

**SOUTHERN NEVADA HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
December 8, 2016**

In attendance: Michael Pawlak, Co-Chair, Clark County Social Service
Arash Ghafoori, Co-Chair, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth
Kelly Jo Shebeck, Vice Co-Chair, Clark County School District
Erin Kinard, Vice Co-Chair, WestCare, Inc.
Barbara Geach, City of Henderson
Kathi Thomas-Gibson, City of Las Vegas
Julie Calloway, City of Boulder City
Lorena Candelario, alternate, City of North Las Vegas
Bret Ficklin, Las Vegas Metro Police Department
Monica Gresser, Brazen Architecture
Vesela Zehirev, MGM Resorts International
Nick Spriggs, Briggs and Spriggs
Emily Paulsen, Nevada Homeless Alliance
Jackie Bañales-Garcia, Nevada HAND
Donna Jordan, alternate, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services
Susan Kingsbury, alternate, Veterans Administration
Amie Duford, alternate, Touro University Nevada
Ardell Galbreth, Workforce Connections
Melissa Clary, Huntridge Neighborhood Association
Henry Sneed, The Church LV
Shalimar Cabrera, U.S. Vets – Las Vegas
Laure Reposa, alternate, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority

Absent: David Slattery, Las Vegas Fire & Rescue
Nancy Menzel, UNLV
Dawn Smith, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada
Christy Shannon, S.A.F.E. Nest
Bob Morgan, United Way of Southern Nevada
Kena Adams, Moapa Band of Paiutes
Jesse Robinson, Advocate
Corrine Valencia, Veteran

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

A meeting of the Southern Nevada Homelessness Continuum of Care Board was called to order at 2:09 p.m., on Thursday, December 8, 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 December 8, 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 November 10, 2016 meeting; for possible action.

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

Agenda Item 5. Update by co-chairs on recent activities of the Steering Committee; for possible action.

Barbara Geach, City of Henderson, stated the Steering Committee set the board's December meeting agenda; reviewed and adjusted the charter structure, as will be presented in agenda item 8; reviewed the process for board recommendations and the effect on the Steering Committee; discussed homeless outreach and various areas of resource mapping.

Agenda Item 6. Receive an update from Nevada Homeless Alliance on 2016 Fall Project Homeless Connect.

Emily Paulsen, Nevada Homeless Alliance, reported the success of Project Homeless Connect. She stressed the importance of the event is to have it be a one stop event, addressing the immediacy of the clients, connecting the clients with service, being compassionate with those clients and the struggles they face, along with having communication and collaboration among the community providers of the event. At the 2016 event, 3,608 clients that were either homeless or at risk of homelessness were served. The number of participating agencies and departments number 169 with 600 community volunteers assisting in the event. Recognition was given to the many agencies that assisted with the pre-registration of 1,916 unduplicated participants for the event and clarity card distribution. Approximately 100 people were assisted with transportation from HELP of Southern Nevada and Faith Groups from the City of Las Vegas Mayor's Faith Initiative. In the housing section, which included 17 agencies, 99 clients received permanent housing/rental assistance, 64 clients received transitional housing placements, 86 clients received emergency shelter placements, 513 received housing referrals/information, and 99 clients were given appointments for pending/follow-up for permanent housing/and rental assistance. In the Coordinated Intake section chaired by Clark County Social Service, HELP of Southern Nevada, and WestCare, a total of 18 clients were matched to housing and 81 clients received assessment. The Community Resources section, chaired by DWSS and HPN, included 24 agencies that served 650 clients. The Department of Welfare and Supportive Services provided 40 clients with SNAP cards, took in 62 SNAP applications, and processed 116 Medicaid applications; while the Social Security Administration processed 52 Social Security Cards, assisted in processing CDA/Medicare cards for 12 people, and provided 97 benefit verifications. DWSS, HPN, and Amerigroup assisted 165 people with Medicaid enrollment; HELP of Southern NV, DWSS, and Three Square helped 118 people apply for SNAP benefits; 86 people got help with getting identification, and 60 people received utility assistance. Clark County Social Service helped 9 people receive same-day emergency assistance (FAS) support, took in 60 pending applications for FAS, assisted 41 clients with out-of-state transportation to go home, processed 42 applications for utility assistance, and assisted 55 senior clients. Lutheran Social Services of Nevada chaired the Senior Services Section, which was entered by 122 people for services. The State of NV Aging and Disability Services assisted 57 clients with Medicare, and 40 seniors enrolled in aging service/case management programs by Nevada Senior Services. The Teens and Young Adults Section, chaired by Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth (NPHY) and HELP of Southern Nevada had 362 youth visit the section and receive targeted information and support from LGBTQ Center, JobCorps, and Foster Club. Employment support was received by 100 youth from Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority. Safe Place and housing information/referrals were received from NPHY by 288 unduplicated youth. The Shannon West Homeless Youth Center housed 7 youth, and 13 youth were housed with Southern Nevada Children First. St. Jude's provided 70 backpacks. The Families with Children Section, chaired by U.S. Vets – Las Vegas , had 10 agencies providing support to 396 participants , 46 of which received childcare/WIC information from the Las Vegas Urban League; 29 families received SAFE House information; 86 families received enrollment information on the Head Start program from Acelero; 26 families were assisted with WIC from Catholic Charities, and 2 people were assisted with quashing bench warrants by the DA Family Services (Child Support Division). The Veterans Section, chaired by the Salvation Army and the VA, had 125 veterans enter with 24 vets housed by Salvation Army, 3 vets housed by U.S. Vets – Las Vegas, and 22 vets assisted with VA enrollment. NV DETR assisted 22 vets with job assessments and job coaching; 86 vets were assisted with VA claims by the VA Benefits Administration; 34 vets were provided with housing information through HUD VASH; and 100 vets received medical screenings by HPACT (VA Medical Clinic for Homeless Veterans) and 19 vets were given vaccinations. The Counseling/Behavioral Health/Recover Services Section, chaired by SNAMHS, had 29 agencies that served 349 clients. Mental Health screenings and referrals for counseling were given to 96 clients; 26 participants were placed in wet shelter; 8 went to withdrawal management with WestCare; 52 participants received on-site psychiatry services by WellCare Services; and 190 referrals for substance abuse treatment/recovery support programs were given out. The Job Readiness Section, chaired by CSN Career Services, had 12 agencies providing services to 367 clients; 331 participants were provided with business attire; 397 job leads were provided; and 106 participants received same day job coaching/employment skills/resume assistance. There were 110 enrollments into the Voc. Rehab/Job Training Programs, and there were 44 participants who received GED counseling. The Medical-Dental-Vision Section, chaired by Volunteers in Medicine of SN, had 450 participants utilize services from Touro University, Amerigroup, Nevada Health Centers, First Med, First Person, Southern Nevada Health District, Summerlin Lions Club, United Health Care, Westfield Eye Foundation, Walgreens, and Volunteers in Medicine. General medical exams were given to 224 clients; 325 vision tests, hearing tests, and foot screenings were given; 100 advanced optometry screenings were done, and 105 dental referrals were made for offsite dental services. Walgreens gave 79 flu shots; Southern Nevada Health District provided 70 other vaccinations; and AIDS Health Foundation provided 100 HIV tests. There were 28 same day pharmacy/medication referrals given for HIV/AIDS treatment, as well as 71 appointments made for ongoing medical support. The Court Services Section, chaired by the District Attorney's Office and LVMPD, was broken down by LV Municipal Court which handled 553 cases, 63 bench warrants quashed, 134 cases closed, and 169 cases put on community service in lieu of fines amounting to \$33,695 in warrants and fees quashed; and LV Justice Court which closed 35 non-traffic cases, continued 66 non-traffic cases, and closed 287 traffic cases. LVMPD ran 800 people for warrants to assist the courts, and Henderson Court assisted 38 people with quashing warrants or resetting payment plans. Legal Resources Section, chaired by

DA Family Support, saw the DA Family Support assist 29 people with bench warrants, 17 people with information and 2 with driver's license reinstatement. The City of North Las Vegas City Attorney referred 4 clients for warrant resolution and assisted 11 others with information. Nevada Legal Services and Legal Aid of Southern Nevada offered 81 people free legal advice, while HELP of Southern Nevada assisted with community service sign-up. The Pet Section, chaired by PAL Humane Society, served 148 pets, performed 60 spays and neuters, and provided 148 veterinarian wellness checks (including shots), as well as providing pet food and supplies. The Giveaway Section, chaired by Charlene Falkner of Advent United Methodist Church, provided 6 tons of clothing; 1 ton of hats, scarves, and gloves; 4,000 pairs of socks; 800 pairs of shoes; 4,000 hygiene kits; 750 diapers provided by Baby's Bounty; 400 blankets; 3 tons of food and water; and 600 bus passes provided by RTC. Of the above items, books were provided by the Las Vegas Rotary club and Spread the Word NV; 1 pallet of bottled water was courtesy of SMART Printing LV; and 4,000 bottles of water were provided by Sam's Club. The Meal Service Section, chaired by Catholic Charities and MGM, served 1,814 hot meals restaurant style. Cost and waste saving partnerships were created between Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada, Three Square Food Bank, Culinary Academy of Las Vegas, and MGM Resorts International. The Haircuts Section was chaired by Regis Salons and served 533 people. Pastoral Care, chaired by City of LV Mayor's Faith Initiative and United Methodist Social Ministries, had 387 guests visit the section to receive pastoral care and prayer services were provided from 5 houses of worship. The Children's Activities Section, chaired by The Church LV, provided childcare during the event for 89 children. Giveaways included clothing, toys, books, and diapers. Ms. Paulsen then gave a special thanks to the members of the Executive Planning Committee, the Section Leads, and Volunteer Groups. She also mentioned the MGM Management Associate Program (MAP) that worked many months prior to the event to help make it a success, as well as the work with various government, faith-based groups, and non-profit agencies. At this year's event, U.S. Senator Heller's Office presented a Certificate of Commendation to the Southern Nevada Homelessness Continuum of Care Board and Nevada Homeless Alliance. Las Vegas Mayor Carolyn Goodman also proclaimed November 15, 2016 to be Project Homeless Connect Day. Ms. Paulsen then announced that Family Connect will be held on May 6, 2017 at Valley High School, with planning meetings for the event beginning in February 2017. Melissa Clary, Huntridge Neighborhood Association, commented that she attended the VIP reception and commended Ms. Paulsen, as it was a huge event to organize.

Agenda Item 7. Presentation and discussion of the 2017 Southern Nevada Homeless Census.

Catherine Huang Hara, Clark County Social Service, informed the board that the dates for the 2017 Urban Census Count are January 24-26. She explained the reason for the yearly census is that HUD requires each CoC to provide a Point-in-Time (PIT) count of the homeless population during the last 10 days of January. The Census has expanded to include an annual count, and involves street count canvassing by census tract. There will be a continuation of the automated tally and surveys; surveys to determine more sub-populations and background to capture more information on those that are unsheltered as well as that are sheltered. For the urban deployment, volunteers arrive on January 24, with the actual census occurring January 25. The Shelter count is done first for those in a shelter on January 24. That information is pulled from HMIS. However, for providers not in HMIS, i.e. domestic violence providers, the information will be gathered separately. At 10:00 p.m. on January 24, volunteers will report to their deployment station. Deployment stations are determined based on the density of the census tracts with a concentration of homeless individuals, as well as data received from the first responders, including Clark County, Las Vegas, Henderson and North Las Vegas Fire Department. The deployment sites, located throughout the valley, include Mountain Crest Community Center, Walnut Recreational Center, Catholic Charities, Rawson Neal, Cambridge Recreational Center, and Henderson Multi-Generational Center. Deployment for the tunnel and wash census takes place after the urban census concludes the morning of January 25. The youth census begins at 8 a.m. on January 25 with deployment sites are Southern Nevada Child First off Lake Mead Blvd., Shannon West Youth Center off Las Vegas Blvd., Step Up off from Rancho, and Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth by UNLV off Tropicana. It is still being determined whether surveys for the youth will be at the same level as the adult survey, or if it will be revised to be youth specific. Clark County School District will provide information of the whereabouts of students the night before the census, i.e. in shelters, on the street, or in doubled up situations. The Rural census occurs at 5:30 a.m. on January 26, and is handled by public and first responders. From January 25 – February 10, street surveys will be conducted. The street surveys are questionnaires of the street homeless and is used to collect information on background and demographics. A deployment captain meeting will be held on January 11 at 3:30 p.m. at Clark County Social Service. Volunteers for the urban and youth count can register on www.helphopehome.org/volunteer. Ms. Huang Hara stated it would be preferable to have 500 volunteers. Trainings for volunteers will occur on January 20 at the Clark County Government Building in the Commission Chambers. These will occur at 8:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 5:45 p.m. If necessary, additional training may be scheduled for January 23. On the night of January 24, a mini training will be held at 10:00 p.m., prior to deployment, for volunteers who did not attend the training on January 20. Volunteers will then be assigned to census tracts. Providers recruiting navigators, those who are homeless or formerly homeless, are U.S. Vets, Catholic Charities, and The Salvation Army. There will be three 1-hour trainings for those providers involved in the shelter counts will occur on January 13, at 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m. County and multi-agencies also assisting in the census are public response team, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, and 1st responder

teams. Ms. Huang Hara publicly thanked the partners who have worked towards making the census a success. Arash Ghafoori, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, asked if volunteers sign up at a central site, and then deployed from the deployment site. He also asked what occurs if there is an overage of volunteers at a site. Ms. Huang Hara stated that when volunteers sign up, they do so for a specific deployment site. With the new sign up, it allows for a cap on the number of volunteers at each deployment site. Presently there have been approximately 23 sign-ups for the urban count and 17 sign-ups for the youth count. Donna Jordan, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services, asked if the sign-up is by agency or if it is an individual sign-up. Ms. Huang Hara replied that it is preferable for individuals to sign-up, but she would take a roster of large groups and incorporate them into the registered roster. She also stated that by signing up on an individual basis, it helps determine if the volunteer will be a driver or a walker, to help determine the people power. Michael Pawlak, Clark County Social Service, asked if the actual time for the night time canvassing was 10:00 p.m. – 4:00 a.m. was determined by to local CoC Ms. Huang Hara stated that timing is determined via a HUD-approved methodology, taking into account the minimal amount of movement of clients to avoid duplication. Kelly-Jo Shebeck, Clark County School District, asked about some of the tracts that are historically zero tracts, and the optimization of volunteers used for other tracts. Ms. Huang Hara explained that zero tracts were eliminated from the count if those tracts had a zero count for the past 2 years. She went on to explain that last year 79% of the tracts were counted, with the remaining as zero tracts.

Agenda Item 8. Presentation and discussion on proposed amendments to the Governance Charter and Structure, for possible action.

Arash Ghafoori, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, introduced the Governance Structure Team Members and informed the board that the team is part of the Planning Working Group. He also explained that part of the proposed amendments included general housekeeping, i.e. spelling errors, renumbering, clarifying terminology (where appropriate), and removal of any remaining references to the Regional Initiative Office (RIO) and reassigning business items accordingly. The key items of importance were fleshing out the responsibilities of all members, attendance, special meetings of the SNH CoC Board, board members shall serve on one or more Working Groups, Ad Hoc Working Groups, Sub-Working Groups, and CoC funding applications. Under Section 3.4 – community Stakeholders Membership, reference to the Regional Initiatives Office was changed to The Collaborative Applicant in Section 3.4.4, and to the Board Selection Ad Hoc Committee in Section 3.4.5. Section 3.7 - Responsibilities of All Members clarifies in Section 3.7.2 – “Each SNH CoC Board member shall serve on at least one Working Group, Ad Hoc Group, and/or Sub-Working Group. Another CoC member’s participation can count towards this requirement as long as the participant represents the same Community Stakeholder’s sub-population. It is the SNH CoC Board member’s responsibility to report this to the Champion of the Working Group, Ad Hoc Group and/or Sub-Working Group.” Mr. Ghafoori went on to state that participation in the Youth Census Count, Project Homeless Connect, and the Census Count can all be considered in this area. Under Section 3.9 – Attendance, 3.9.1 was replaced with – “Attendance and active participation at SNH CoC Board meetings is a key responsibility for all Board members and their representatives”. Section 3.9.2 states – “The attendance of each SNH CoC board meeting will be provided at the monthly SNH CoC Steering Committee meetings by the Collaborative Applicant for review and compliance.” The Steering Committee will check on an individual basis month to month with a follow-up action. Section 3.9.3 removed the wording “In the event the member is unable to notify in advance of the meeting, the general reason for the absence must be provided to the Collaborative Applicant within two (2) weeks after the meeting.” Section 3.9.4 was removed since the responsibility was bumped to the Steering Committee. Based on the situation with the 2016 CoC application, added to Section 5.3 – Special Meetings of the SNH CoC Board, was Section 5.3.2 – “When it is not feasible to convene a meeting of the full SNH CoC Board, the respective Co-Chairs and Co-Vice Chairs may convene (e.g. conference call, teleconference) to discuss and take the appropriate action. Any action will then be placed on the next available SNH CoC Board agenda for ratification.” Mr. Ghafoori expressed that this would only occur in extenuating circumstances. Added to the Governance was Section 6.5 – CoC Funding Application. Section 6.5 – “The Collaborative Applicant shall be responsible for coordinating the CoC funding application process and bringing it to the SNH CoC Board for consideration and action. Final Action shall include ratification of the agenda item, as appropriate.” The timeline for the changes are the Presentation and Review to advise the board and allow for questions to be asked at today’s Board Meeting. On January 12, 2017, the acceptance and approval by the Board, with the option to add conditions for possible changes during a motion, will take place. At the same meeting, the Board will present the recommendation to the CoC for approval, with the option to add conditions for possible changes during the motion. Emily Paulsen, Nevada Homeless Alliance, noted on page 9, Section 2.4.1.6 with regards to Coordination and Collaboration needs attention because it refers to the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition (SNRPC). Barbara Geach, City of Henderson, noted on page 25, Section 6.5 – CoC Funding Application there was a typographical error. Instead of SNYH CoC Board, it should be SNH CoC Board. Kathi Thomas-Gibson, City of Las Vegas, clarified that at the January 12, 2017, Board Meeting, it will be a full CoC meeting giving the identified representatives of agencies an opportunity to vote. She went on to say that each agency is allowed only 1 vote. Mr. Ghafoori asked if board members are allowed to vote on behalf of the organization they represent, or must they bring an additional representative? Ms. Thomas-Gibson stated that members may vote as a jurisdiction for impacted groups, versus voting for an organization. Therefore, a

CoC member would need to have a representative available to vote, whereas, board members represent sub-population as identified in the HEARTH Act. Melissa Clary, Huntridge Neighborhood Association, asked if it would be possible for her to cast an absentee ballot since she knew she would not be at the next board meeting. Mr. Ghafoori explained the purpose of having an alternate is to act on behalf of the board member in their absence. He went on to explain that if Ms. Clary did not have an alternate, she could assign someone to become her alternate, and therefore, vote on her behalf.

Agenda Item 9. Receive an update on the application to the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project.

Kathi Thomas-Gibson, City of Las Vegas, stated the City of Las Vegas is the champion of the Planning Working Group, which would encompass the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP). She went on to explained the purpose of YHDP is to have communities develop an approach for ending youth homelessness by building a comprehensive system of care for young people rather than implementing individual or unconnected projects that serve this population. She continued to explain that through YHDP, \$33 million are dedicated to the project, in which up to 10 communities can receive between \$1million and \$15 million, based on a funded formula created by HUD. This funding gives the opportunity to implement new and innovative project models. HUD provides a team of dedicated technical assistance (TA) providers to inform the planning and implementation of the coordinated community plan. The Southern Nevada Homelessness (SNH) CoC YHDP application was submitted on November 30, 2016 by the collaborative applicant, Clark County Social Service. As suggested and dictated by the grant as to who should be included on the board, the partners include: Youth Advisory Committee, Department of Family Services (DFS), Clark county School District, Las Vegas City Jail, Nevada Partners, St. Jude's, The Center, Bright Star Foundation, City of North Las Vegas, Clark County Social Service, City of Las Vegas, The Shade Tree, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority (SNRHA), Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, HELP of Southern Nevada, Seeds of Hope, Rape Crisis Center – Las Vegas, Workforce Connections, WestCare Foundation, Valentine Communication. On November 3, 2016, the initial meeting was held. Three teams were created to assist with completing various parts of the application: The Youth Advisor Committee (YAC) Team was tasked with creating a board; The Youth System Mapping Team was tasked with creating the youth system map; and the Application Review Team was tasked with providing feedback on the application Ms. Thomas-Gibson then reviewed the application evaluation criteria and the points given for each of the following breakdowns: Leadership capacity, current resource capacity, community need, capacity for innovation, collaboration, financial resources, and data and evaluation capacity. The YHDP timeline is: October 2016 to engage mandatory and optional partners; YHDP application due November 30, 2016; Notification of projects selected for award will be in January 2017; the local application process occurs between January and May 2017; the CoC submits planning project to HUD in June 2017; once the Coordinated Community Plan is approved, project(s) begin in January 2018; in January 2019, the 2 year grant term may be eligible for renewal; and the project ends in January 2021. When the selection notification is received in January 2017, finalization of what activities are to be included in the project will occur. Ms. Thomas-Gibson further explained the intention of the YHDP is to build youth services to continue after the project has ended, which is why it is important to get in on the ground floor of the project with the understanding that it is a long term commitment. She also explained that if the project is awarded, there is an opportunity to receive additional funds through the NOFA to sustain the project.

Agenda Item 10. Presentation and discussion regarding Board membership on working groups and ad-hoc working groups, for possible action.

Kathi Thomas-Gibson, City of Las Vegas, stated that board members and alternates had been informed that they were to participate in a working group or task group. She went on to state there needed to be a way to capture the work and alignment of the work to achieve the outcomes set by the group. It was suggested to the Steering Committee that they make the determination as to where the group goes. However, there may be groups meeting with regards to jurisdictional work or other funding stream, so a consensus needs to be reached on how to engage that. She went on to give the example of the Coordinated Outreach Group which handles 26 Cities, the Mayor's Campaign to end veteran's homelessness. Although 25 Cities and the Mayor's Campaign are done, the Coordinated Outreach Group continues to meet. It was discussed as to whether that Coordinated Outreach Group can live under the Planning Working Group, or Community Engagement Working Group. She suggested that it be determined by the Steering Committee. Ms. Thomas-Gibson stated that a mechanism was needed for alignment, accountability, and acknowledgement of the work and the outcomes. The Gaps Analysis document shows 30 groups are meeting, although 5 working groups are acknowledged by the board. In order to receive credit for the participation in these other groups, these groups need to be connected with one of the 5 main Working Groups. Ms. Thomas-Gibson stated that although an immediate decision is not needed, a decision needs to be made eventually. Catherine Huang Hara, Clark County Social Service, stated that included in the packet is a tracking sheet which includes the attendance roster from last year as well as the participation of the board members and their alternates. Ms. Thomas-Gibson then noted that if the attendance or participation roster is incorrect, or if alternates need to be added, it should be done as soon as possible.

Agenda Item 11. Discussion regarding engaging the faith-based community, for possible action.

Kathi Thomas-Gibson, City of Las Vegas, mentioned that in past Board meetings, the faith community has requested information on serving the homeless. Based on this request, she and Pastor Henry Sneed, The Church LV, have been discussing responsible giving and how to harness resources, which has led to collaboration to come up with a community of faith approach to addressing homelessness. Pastor Sneed stated that common ways of giving to and serving the homeless are: feeding and water provision; clothing giveaways; blanket and tent distributions; hygiene kits; and prayer and religious tracts and bibles. He went on to give the scriptural basis, as well as quotes from the Quran, for the giving approach, stating it meets the people where they are, but with a focus on a preference towards action. He explained that when the faith based community sees someone in need, they will help, but also stated that with street feeding, there is a need to propose ideas and solutions. He then noted the unfortunate unintended consequences of the giving approach are: food and debris on streets; health and food safety; fights about perceived scarce resources; lack of toilets and hygiene opportunities; short term effort with no lasting impact or real change; and possibly contributing to the growing problem. Ms. Thomas-Gibson then presented PSA videos which addressed clothing and food giving. The clothing video emphasized the need for the community to give the clothing directly to agencies for distribution. The food video showed the food and debris on the street resulting from direct feeding of the homeless by faith based and private groups. It, too, emphasized that interested parties should give donations to agencies to provide healthy meals to the homeless. Ms. Thomas-Gibson went on to say that in order to overcome the consequences of giving directly to the homeless population, there is a need to engage, educate, and empower. The goal is to unite, not to offend, as well as to identify meaningful opportunities to serve, that will end homelessness. The question is how to build on current efforts, i.e., Giving Project, Project Homeless Connect, Family Connect, Stand Down, etc. With outreach efforts, food and drink are provided, and the client is screened and referred for housing, transportation, and after care. It has also been determined that there is a need to translate resources into community solutions to address homelessness. She stated that one model that is already entrenched in the faith community is the model practiced by Family Promise. She also would like to open up a discussion on how to engage the faith community to become part of the solution to end homelessness. Donna Jordan, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services, felt the process had begun this year by having the Faith Center at Project Homeless Connect. Emily Paulsen, Nevada Homeless Alliance, stated the Mayor's Faith Initiative, which she and Pastor Sneed is a part of, has a new strategic plan to address the gaps in the community. Part of this new plan includes expanding the Family Promise model and developing a transportation network. Pastor Sneed posed the ideas and solutions to educate the "street feeders". He asked if there is a plan of education or a redirection towards a better way to address situation. He also suggested at a future board meeting a presentation of the San Diego model. Ms. Jordan stated she felt the PSA's needed to be put on a flash drive in order to be able to get the information out to the public and to be shown at church services. Barbara Geach, City of Henderson, suggested that if the police department and code enforcement see public feeding occurring, they could give out directional information. Bret Ficklin, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, stated that when officers see feeding in an area, they educate the group by explaining the issues involved and informing them of the services being provided in the area. He then asked about the audience that views the PSA's being shown on the Las Vegas website and suggested the group work on getting the word out and having the faith based community get the word out. Melissa Clary, Huntridge Neighborhood Association, asked about the Mayor's Initiative and if a Summit is being held any longer? Ms. Thomas-Gibson stated that the focus is being reshaped, so there hasn't been a plan. Pastor Sneed stated there is no summit plan, but there is a Steering Committee. The Steering Committee is working on a brochure of the groups and what they do. He also mentioned a Unity Prayer is held yearly which educates the community as to the identity and purpose of the group. Ms. Clary suggested the Community Engagement Working Group get involved with the Mayor's Faith Initiative in order to create better messaging. Mr. Ficklin mentioned the Giving Project was started by officers but it is not a police project, although it is now supported by the police department. He went on to announce the Giving Project occurs the 2nd Saturday of the month from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Other groups and associations could also get involved on other days. The city is working on a centralized location to get services and other things that are needed. Ms. Thomas-Gibson stated that if she is contacted, she can get the links to the PSAs to any organization. Although, the City of Las Vegas produced the PSAs, they actually belong to the CoC and contain Nevada Homeless Alliance contact information. Ms. Paulsen stated the PSAs are available on the Nevada Homeless Alliance website, as well as how to fill gaps, and resources available. She also offered to get the information to the board. Ms. Thomas-Gibson mentioned that this time of year is a good time of year to have the information available due to it being a giving season. She also suggested that the organizations represented on the board add the PSAs to their websites for 2 weeks as a campaign. Ms. Paulsen mentioned there is a hashtag on the NHA website- #GIVESMART.

Agenda Item 12. Questions and answers regarding reports from the Board working groups (Community Engagement, Evaluation, HMIS, Monitoring, Planning).

Nick Spriggs, Briggs and Spriggs, announced that he has resigned as champion of the Monitoring Working Group and from the Steering Committee. He also stated this would be his last board meeting in his current capacity. Erin Kinard, WestCare, announced that she is resigning from WestCare effective this day, but she is retaining her seat as a healthcare provider, so

will continue to attend the board meetings. Mr. Spriggs also added that he may continue to attend the Monitoring Working Group meetings. Arash Ghafoori, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, invited any agencies servicing youth to join the Youth Working Group with the tasks of implementing a Youth Advisor Board, working on the Youth Demonstration Project, and working on Coordinated Entry in 2017. Catherine Huang Hara, Clark County Social Service, announced she had been informed by Nancy Menzel, UNLV, that Ms. Menzel would not be continuing on the board. Kathi Thomas-Gibson, City of Las Vegas, mentioned that for those board members whose terms are expiring, the ad hoc board selection committee met and sent letters to give them the opportunity say they will reapply or vacate their seat. Also, if a vacancy for a sub-population exists, any agency showing an interest to join the board is presently being screened. Therefore, at the next meeting, a slate of new members or those requesting to reapply for their current position will be presented for consideration and ratification.

Agenda Item 13. Receive an update from each board member regarding relevant activities within their respective organization relating to homelessness.

No updates were received.

Agenda Item 14. Public Comment.

Ambrosia Crump, Clark County Social Service announced upcoming training workshops regarding a change in the Social Security Administration's mental health criteria. Those trainings will be held on December 20, January 3, and January 17 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Phillip Hollon, The Salvation Army, began by thanking Nick Spriggs, Briggs and Spriggs, and Erin Kinard, WestCare, for their work on the CoC Executive Board. He also shared that Major Kelly Pontsler, the Clark County Southern Nevada Coordinator and Director at The Salvation Army, had been promoted to Lt. Colonel for the Southwest Division of The Salvation Army, and is relocating to the Division Headquarters in Phoenix. Her vacancy has allowed Majors Randy and Cheryl Kinnamon to be named the new Coordinators effective January 4. Mr. Hollon also shared the past events of November and the future events of December. On November 16, Zappos partnered with The Salvation Army for the 4th annual Great Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway. At this event, approximately 900 families, representing more than 2,700 men, women, and children, received a complete turkey dinner and enjoyed carnival games, amusement rides, and a petting zoo. On November 18, Zappos again partnered with The Salvation Army for the 3rd annual Our Hearts to Your Soles Shoe Distribution which provided 2,113 homeless men, women and children with a brand new pair of shoes and a Thanksgiving Dinner provided by Three Square Food Bank Chef John Hilton and his team. On November 21, Circus Circus Hotel & Casino, along with MGM Resorts International, provided a Thanksgiving feast for approximately 1,000 men, women, and children. On November 23, The Las Vegas Rotary Club & Las Vegas Kiwanis provided 142,000 cans of food for the Hope Market food pantry from a canned food drive they held. This morning, for the 21st annual Santa Clothes event, the Las Vegas Rotary Club provided 90 children, ages 6-12, from The Salvation Army with \$200 to participate in a shopping spree. After the shopping excursion, the children met with college athletes and cheerleaders for supervised activities at UNLV. They were then treated to a boxed lunch and an inspirational message from UNLV alumni. Their day ended with Christmas gift provided by the Las Vegas Rotary Club. On December 16 & 17, The Salvation Army will hold its Annual Christmas Toy Distribution for 1,000 pre-registered families, representing more than 3,000 children ages 14 and under. Each family will receive a \$20 Smith's gift card and parents will shop for 2 age appropriate toys for each child, 11 and under, with each child, 12-14, receiving a \$25 Target Gift Card and 2 movie tickets. On December 18, Little Caesar's Love Kitchen, a big rig pizza restaurant on wheels, will be providing free pizza to the hungry, homeless, and disaster victims at the Owens Campus. Through this project, Little Caesar's has served more than 3 million people with more than 6 million slices of pizza throughout the United States and Canada. On December 19, a local neighborhood group will be serving the community meal as well as offsetting the meal cost through a financial donation. On December 20, Zappos and The Salvation Army will treat 1,000 children, ages 8 and under, and their parents to an evening of holiday arts and crafts, a reindeer petting zoo, games, rides, snacks, pictures with Santa and a visit to Santa's toyshop to select a gift. Tickets to attend are still available. On December 22, United Airlines will provide the Christmas Celebration community meal. On December 23, Natasha Williams, of Jalisco Cantina, family, friends and co-workers will return to provide their 15th annual Jalisco Bean & Cheese Burrito community meal. On December 25, The Salvation Army will be serving their traditional Christmas Day Community Meal. Mr. Hollon then thanked the community, volunteers, and local businesses for their support & generosity throughout the year.

The meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.