



# Working Group Report to the Board November 2017

**Working Group:** Evaluation Working Group (EWG)

**Champion:** Mike Pawlak

**Meeting date, time, and location:** November 6, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. at the Clark County Social Service 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Training Room

**Working Group Members:** **PRESENT** – Alisha Barrett (Ryan White), Christy Shannon (Safe Nest), Donna Jordan (SNAMH), Julee King (Bitfocus), Mike Pawlak (CCSS), Peter McCoy (VA), Stacy DiNicola (City of Henderson), Tameca Ulmer (Clark County), Tauri Royce (Bitfocus), Tracey Torrence (SNRHA). **ABSENT** – Ella Ramirez (NV Health Centers), Leone Lettsome (City of North Las Vegas), André Wade (The Center), Annie Wilson (LVMPD), Bridget Claridy (HELP), Emily Paulsen (NV Homeless Alliance), Jocelyn Bluit-Fisher (City of Las Vegas), Norma Dorn (Dept. of Family Service), Sarah Reber (State Division of Welfare), Steve Silverman (HELP USA), and Thomas Hart (Anthem).

## **Accomplishments - Action Items Completed:**

### 1. **Community Event Updates**

- Rapid Rehousing Institute: Providers from the West Coast attended to discuss how to house people after losing Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program funding. Best practices were discussed.
- Homeless Youth Summit: Presented by Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth and Sands Cares, this one-day event focused on youth experiencing homelessness and the challenges that face this sub-population.
  - Break-out sessions included discussions on education, human trafficking, LGBTQ needs, and immigration. Sub-topics included partners, needs, strengths, concerns and challenges.
  - More information can be found at <http://www.nphy.org/themovement/> and a follow-up session to discuss progress made on the task lists created at the event will be scheduled.
- USICH Federal Strategic Plan Listening Session: Katie Miller hosted a listening session to learn the community's comments and concerns regarding the open comment period for the federal strategic plan.
  - While there were some strong conversations during this session, it was held on a Friday and so overall attendance was low due to several jurisdictions and providers being closed on Fridays.

### 2. **Update on Jurisdictional ESG Funding and Projects**

- Clark County ESG applications are due Dec 1, 2017 by 5:00 pm
  - Focus is on programs from non-profits for emergency shelters and rapid rehousing programs serving youth, survivors of domestic violence, and families
- City of North Las Vegas ESG applications were due on October 27, 2017.

### 3. **2018 Continuum of Care NOFA**

- Next steps towards improving and beginning the 2018 local process was discussed
  - EWG would like to schedule a separate session to review the handout and meet with the CoC Board to facilitate an active discussion on who takes the lead on the line items
  - Areas of concern included:
    - Recruiting more EWG participation
    - Preparing some items ahead of time

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- TA workshops with community input to allow new providers to learn more
  - Share information on different funding sources
- We need additional funding sources
- Look for ways to be more strategic and deliberate with funding
- Consider changes to local application process including:
  - Consider option for “Submit without changes.”
  - Consider 2 applications: one for renewal, one for new providers
  - Consider if ZoomGrants is best portal
  - If EWG makes decisions to change the application process, does it need to be approved by the CoC Board? Who can approve what?
  - Consider hiring a facilitator to start assisting the EWG with the application process now so that they are familiar with the community needs and history before scoring and ranking
    - Draft and RFP for a facilitator
    - Alisha uses a facilitator for Ryan White funds and can provide a scope of work example

#### 4. **Coordinated Entry Roll-out Update**

- There will be CE station at PHC to assist all sub-populations
- Policy and Procedures presentation is scheduled for Dec 14, 2017 for the next CoC Board Meeting

#### 5. **Built for Zero Update**

- There are weekly leadership meetings and conference calls and a regular monthly meeting
- Community Solutions is being asked for additional housing units

#### 6. **Next Steps/Action Items**

- Add PHC Update to next meeting agenda
- Review Draft Scope of Work for consultant services at next meeting
- Send NOFA Process next steps document to other working group leads and ask them to take lead over some of the items that match their working groups.

#### 7. **Upcoming Community Events**

- Pop-Up Project Homeless Connect: Tuesdays at 8 am – 1 pm at the Courtyard Project in the Corridor of Hope at Las Vegas Blvd and Foremaster Lane
- Project Homeless Connect: November 14<sup>th</sup> from 8 am – 4 pm at Cashman Center
- Statewide CoC Call: December 7 from 1 pm – 4 pm
- Rapid Rehousing Written Standards with HomeBase: December 12 from 8 am – 12 pm at the CCSS Training Room
- 2018 Southern Nevada Homeless Census, Youth Count, and Urban Deployment: January 24 - 26