could pre-register the most clients for Project Homeless Connect. This year 2517 clients were pre-registered and assigned Clarity Passports, whereas 732 entered through a separate entrance. At the event, in the Housing and Shelter section, 12 organizations served 426 clients. There were 42 clients assessed for Coordinated Intake. There were 152 clients placed into transitional housing programs, of which 16 were found to be in the queue resulting in placing 10 clients into permanent/transitional housing and 6 clients into permanent supportive housing. There were 59 clients who received emergency shelter. The Community Resources/Social Services area included 25 agencies serving 830 clients. Social Security provided 97 clients with assistance on card information. This was the largest event that the Department of Welfare and Supportive Services has ever been able to partner with other agencies, such as ThreeSquare and HELP of Southern Nevada, and take SNAP applications and issue 43 SNAP (food stamp benefit) cards on site. In addition, 84 clients were assisted with information on Medicaid programming. Clark County Social Service served 183 clients with service information and assisted in screening for Medical and Financial Assistance, transportation out of state, and set follow-up appointments. In addition, 70 clients were assisted with birth certificates and IDs through Lutheran Social Services, which included issuing 23 checks on site to the DMV and ordering 47 birth certificates from out of state. The City of Las Vegas provided 10 Greyhound tickets out of state. The Families with Children section assisted 50 clients to become connected with WIC resources and 24 applications for low-income childcare were received. In the Teens & Young Adults area approximately 65 clients received information on Safe Place as well as learning of housing programs, school resources, food and clothing services, and mental health resources. The Veterans Section served 191 clients. Some services included were: DD214 retrieval, housing, benefits assistance, as well as other services. There were 6 veterans referred for housing onsite, 25 clients assisted with benefits claims through the VA, and 96 referrals were made for employment training or job placement. The Behavioral Health Area included 23 agencies serving approximately 371 clients with services including: mental health and substance abuse services; informational handouts; 12-Step Programs; and detox services. Some of the outcomes included: 15 clients who accessed information on Narcotics Anonymous programming; 64 clients accessed information on Alcoholics Anonymous programming; 40 clients accessed programming from Nevada Council on Problem Gambling; and WestCare connected with 83 clients for detox and outpatient treatment. The Job Readiness Section was the strongest it has ever been due in part to the help of Erica from CSN Career Services. There were 63 clients placed into jobs onsite, 84 clients enrolled in job training programs, and 174 clients given employment referrals onsite. A special

acknowledgement was given to Albert Alba of Amerigroup and David Osmond, the section chairs of the Medical, Dental, and Vision section. Their effort to assure this section ran smoothly and that every need was met in advance was evident. It included services from Amerigroup, Nevada Health Centers, First Med, Southern Nevada Health District, E-Study Sites, Summerlin Lions Club, United Health Care, Westfield Eye Center, AIDS Healthcare Foundation, American Lung Association, Walgreens, Touro University, and Volunteers in Medicine. Approximately 2,267 medical referrals were given. Data and information on each client seen was available, i.e. which clients had insurance, which insurance they had, how services are currently being accessed, etc. In addition to the vision screenings done by the Summerlin Lions Club, Westfield Eye Center provided 98 vision screenings. Dental exams were given to 14 clients, with an additional 253 referrals made for offsite dental services. Onsite HIV testing and services was available. Of those taking advantage of the testing, 2 clients tested positive and were connected with services. There were also 189 medical exams performed. Desert Medical Group donated 10 new wheelchairs for clients with mobility issues. Of those 10, 2 were motorized. In the Courts Services Area, there were 3 courts in attendance: the Las Vegas Municipal Courts served 252 clients; Las Vegas Justice Courts served 425 clients; and the North Las Vegas Justice Court served 5 clients. Although the Henderson Courts were not onsite, they came to the event and made follow-up appointments, seeing 52 clients. Although Family Court was not included this year at the event, they will be coming onsite in 2016 in hopes of being able to do family hearings onsite. The Legal Resources Area provided general information for everything from immigration and tax law to child custody cases. Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, Nevada Legal Services, Clark County District Attorney's Office, and the DA Family Support Office all assisted the clients. This year due to the weather, there were no tents available for bag check or in the Pet Section for pet drop-off. However, 52 dogs, and 6 cats were served. A special thanks was also given to The Salvation Army for bringing their canteen out to the event. The giveaways this year included 44 pallets of hygiene kits, which equates to 44,000 hygiene kits, from MGM Resorts and VDara; 3000 hygiene kits courtesy of Clean the World Foundation; 4400 pounds of clothing from For the Least of These, which has a partnership with Buffalo Exchange; 3625 hand-knitted hats and scarves courtesy of United Methodist Social Ministries; 2000 sack lunches and 400 coats courtesy of The Church LV; 2 pallets of food and 3 pallets of bottled water from ThreeSquare; 2000 pairs of gloves courtesy of UBS Financial; and 150 miscellaneous articles of clothing. Other giveaways included additional hygiene items courtesy of Greater Las Vegas Association of Realtors; 10 wheelchairs courtesy of Desert Medical Equipment, which included 2 motorize chairs; \$750 of diapers courtesy of St. Jude's Women's Auxiliary; 600 bus passes courtesy of RTC; and 2700 pairs of socks courtesy of Advent United Methodist Church. All leftover giveaways were donated to partner agencies for distribution to homeless clients. Some items that the clients requested this year were the sturdy type of backpacks and Clarity cards to be issued onsite. Dawn Davis of Catholic Charities was acknowledged for Catholic Charities providing approximately 1870 meals onsite and served restaurant-style. Catholic Charities has created a partnership between ThreeSquare Food Bank, Culinary Academy of Las Vegas, and the Management Associate Program of MGM Resorts International. There were Outreach teams that went to the tunnels and some of the encampments. They had standing appointments in various parts of the city to send vans up to three times throughout the day for transportation to the event. Approximately 100 clients were served and provided transportation thanks to HELP of Southern Nevada Outreach Teams. Miscellaneous services provided during the event were: over 100 clients received massages courtesy of MGM Resorts International spa volunteers and independent massage therapists; Las Vegas Central Rotary distributed approximately 3000 books; 200 boxed meals for volunteers were provided courtesy of Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada; Verizon was onsite to provide clients with free phone calls home; and 525 clients received haircuts courtesy of Regis Family of Brands and Supercuts. Last year, the stylists ran out of towels and had to stop the haircuts, so this year MGM Resorts International donated 3000 towels. In the Children's Activities Center, 59 children were provided childcare. Lunch was provided to these children courtesy of Spicy Pickle, and giveaways included clothing, toys, and diapers which The Church of LV coordinated. Acknowledgement was given for each of the Service Section Partners, Service and Giveaway Donors, Volunteer Groups, and Event Sponsors and Partners. Ms. Pollard then acknowledged the section teams involved in contributing to the success of the event by have each person stand, and providing certificates after the board meeting. Ms. Pollard stated that the entire report is being finalized and will be available on the Nevada Homeless Alliance website. Donna Jordan, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health, praised the work and results of the event. Julie Calloway, City of Boulder City, asked if it had been determined how many of the pre-registered clients actually attended the event. Ms. Pollard stated she is unable to determine that at this time, and deferred to Mr. Rolson, who stated that number could not be determined. Arash Ghafoori, Nevada Partnerships for Homeless Youth, asked who won the pre-registration competition. It was determined that Catholic Charities won but Catholic Charities and The Salvation Army each registered over 1500 clients. Mr. Ghafoori praised the event, the group effort and the ability to accomplish so much. Amber Batchelor, SafeNest, also gave Ms. Pollard and the team kudos. Bobby Gordon, Clark County Social Service, stated she had attended the VIP reception along with members of the Citizen Advisory Committee who had been invited to see the clientele being served and the services being offered. The members that attended the reception were very impressed and urged members who had not attended this year's reception to attend the VIP reception in 2016. Ms. Gordon also asked what services had been intended to be provided for pets but could not because of the weather. Ms. Pollard stated that in the past, veterinarians are onsite to do more in depth procedures than just the normal general health screening that was provided this year. Because of a large

veterinarian conference held in Southern California during the same time as Project Homeless Connect, the number of veterinarians was not available as they have in the past. However, not only did the normally general health screening occur, but certificates were given for future spay, neutering and grooming, which takes longer to do than time allows at the event.

Agenda Item 10. Receive an update on Working Group assignments; for possible action.

Bobby Gordon, Clark County Social Service, clarified that in the past, the working groups would give a presentation. The working group champions, however, are asked to give a written update, in order for the board to see what is occurring within each group. Ms. Gordon took the opportunity to remind board members that in accordance with the governance structure, each member is required to take an active part in a working group. The Evaluation Working Group, championed by Tim Burch, meets the 2nd Monday of the month at Clark County Social Service, 1600 Pinto Ln, from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. The next meeting in February will occur on the 22, in order to have time to receive updates from a Youth Homeless Conference being held in Oakland around the normal meeting time. The HMIS Working Group is championed by Barbara Geach. The January meeting has been cancelled, but the meetings are normally held on the 3rd Thursday of the month unless there are not enough to attend, and then it will be cancelled. The next meeting of the HMIS Working Group will be held on February 18 from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Women’s Development Center. Ms. Geach also reminded the board members that if, due to time constraints, a member is not able to actively participate on a particular working group, but participates in a particular activity of the working group, or participates in an ad hoc group that is considered to be participating. The Planning Working Group is championed by Steven Harsin. The next meeting is scheduled for January 28, and meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. on the Fifth floor of City of Las Vegas City Hall. Kathi Thomas-Gibson, also reminded board members that in the binder given them, there is a list of the various items handled by each working group. She also suggested they review the action plan for each working group that was given to them in October 2016. Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Clark County Social Service, spoke on behalf of the Monitoring Working Group. The Monitoring Working Group meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. at Clark County Social Service, 1600 Pinto Lane. Ms. Fuller-Hallauer informed the board members that if a person’s strength and interest is in numbers and monitoring outcomes, that the Monitoring Working Group should be their choice. Arash Ghafoori, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, stated that by having the working groups present written reports, it gives the board a chance to have more of a Q&A session, rather than digesting information as it is given at the board meeting. Mr. Ghafoori then requested board members who have not been assigned to a working group to make themselves known in order to possibly place them in a working group. Taylor Hough, Touro University, explained that since he is replacing Vickie Chan Padgett on the board, he is unaware if he has been assigned to a working group. Ms. Gordon reminded the board members that the governance structure contains a more detailed description of each working groups responsibilities, which should help in making a more informed decision as to which working group to join. Mr. Ghafoori stated that a sub-group to the Planning Working Group is the Youth Working Group, which has started meeting on 2nd Tuesday of the month From 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Mr. Ghafoori is the champion of the group which is discussing coordinated entry and items that will significantly affect homeless youth or transition age youth. Noel, an interested resident of the community who works with homeless groups, stated she wished to become involved and commented about the difficulty of being able to locate information on the board and the working groups. She then requested that the working group meetings be posted online. Catherine Huang Hara stated the board is in the process of posting the information online beginning in February. Ms. Hara then stated the scheduled dates and times of each working group, and mentioned that presently a location is being sought for the Youth Working Group. The Community Engagement Working Group, championed by Stacy Sutton Pollard, normally meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at Clark County Social Service. However, this month it will be held on January 20, since the urban census falls on the same date as the scheduled meeting. The responsibility of the Community Engagement Working Group is to develop the tools to educate the community on homelessness, how to get involved responsibly, and then determine how to get those tools out to the community. At present, a monthly newsletter is being developed in order to assist the community on how to get involved. Ms. Thomas-Gibson stated she has hard-copy CoC membership forms with her, but they are also located at www.helphopehome.org. Ms. Thomas-Gibson then explained the difference between a CoC member and a board member of the CoC. Ms. Gordon then urged members to contact a working group champion if they are interested in participating in a particular working group. Ms. Hara stated that she will post the working group name, the scheduled meeting, and the name and email address of each of the champions. Ms. Gordon asked that Ms. Hara include not only the champion and their email address, but also the alternate and alternate’s email address. Ms. Gordon then explained that Tim Burch is presently working as the Director of Clark County Social Service and Interim Director of Department of Family Services, so the need to include the alternate is imperative at this point.

Agenda Item 11. Receive an update from each board member regarding relevant activities within their respective organizations relating to homelessness.

Ms. Pollard corrected a mistake she had made in the presentation by not including Carina Ruby with Clark County DA as the lead for legal services. Nancy Menzel, UNLV School of Nursing, received a grant for testing the water quality for

contamination near homeless encampments, with the ultimate goal to collect data to apply for bigger grants to try to increase political pressure for more housing. Barbara Geach, City of Henderson, reminded CoC members that they can fill out applications throughout the year if they are interested, in case any vacancies should occur. She also mentioned that the current board membership is for a 4-year term, with staggering membership for 2 years. If a member is currently on the board as a community stakeholder and wishes to continue to be on the board, they must complete an application, as well. Kathy Thomas-Gibson, City of Las Vegas, mentioned that the City of Las Vegas has a Homeless Advisory Committee. The city's committee runs parallel to the regional effort and focuses on the urban core. The committee has started holding a series of mini charrettes (workshops), the first of which was held on January 13. They are presently involved in developing a design process to serve the homeless population better. Stakeholders are encouraged to bring members of the homeless community to these workshops, since everyone will have a say in the design process. Ms. Thomas-Gibson mentioned one of the items discussed was the availability of public bathrooms. Bobby Gordon, Clark County Social Service, asked to be included on the invite for these charrettes. Arash Ghafoori, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, announced that Clark County has been selected for a National Coordinated Entry Learning Collaborative on youth coordinated entry. Representatives for the community are Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, Bitfocus, and Clark County Social Service. This involves monthly calls with 9 other communities including Los Angeles, CA; Washington, DC; Seattle, WA; Chicago, IL; and the entire state of Delaware, as well as other major communities. Some of these communities are in the initial stage, as is Clark County, but other communities are in their second evaluation of the process. Also included in the calls are Eric Rice, who designed VISPDAT and other tools used in our community for coordinated entries. Adult providers, mental health providers, hospital providers, etc., dealing with Transitional Age Youth, age 18+, have a strong input into the process and were invited to join the group. Donna Jordan, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services announced that SNAMHS is developing a mental health program for youths in transition, which are those youths between the ages of 15 and 25, to help them walk through the system. Teresa Lambert is heading up the program and will be on Mr. Ghafoori's youth group. Ms. Gordon announced that the National Association of Social Workers is hosting their annual gala on March 12 to honor some of the social work professionals in the community. There presently are open nominations for Social Worker of the year and Life Time Achievement Award. She also mentioned that HomeBase recently did an evaluation of the coordinated intake program which has been in effect since July 2014. Based upon some of the preliminary findings, it was determined that the system will need to be perfected when bringing on families and youth. HomeBase did convey that based on the program currently in place, our community is doing such a wonderful job that our model is being presented as best practices throughout the country. Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Clark County Social Service Manager and Continuum of Care Coordinator, informed the board that HUD has made changes to the definition of chronically homeless. Historically, the definition has been, "someone who has a disability AND has been homeless for 1 year or longer, OR has had 4 episodes of homelessness in the past 3 years". Because of the inequality in the total number of days, which could be as little as 45 days in a 3 year period, HUD enhanced the definition to be, "someone who has a disability AND has been homeless for 1 year or longer, OR has had 4 episodes of homelessness in the past 3 years equaling 365 days". One of the impacts is that the verification of homelessness is more stringent and could slow down immediate housing of homeless individuals. This necessitates having navigation services in our community in order to enable those working with the homeless population to get the documents and verifications needed in order to move the client more expeditiously into a housing opportunity when it becomes available. The new definition will also cause a shift in the data from the census. She also cautioned comparing the numbers used in the past with those used under the new HUD definition when addressing the assistance to the chronically homeless. Ms. Gordon then expressed that as the board moves forward, if more information is desired, an item can be put on the agenda to discuss in full detail the changes involved.

Agenda Item 12. Public Comment.

Phillip Hollon, The Salvation Army, commended all the efforts and success of Project Homeless Connect and publicly thanked Jimmy Rolson of Catholic Charities for his assistance in training The Salvation Army in pre-registering the clients for that event. Mr. Hollon reported the annual Holiday Toy Shop sponsored by Zappos was held on December 17 and provided toys to 974 children ages 8 and under. Approximately 3000 families participated in the event with carnival games, snow sledding, ice skating, a petting zoo and Mr. & Mrs. Claus. Subway Sandwiches teams with The Salvation Army on the 1st Tuesday of each month for their Subway Day to provide sandwich meals. In order to top off the year, they came out once more on December 21. In their continuous effort to support the community, Subway has agreed to continue to team up with The Salvation Army on the 1st Tuesday of each month in 2016. On December 24, Natasha Williams, owner of Jalisco Cantina, served 500 burritos as part of her birthday celebration and as an effort to support the community. Southwest Airlines provided goody bags consisting of blankets, peanuts, pretzels, cookies, crackers, socks and hygiene items on Christmas Day to over 500 clients. Some Zappos employees took a tour of the campus on December 28. On December 29, the Lied Bridge Residents were taken shopping by the Zappos employees to get things to help set up their apartments. Each resident was allowed to spend more than \$750 each. The total amount spent on this shopping spree was \$50,000. On January 29, The Salvation Army will host an open house for the new Lied Social Services Campus located at 35 W. Owens

Ave. from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. On February 2, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the Lied Dining Facility, Safari Club International Foundation will present the Sportsmen Against Hunger Wild Game Community Dinner, which will feature wild game meatloaf, seasoned oven roasted red potatoes, sautéed whole green beans, garden salad with seasoned croutons, fresh baked dinner rolls with butter, marble cake drizzled with chocolate ganache, tea, coffee, and milk.

The meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.