

**SOUTHERN NEVADA HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
February 9, 2017**

In attendance: Kelly Jo Shebeck, Co-Chair, Clark County School District
Erin Kinard, Co-Chair, Health Care Provider
Barbara Geach, Co-Vice Chair, Government, City of Henderson
Shalimar Cabrera, Co-Vice Chair, Veteran Service Provider, U.S. Vets – Las Vegas
Julie Calloway, Government, City of Boulder City
Cass Palmer, Government, City of North Las Vegas
Michael Pawlak, Government, Clark County Social Service
Bret Ficklin, Law Enforcement, Las Vegas Metro Police Department
Emily Paulsen, Advocate, Nevada Homeless Alliance
Monica Gresser, Business, Brazen Architecture
Vesela Zehirev, Business, MGM Resorts International
Laure Raposa, Public Housing, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority
Takiyah Butler, EFSP Board, United Way of Southern Nevada
Troy Oglesbee, Faith-Based, Save A Life
Henry Sneed, Faith-Based, The Church LV
Kevin Sharps, Affordable Housing, Nevada HAND
Donna Jordan, Mental Health Provider, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services
Taylor Hough, Health Care Provider, Touro University Nevada
Arash Ghafoori, Social Service Provider, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth
Dawn Davis, Social Service Provider, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada
Melissa Clary, Advocate, Huntridge Neighborhood Association
David Slattery, Emergency Medical Services, Las Vegas Fire & Rescue
Peter McCoy, Veteran Service Provider, Veterans Administration

Absent: Stephen Harsin, Government, City of Las Vegas
Mandy Martin, Business, Las Vegas SANDS
Ardell Galbreth, Workforce Investment, Workforce Connections
Christy Shannon, Social Service Provider, S.A.F.E. Nest
Jesse Robinson, Homeless or Formerly Homeless, Advocate
Siloh Moses, Homeless or Formerly Homeless, Serving Hope LV
Kena Adams, Advocate, Moapa Band of Paiutes
Michael Johnson, University, UNLV

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 2:07 p.m., on Thursday, February 9, 2017, 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.

John Vogel, Preparatory Sports Academy of Nevada, informed the board that his organization is building a boarding school for grades 7-12 for homeless youth at no cost to those attending. There will be a board meeting on February 11, 2017. The anticipated opening for the school is 2018. When asked where the school would be located, Mr. Vogel stated that it would probably be in the southern part of Henderson past the Henderson Executive Airport. Erin Kinard, Health Care Provider, suggested that Mr. Vogel could keep the board apprised of the building progress at future meetings. Arash Ghafoori, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, invited Mr. Vogel to attend the Youth Working Group.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Agenda for February 9, 2017; 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 January 12, 2017 meeting; for possible action.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the January 12, 2017 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Erin Kinard, Health Care Provider, stated the Steering Committee set the agenda for the present meeting, and looked at the agenda to determine what is going on and how board members can get involved. Ms. Kinard also explained that the Steering Committee has been reviewing processes and procedures to make sure the voices of the providers are being heard; assuring consistent data is being received from partners; and looking at and formalizing the orientation process for new board members. Once these ideas have become more formalized, they will be brought to the board. By looking into utilizing the platform for announcements, it will also include the

opportunity for communication; assuring the working groups are revising their strategic plan, and goals and objectives for 2017; and making sure it aligns with the HEARTH Act, the Gaps Analysis, and the Opening Doors Initiative. She stated she would like for Kelly Jo Shebeck, Clark County School District, and her to have a more formal report of what was discussed and what is being worked on available so that any questions could be presented during this agenda item in the future. Arash Ghafoori, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, stated he felt that all working groups and subgroups should also be required to report out and these should all be consistent. Ms. Kinard stated that in the past the working groups had been informed they needed to provide an update of the previous month's activities/meetings, but this has not been done consistently. Therefore, Ms. Shebeck, and she as Co-Chairs will be holding the champions of the working groups accountable for providing the reports, in order to keep the board and the CoC at large informed.

Agenda Item 6. Update by the Evaluation Working Group on policies and procedures related to the Continuum of Care local application process, including scoring and application review; for possible action.

Michael Pawlak, Clark County Social Service, reported the Evaluation Working Group is reviewing the surveys done in response to last year's process, i.e. the application process, the scoring, evaluation, and ranking process. With the survey groups, the Evaluation Working Group has been trying to incorporate the feedback into the forthcoming process. At the last Evaluation Working Group meeting, Bridget Claridy, HELP of Southern Nevada, and Christy Shannon, S.A.F.E. Nest, were asked to review the existing procedures, as well as review best practices of national partners, and report back at the next Evaluation Working Group meeting on February 13 at Clark County Social Service, 1600 Pinto Ln., 3rd Floor Training Room, at 9:00 a.m. A discussion can then take place and a better policy and procedures draft can be fast tracked to bring back to the board, receive general comments and get it approved before the next CoC application process takes place. Mr. Pawlak suggested this might be possible to put on the agenda for the next board meeting. Erin Kinard, Health Care Provider, reminded everyone that since this is an update on the application process for the CoC providers, this agenda item will remain on the agenda until the task is completed.

Agenda Item 7. Update by the Collaborative Applicant on the outcome of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project application to U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD); for possible action.

Catherine Huang Hara, Clark County Social Service, stated that at the end of November 2016, Clark County Social Service, as the Collaborative Applicant, submitted an application for the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP) Grant in conjunction with all the youth homeless service providers and other partners, i.e. Southern Nevada Housing Authority. On January 13, 2017, HUD announced which communities had been awarded the grant. Although Las Vegas was not chosen, the activity helped the community to give preparation and thought into the processes involved to be responsive to youth homelessness, which also helped brokerage partnerships and conversations around the issue, as well as create the Youth Advocacy Committee, which includes 3 youth from 3 different providers. The Committee met February 2 and continues to advise the board toward other youth projects, i.e. Youth Coordinated Entry. Although the local score is unknown, as well as how the community compared to the communities that were awarded the grant, a debrief from HUD has been requested. Arash Ghafoori, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, thanked the Collaborative Applicant for submitting the grant application. He expanded on Ms. Huang Hara's statement that although Las Vegas was not selected to receive grant funding, a Youth Board is being rolled out with two purposes: 1. Have the youth become an advocate for themselves, and 2. To be a sounding board as a roll out of how to serve the community. He also stated that perhaps this could be used as a break out and help the community to be more competitive in the future. Presently, the Youth Working Group is working on Youth Coordinated Entry and getting something to present to the board by July 2017 as a model. After that, the group has decided that after that, the main focus will be to take main elements of the YHDP and use to develop efforts around outreach, planning, fund raising, etc., to make the community a better "best practices" community in addressing the youth homelessness issue. Mr. Ghafoori then explained to the board that Clark County presently has the 3rd highest count of homeless youth in the nation; Nevada has the highest rate of unsheltered youth in the country. At present, there are over 1400 homeless youth enrolled in the school district. In Nevada, there are less than 200 beds allocated to homeless youth, with half allocated for emergency shelter and half allocated for rapid rehousing. Mr. Ghafoori went on to ask the board to be conscious of any efforts related to homeless youth which could affect the long term homeless population, since youth homelessness is a feeder to adult homelessness. Takiyah Butler, United Way of Southern Nevada, asked the likelihood of getting feedback from HUD and suggested the community reach out to those communities that were selected to participate in the YHDP grant to discuss what they are doing and use as a springboard for our community. Mr. Ghafoori stated he is unsure of the likelihood of getting feedback from HUD regarding specific elements of the application, but mentioned that the Youth Working Group has been in touch with many communities, both funded and unfunded by the YHDP. He then invited Ms. Butler to join the Youth Working Group. Melissa Clary, Huntridge Neighborhood Association, asked if this was a separate grant from the CoC application? When informed it was separate, she asked if it would be possible to get debriefed. Mr. Ghafoori stated that the board had approved applying for the YDHP Grant in order to fill voids, add capacity, and improve our system. If awarded, the funding would be used for specific initiatives, and the moneys would be available to Southern Nevada, in addition to the normal CoC funding. Ms. Huang Hara stated the funding was formatted for youth homelessness with a priority for a crisis response system in place. Had the grant been awarded to our community, the first part would have been for capacity building, and then morphed into additional housing funds for youth, which in turn could become renewal projects in our CoC. Mr. Ghafoori did stress that there isn't enough of anything that is designated for the youth population. Ms. Clary suggested that perhaps grants could be discussed at the Community Engagement Working Group in order to educate the business sector to provide funding. Mr. Ghafoori stated that since the main charge of the Community Engagement Working Group is to inform and engage the community, including the business sector, that it would be nice to be able to target certain subpopulations. Ms. Clary suggested that what should be discussed is the funding not received and highlight what is needed. Emily Paulsen, Nevada Homeless Alliance and co-chair of the Community Engagement

Working Group, stated the April edition of the HelpHopeHome newsletter, will focus on youth homelessness. At the group's next meeting on February 13, it would be a perfect opportunity for the content to be reviewed. Ms. Paulsen also mentioned a sign-up sheet for the HelpHopeHome newsletter is available. Mr. Ghafoori stated he would like to be informed of the information being put forth in the April newsletter. Ms. Huang Hara stated that once the CoC application funding is received for the current period and the revamping of the evaluation is complete, it will be easier to present to business partners what funding is still needed and request assistance from them.

Agenda Item 8. Update by the Collaborative Applicant on scopes of work under the Continuum of Care Planning Grant for the Evaluation of the Regional Plan and Gaps Analysis with Best Practice Recommendations for Prevention and Diversion from Homelessness; for possible action.

Catherine Huang Hara, Clark County Social Service, stated the Collaborative Applicant applies for Planning Grant funds, which allows for coordination and capacity building for gaps analysis activities, which is a mandated activity eligible for funding under the planning grant. These are planning grant funds original awarded for the 2014 grant period. Since the creation of the Planning Working Group, the Collaborative Applicant works with the Planning Working Group to determine the priorities for the next round of grant application, as well as implementation of the current grant in house. Informal bid processes were solicited to address 2 scopes of work. The first was Evaluation of the Regional Plan, which is reviewing and evaluation the current plan to determine the progress since around 2015. The second was a Gaps Analysis, and Best Practice Recommendations for Prevention and Diversion Services from Homelessness, since this is a huge gap in the community. This would include reaching out to get ideas from other communities as to what could be done better and what systems could be replicated in the community that work in other areas. With the help of the Planning Working Group, the bid requests were put out in November 2016, and a scoring process was done in December 2016. There were 5 bids for Evaluation and 4 bids for the Gaps Analysis. Based on the scores, the highest scoring bids were submitted to HUD, which approved the scope of work to begin in January 2017. Presently, the Collaborative Applicant is working with the Purchasing Department to get the scopes of work implemented to begin the activities in order get them completed.

Agenda Item 9. Receive a presentation from Bitfocus regarding the Annual Housing Assessment Report (AHAR) required by HUD; for possible action.

Tauri Royce, Bitfocus, stated that Bitfocus is the HMIS administrator for Nevada. She explained that the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) is a house/client based data report submitted to HUD, that is then compiled into a national report that goes to the U.S. Congress on Homelessness in America. It has become the central resource for national data on homelessness, used by federal, state, and local policymakers to understand trends in homelessness and inform their policies. AHAR is the primary source of annual data on the extent and nature of homelessness nationwide and provides federal and local policymakers with a deeper understanding of how homelessness changes over time. Locally, this provides a data driven understanding of the community's homeless population to assist with planning efforts (coordinated assessment system planning, consolidated plans, strategic plans to end homelessness, and funding application). Participation in the AHAR is not mandatory, but is a scoring factor in the CoC application for funding. Southern Nevada chooses to use the data to drive decisions for comparison of past years. Ms. Royce cited the use of Coordinated Entry, that was implemented in the past year, as an example of how to improve on the system using data driven information. She explained that age, race, gender, ethnicity, etc., are taken into consideration and continued to discuss the sample sites involving prior living, prior living stability, and prior living length of stay. Ms. Royce pointed out one that the information regarding prior living showed 65% of the clients come from an institutional setting, i.e. jail, prison, youth detention, hospital, psychiatric facility, or substance abuse facility. This information can then be compared to previous years to help determine if this is a trend and whether more focus should be placed in this area. The AHAR report is based primarily on HMIS data about persons who experience homelessness during a 12-month period from October 1 through September 30. CoC data is submitted to HUD via the Homelessness Data Exchange (HDX) with a general deadline of early to mid-December of the reporting year. Bitfocus submits that report in HDX approximately 2 months from the date AHAR opens until the final submission date. Bitfocus, Inc. compiles program and housing data from the Nevada Clarity HMIS, reviews the quality of the data and works closely with local providers to help resolve any quality, capacity, or utilization issues prior to submitting on behalf of the CoC in HDX. HUD selected a research team (Abt Associates) to analyze the aggregate data submitted and who work closely with the Bitfocus team to confirm the quality and accuracy of the information provided to determine acceptance for the annual report. The AHAR is based on local data from Point-in-Time (PIT) counts, Housing Inventory Counts (HIC), and HMIS data such as demographics, program entry/exit, and housing bed nights provided. All HMIS data are reported in the aggregate. Personally identifiable client level data is never shared with the research team. HMIS data accounts for each person spending at least one night in an emergency shelter, transitional housing program, or permanent supportive housing program during the 12-month reporting period. The 7 main categories are: Emergency Shelter for Families; Emergency Shelter for Individuals; Transitional Housing for Families; Transitional Housing for Individuals; Permanent Supportive Housing for Families; Permanent Supportive Housing for Individuals; Summary of all Categories reporting information on persons using multiple programs during the reporting year. These 7 reports become 14 reports because they are submitted separately for "all people" in these programs and for "veterans" only. In addition, HUD invited 102 communities to participate as sample sites, of which Clark County is one. This means that Clark County reports for Southern Nevada "all persons" not including those projects identified in the geo-location of Clark County, Southern Nevada "veterans" not including those served in projects in Clark County. Only clients served within the geographic area are reported under these categories. The reporting period and data collection deadlines for Veterans data are the same as those for the All Persons submission, including Clark County sample site data. This increases the number of reports from 14 to 28. Each reporting category is assessed independently for data quality using 3 thresholds: 1. 50% HMIS bed coverage rate, which is a hard cutoff; any categories where less than 50% of beds in a category are in HMIS for each of the 28

categories cannot be used. 2. Reasonable bed utilization rate, typically between 65-106%. Bed utilization rates above 105% or below 65% may indicate data quality issues. This could occur because the client was not exited properly or HMIS was not used to report. 3. Missing data rates. Missing data rates above 5% may indicate data quality issues and CoCs are encouraged to provide complete data to the AHAR. However, Southern Nevada's has been questioned on less than 2% in demographic and destination. Southern Nevada's numbers are spectacular in the sense that 100% of our reports have been accepted 3 years in a row. Ms. Royce mentioned that she works with the entire state, and other CoCs don't do as well as Southern Nevada. Ms. Royce addressed youth and mentioned AHAR can be used to address youth issues, i.e. number of homeless youth increasing and age of homeless youth decreasing. Arash Ghafoori, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, asked what other communities are doing to motivate non-participating providers? Ms. Royce stated that in Nevada, non-participation is not a large problem. However, other communities have contacted Ms. Royce for best practices here in Southern Nevada. David Slattery, Las Vegas Fire and Rescue, asked if the length of stay could be tracked, i.e., is metric time kept from time of contact to time of placement? Ms. Royce stated it is tracked from the time of contact from the outreach data provided at the emergency shelter, not from AHAR but through HMIS. Mr. Slattery asked why 28 reports are submitted instead of 14. Ms. Royce explained that first "all persons" are considered, and then they are divided into subsets, that are then broken out to include veterans. The sample site shows the same reports are split: 7 are Clark County – any project considered separate; 7 are the rest of Southern Nevada, excluding Clark County. Barbara Geach, City of Henderson, asked if provider can be forced to input the data, otherwise they could not submit the information? Ms. Royce stated that the answers are designated HUD items from a pick list. There is a force in place to make sure they have to answer the question, i.e. they cannot leave it blank, but there are 3 responses allowed by HUD, "Data not collected, Client refuses to answer, and Client didn't know", that are considered as missing data. Those 3 options cannot be changed once entered. Ms. Geach asked if HMIS is free to the provider or is there a fee? Ms. Royce stated that if HMIS is required as a HUD provider, consideration to have HMIS paid for is reviewed, but if customization is requested, the cost must be considered. However, even if a project is not HUD funded, if no customization is required, HMIS may be paid for just to be able to bring that provider on board. Michael Pawlak, Clark County Social Service, asked Ms. Royce to explain about the overutilization of beds with regards to the vouchers. Ms. Royce stated bed utilization is covered on the AHAR report at 4 point-in-time counts, the last Wednesday of January, April, July, and October. With new people coming in, but exiting information not being reported, the auto assumption is that the numbers are being padded. With regards to vouchers, it doesn't have a static number of beds. In the housing inventory chart, a certain number of beds have to be designated for a project. Vouchers can be fluid, i.e. there may be 100 vouchers in a program available for emergency shelter; whereas the housing inventory chart may show 50 vouchers are for individuals and 50 vouchers are for families. The reality is the vouchers are given out as needed; so maybe 75% were given to families with children and 25% were given for individuals. When submitting the AHAR, and utilization is being reviewed, Bitfocus must adjust the beds and show the cause of the adjustment as 75% were to serve families, as well as report the family size served. Troy Oglesbee, Save A Life, asked if a mother and a small child is counted twice or is the child counted with its own bed? Ms. Royce responded that they are counted as 2 beds. However, families can cause inflation of utilization, i.e. family of 6 with 3 small children may be housed in 3 beds, so the data is left as correct, but an explanation is given. Takiyah Butler, United Way of Southern Nevada, asked what is meant by the term "Clean Data"? Ms. Royce explained that clean data means that not a lot of issues that have to be resolved were found prior to submission of the information. Ms. Butler clarified the explanation by stating the data is valid and confirmable, to which Ms. Royce affirmed it is.

Agenda Item 10. Questions and answers regarding reports from the Board working groups (Community Engagement, Evaluation, HMIS, Planning, Monitoring).

Arash Ghafoori, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, reported that presently there has been a discussion going on with the Youth Planning Working Group regarding coordinated entry models for youth. The 8-9 major steps to get through were discussed. Recently, it was decided the type of assessment tool to be used would be Next Step, which is the Youth VISPDAT, which is used in approximately 38 states and is considered the best practice tool to use. The Youth Working Group subcommittee is now discussing the access points, with a goal of early July 2017. The Youth Working Group subcommittee is looking new members. It is currently a multi-disciplinary group made up of jurisdictions, non-profit providers, service providers, housing providers, government providers, and a few for-profit providers. Usually, the Youth Working Group usually meets monthly. However, since the coordinated entry subcommittee has been meeting weekly, every Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., alternating between the City of Las Vegas and Clark County Social Service, the usually monthly meeting will be conducted on a quarterly schedule. Mr. Ghafoori also announced The Youth Working Group also has another subcommittee tasked with creating their own board structure, involving 3-4 currently and formerly homeless youth. Takiyah Butler, United Way of Southern Nevada, commented she felt that as this subcommittee goes forward, she feels the youth on the subcommittee should eventually be included in a part of the decision process, to which Mr. Ghafoori agreed. Melissa Clary, Huntridge Neighborhood Association, asked if Clark County School District (CCSD) was to be a part the committee? Mr. Ghafoori stated they would be, indirectly. Ms. Clary went on to mention that youth in the Huntridge neighborhood could become involved as volunteers through CCSD to get the hours needed for a community project to graduate. Mr. Ghafoori stated that it is the choice of the youth board chosen to focus on homeless youth participation, but there will be opportunity for other youth groups, i.e. National Honor Society and Youth Government groups, to become involved. Catherine Huang Hara, Clark County Social Service, brought to the attention of the board that with the resignation of Nick Spriggs, Briggs and Spriggs, from the CoC Board, the Monitoring Working Group is in need of a champion from the Board. Presently, a member from The United Way of Southern Nevada, who is not a board member, has agreed to sit on the board as a vice-chair. Mr. Ghafoori asked if alternate board members could be champions. Ms. Huang Hara stated they could, and mentioned the next Monitoring Working Group meeting will be March 8 (the second Wednesday of each month) at 2:30 p.m. at Clark County Social Service, in case anyone is interested in

champion the working group. When Monica Gresser, Brazen Architecture, announced the Housing Working Group will be meeting on March 1 at 1:30 p.m. at Clark County Social Service, Mr. Ghafoori asked what the Housing Working Group is tasked with. Ms. Huang Hara explained that as part of the 25 Cities Initiatives, a shelter and housing working group was formed to report back to the 25 Cities Initiatives. That particular working group was more of a shelter working group and has evolved into more of a Housing Working Group. The Housing Working Group is looking into housing initiatives; looking at the gaps analysis done last year by HomeBase and identifying some of the gaps and how community members can work with that; recruiting membership to get innovative ideas. Erin Kinard, Health Care Provider, asked if there should be a change in the Governance since the Housing Working Group is considered a working group. Ms. Huang Hara stated that the Housing Working Group will be considered an ad hoc or subgroup which then reports through a main working group.

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

Michael Pawlak, Clark County Social Service, stated that at the last Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition (SNRPC) meeting on January 24, he and Michele Fuller-Hallauer had been asked to report about information relating to the Continuum of Care (CoC). Two of the items listed on the SNRPC agenda, Item 12 - Homelessness Consortium, recommended action to discuss reestablishing the homelessness committee under the auspices of the SNRPC; and Item 13 - Homelessness Task Force, recommended action of establishing a task force to address the homelessness issue and direct staff accordingly; took both he and Ms. Fuller-Hallauer by surprise, as these were not a part of the original agenda which had been posted the previous Friday. Mr. Pawlak stated there was no background to the items addressed, except when the items came up late in the day, he was asked if he was prepared to report. Although he had not been asked in advance to report, he and Ms. Fuller-Hallauer gave an explanation about what the CoC is doing, the annual NoFA process, and answered questions as to why the Point-in-Time count was done as it is, i.e. the date and the hour of the count. Based on the history of the SNRPC removing from their jurisdiction the CoC board, the SNRPC had an expectation that the CoC would return and provide periodic updates, even though a request had never been received to do so. Mr. Pawlak stated he felt there has been a communication gap about what the CoC does in the community and the state of homelessness, generally. Mr. Pawlak took 2 things from the meeting: the CoC is to give an update on CoC activities at the SNRPC April 17 meeting; and the SNRPC may be developing a Homelessness Task Work Force, which will be separate from the CoC. Erin Kinard, Health Care Provider, stated a concern that the CoC Board will be overshadowed by the SNRPC Task Force even though the CoC has operated in the community to make many accomplishments. Barbara Geach, City of Henderson, stated she had heard that SNRPC had created an 11-member ad hoc group, even though they have before never asked for the accomplishments made by the CoC. She feels the Task Force is premature and that it sounds as if will act more as an oversight task force over the CoC board. Mr. Ghafoori, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth (NPHY), mentioned that certain members of the SNRPC are not aware of the homelessness issues in their jurisdiction. He also mentioned there seems to be a communication breakdown and that the CoC should go on a communication and education campaign to show that all levels of representation are on the board. The board should also strategize on a presentation of what has occurred and what will be going on. Donna Jordon, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services, suggested that all CoC board members should attend the April 17 SNRPC meeting to show who is involved on the CoC Board. Catherine Huang Hara, Clark County Social Service, stated that SNRPC has a technical committee meeting each month to inform the agenda for the months meeting. The board composition includes 2 members of each local elected board, i.e. Commission, Council, RTC, and the school board. She mentioned that she would attempt to get a list of meetings from the SNRPC for committees. Mr. Ghafoori reiterated that elected officials on the SNRPC can put an agenda item on without notice. He also suggested the CoC Board go on a massive education program. Takiyah Butler, United Way of Southern Nevada, brought up the point that once she was on the board, it was very difficult to find information on homelessness. She then suggested the board use this opportunity to get information out to the community and elected officials as to the work done and the impact of that work. Mr. Pawlak mentioned that the illusion is that what happens at board meetings stays within the confines of the board. Although CoC board members give many presentations, they don't take time to explain the complicated process and engagements that are involved to work in ending homelessness. Ms. Jordan stated that the Community Engagement Working Group has developed a Speakers Bureau as well as a PowerPoint presentation. Other things that have been considered, without getting the businesses to approve, is a teleprompting like at DMV regarding homeless services and having the PSAs shown in the movie theatres. Emily Paulsen, Nevada Homeless Alliance, mentioned that at the January CoC Board Meeting, the Community Engagement Working Group unveiled a Speakers Bureau with a PowerPoint presentation and toolkit on the Nevada Homeless Alliance website and it will soon be on the HelpHopeHome website. Although these have focused on the public, on funding and on volunteers, the focus has not been on engaging government officials. Ms. Paulsen then announced the next Community Engagement Working Group meeting is being held on Monday, February 13, at 1:30 p.m. at Clark County Social Service. She also offered for those unable to attend the meeting to send her an email addressing any thoughts or concerns. Mr. Ghafoori applauded Ms. Paulsen's statement about gearing the presentations to the government officials, but reminded everyone that all city entities and Clark County are represented on the board and suggested that the information about the CoC should be taken by those government representatives to discuss the accomplishments and tasks of the CoC Board with whatever powers want to be made aware of things. Ms. Butler suggested that the Working Group reporting process be streamlined in order for the information to be passed up the government chain. She also stated that since government officials are members of the public, perhaps the focus should be made on a way to convey a clearer picture of not only the status of homelessness in the community, but also the impact of the work done to address it. Ms. Paulsen asked of those who had attended the SNRPC meeting if some of the direction of setting up the task force might be accountability for other funding sources beyond HUD CoC funding, i.e. is enough funding being spent on homelessness, what specific programs are being funded and how are those agencies performing? Cass Palmer, City of North Las Vegas, expressed that his analogy for the events that occurred is "The Perfect Storm". There has been a lack of communication and information flow

between the CoC and the SNRPC. Also, the commissioner that broke protocol had questions addressed to her that she did not have answers for. With better communication and more time spent with the SNRPC and the CoC, it should be possible for the CoC to maintain the independency. The Mr. Ghafoori responded by stating that perhaps the CoC is not doing as good a job about getting the information out as is perceived by the board members. Ms. Jordon stated she believes part of the break down is not that the government entities are not in the know, since they are all represented on the board, but more so in the fact that there are no SNRPC members that have attended the CoC meetings. Ms. Kinard suggested setting up a meeting to present the position of the CoC to the specific commissioner. Mr. Palmer stated such a meeting is in the process with members of the Steering Committee and the commissioner. Mr. Ghafoori announced that NPHY has extended their Drop-In Center hours from 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday effective February 27. It is anticipated that the Sunday operating hours will be extended in May. There are also +4 more beds for youth under age 18 at the emergency shelter. Bret Ficklin, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department announced that on February 11, the Giving Project will be held at 1401 Las Vegas Blvd, which is a city owned building. The Giving Project serves 250-300 people and increases the opportunity of giving. He also mentioned there are talks about using the building weekly as well as daily to use as a resource and outreach center. Mr. Ficklin also alerted the board that due to the passage of recreational use of marijuana, the homeless situation in Clark County could increase. After Colorado approved the recreational marijuana law, there was a 30% increase in homelessness. Ms. Kinard suggested that perhaps a question should be added to the Coordinated Entry questionnaire regarding the reason a person moved to Clark County. Shalimar Cabrera, U.S. Vets, announced that Veterans Stand Down will be held on March 15. Ms. Paulsen announced that Family Connect will be held on May 6 at Valley High School. Planning meetings for Family Connect will be held on February 15 and March 22.

Agenda Item 12. Public Comment.

John Vogel, Preparatory Sports Academy of NV, commented on the SNRPC issue by noting the politicians are difficult to talk to and they are not aware of information regarding homelessness. He also noted that the CoC Board has the opportunity to change the situation, by opening the lines of communication between the entities. Nick Lenderman, Veterans Services Coordinator for The Salvation Army, announced that Phillip Hollon regrets not being able to attend today's meeting due to a presentation to the City of Las Vegas. Mr. Lenderman then announced that Hooters Hotel and Casino presented The Salvation Army with a \$3900 check on January 23. This donation was due to their Month of Giving Initiative in which they take their entire December advertising budget and donate it to several non-profit organizations. This generous donation will benefit The Salvation Army Seeds of Hope program that provides services to victims of human trafficking. On January 31, The Safari Club International Foundation, Sportsmen Against Hunger Committee provided a wild game community meal. Volunteers from Creech Air Force Base and Las Vegas Metro Police Volunteers helped serve the meal to over 900 men, women, and children in the community. After returning from a regional SSVF meeting, it was suggested a presentation of the SSVF services be made to the CoC Board. SSVF, which stands for Supportive Services for Veteran Families, is a program providing Rapid Rehousing and Homeless Prevention services to veterans and their families who are literally homeless and at-risk of homelessness. Services include: case management, rental assistance, utility assistance, security deposits, child care, moving expenses, and other services to help veterans obtain and maintain permanent housing. According to national data, 85% of homeless veterans placed in permanent housing with SSVF assistance, remain stably housed after one year. In the Southern Nevada community, the SSVF program is administered by the Salvation Army, HELP USA, and U.S. Vets. If a homeless or at-risk veteran is encountered, they may be referred to VA CRRC, at 4461 East Charleston Blvd., for coordinated intake assessment and referral. At that point, the SSVF program takes over and makes sure the veteran is no longer homeless. Tauri Royce, Bitfocus, announced that Bitfocus is consulting with health care providers, Southern Nevada Health District, and UNLV School of Medicine about a mobile health collaboration. The first event is occurring on March 30 and is expected to be held quarterly. Ms. Royce stated that the group is looking for advice on how to make it successful, looking for volunteers that will hopefully be bilingual, and client information will be entered into HMIS. The basic services that will be provided are primary care, insurance sign ups, social needs assessments, and interventions. These events will be held in areas that have a high homeless population. Mr. Ghafoori asked if other vendors and partners will be there as an outreach resource. Ms. Royce stated that the goal is to engage the Mobile Crisis Intervention Team (MCIT). Mr. Ghafoori offered the services of NPHY.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.