

**SOUTHERN NEVADA HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
June 14, 2018**

**In attendance:** Emily Lewis, Co-Chair, Advocate, Government, City of Henderson  
Shalimar Cabrera, Co-Chair, Veteran Service Provider, U.S. Vets-Las Vegas  
Emily Paulsen, Co-Vice Chair, Advocate, Nevada Homeless Alliance  
Arash Ghafoori, Social Service Provider, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth  
Christy Shannon, Social Service Provider, S.A.F.E. Nest  
Carlton Craig, University, UNLV  
David Slattery, Emergency Medical Services, Las Vegas Fire and Rescue  
Erin Kinard, Health Care Provider  
Irene Bustamante Adams, Alternate, Workforce Investment, Workforce Connections  
Julie Calloway, Government, City of Boulder City  
Laure Raposa, Public Housing Authority, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority  
Leone Lettsome, Alternate, Government, City of North Las Vegas  
Lourdes Wong, Mental Health Provider, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services  
Kathi Thomas-Gibson, Alternate, Government, City of Las Vegas  
Mandy Martin, Business, Las Vegas Sands  
Meg Pike, School District, Clark County School District  
Mel Frailey, Alternate, Law Enforcement, Las Vegas Metro Police Department  
Michael Pawlak, Government, Clark County Social Service  
Robert Dawson, Social Service Provider, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada  
Peter McCoy, Veteran Service Provider, VA Community Resource and Referral Center  
Troy Oglesbee, Faith-Based, Save A Life

**Absent:**

Jennifer Harris, Homeless or Formerly Homeless, Private Citizen  
Henry Sneed, Faith-Based, City of Las Vegas Mayor's Faith Initiative  
Kena Adams, Advocate, Indian Voices  
Kevin Sharps, Affordable Housing, Nevada HAND  
Melissa Clary, Advocate, Huntridge Neighborhood Association  
Monica Gresser, Business, Brazen Architecture  
Scott Emerson, EFSP Board, United Way of Southern Nevada  
Siloh Moses, Homeless or Formerly Homeless, Serving Hope LV  
Taylor Hough, Healthcare Provider, Touro University Nevada

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

The meeting of the Southern Nevada Homelessness Continuum of Care Board was called to order at 2:08 p.m., on Thursday, June 14, 2018, at United Way of Southern Nevada, 5830 W. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89103.

**Agenda Item 2. Public Comment.**

No public comment

**Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Agenda for June 14, 2018; for possible action.**

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

**Agenda Item 4. Approval of the Minutes from the May 10, 2018 meeting; for possible action.**

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

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

Shalimar Cabrera, U.S. Vets-Las Vegas, updated that Mike Vanozzi, representing Downtown Vegas Alliance applied for the open business seat on the board. The Ad Hoc committee is responsible for approving applications and making recommendations to the board. A suggestion was made to identify someone from the youth action board that's 18 and over for the formally homeless seat. If a chair or champion of a working group has not yet filled out the Doodle poll that was sent out, please do so at your earliest opportunity. There are a range of options, dates and times so the best date that works for everybody and facilitate the meeting.

**Agenda Item 6. Standing monthly update by the Youth Working Group on the Movement to End Youth Homelessness; for possible action.**

Arash Ghafoori, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, provided an overview of the community-wide planning process to address homelessness in Southern Nevada. The working group have created guiding principles, identified plan components, completed a vision statement and are working on potential strategies and developing the frame work. There are five youth on the youth board that have agreed to meet for 1 ½ hours every week to work on their own governing structure and recruitment. They have identified a need for help with transportation, to make sure that they have no barriers to get to these meetings. If you know of current or formerly homeless youth that would like to be part of this board they can send an email to [youngadultsincharge@gmail.com](mailto:youngadultsincharge@gmail.com).

**Agenda Item 7. Presentation by the Clark County School District regarding Title I HOPE (Homeless Outreach Program for Education); for possible action.**

Meg Pike, Clark County School District, shared that the CCSD Title I HOPE department is the Title I Homeless Outreach Program for Education serving students lacking a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. The mission statement is to work to remove barriers for homeless students to enroll in school and educate school personnel, parents and unaccompanied youth of the educational options under McKinney-Vento federal law. The McKinney-Vento Act provides homeless students the right to be enrolled in school immediately, to attend their school origin, to receive transportation to their school origin, to receive free breakfast and lunch and to the same services/programs as their housed peers. CCSD Fast Facts; 5th largest school district in the Nation, 358 schools plus 5 district sponsored charter schools, 321,648 students enrolled and 42,342 employees that includes full-time, part-time, temporary and substitutes. As of May, 15,016 students have been identified and of those students 1,342 qualify under HUD. Handout provided.

**Agenda Item 8. Presentation by Nevada Homeless Alliance on Pop-Up Project Homeless Connect (PHC); for possible action.**

Emily Paulsen, Nevada Homeless Alliance, reported that Pop-Up Project Homeless Connect started in August of last year. It's a mobile one stop event where they bring together housing partners, healthcare, legal aid and basic needs like showers, clothing and etc. These mini events serve 100 – 170 people at one event, and have about 30 providers. In 2017 there were 202 housing assessments, 78 participants were offered housing information and other resources, over 1,000 showers provided, average of 120 participant received clothing, 56 haircuts were provided, 69 participants were assisted with SNAP benefits, 73 assisted with Medicaid and Medicare and 24 assisted with birth certificates or Nevada ID recovery. 288 HIV tests were provided, 97 clean syringe kits given, 311 vision screenings, vision appointments and eyeglasses were provided. 85 people were enrolled into mental or behavioral health care programs and 178 participants received some type of recovery support. In 2018 Pop-Up PHC served this number of participants: January: 152, February: 52, March: 56, May:142. To date, HELP of Southern Nevada has completed 28 housing assessments, 6 participants were matched to housing through the Pop-Ups and 12 referrals were made. There were 110 showers, 418 participants have received clothing, 100 pairs of thermal socks were distributed, 45 haircuts and 267 hygiene kits. From healthcare - 76 participants were provided with same day basic medical care, 117 vaccinations, 78 HIV tests, over 100 vision screenings, and 23 program enrollments or intakes for mental or behavioral health programs. 62 participants have been provided with some type of recovery support. More than 40 participants have been assisted with Medicaid, Medicare or SNAP through DWFS and 4 EBT cards were issued for the first time at a Pop-Up event. 33 pets were assisted, 10 participants assisted with birth certificates and 20 assisted with Nevada ID recovery. Over 400 participants received 24-hour bus passes, 80 participants were provided with some type of employment support and more then 20 with legal aid. The next Pop-Up will be held on Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at the Salvation Army between 11:00 am - 3:00 pm.

**Agenda Item 9. Presentation by the collaborative applicant on updates affecting the Continuum of Care; for possible action.**

Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Clark County Social Service, updated that HUD intends to reopen the HEARTH Act for a comment period before they go into final rule. This is an opportunity for communities to get familiar with the HEARTH Act, take a look at some of the things that worked, that haven't worked and submit their wish list. If the community doesn't make a comment during the open comment period, they can't make a change. Written Standards; every type of housing services, type of intervention, working group, activity under the working groups and everything that we do within the homeless services community needs to be written. We have a HUD funded technical assistance provider working with us to get things written. Unsheltered & Encampments Technical Assistance will address 42% of the unsheltered homeless that are in 11 Continuums. Southern Nevada is one of those Continuums. Many of those folks are in encampments. HUD and partners are doing some targeted technical assistance to those 11 communities across the country. The technical assistance will involve working with researchers, practitioners and analysts across the country to collect data and dive deeper to get more information. NAEH Leadership Council had discussions regarding Clarity system and all of the data being collected, met with Monica Diaz, the new executive director for the VA homeless programs, she really wants to push communities to innovate and she's open to responses or suggestions from other communities. Email suggestions to Michele Fuller-Hallauer at [mhf@clarkcountynv.gov](mailto:mhf@clarkcountynv.gov) by June 22<sup>nd</sup> and she will forward to Monica on your behalf. The leadership council has committed collectively to develop a guide for local elected targeting on how they can engage more effectively within their Continuum of Care. For the Continuum of Care competition, HUD will continue to move to being outcome focused and we need to use and visualize our data, do cost benefit analysis, do modeling and have strong data analysts within our Continuum. Starting this year, HUD is no longer allowing data to be sent to them other than directly pulled out of HMIS.

Arash Ghafoori, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, asked to what extent HUD addressed the financial burden of tweaking HMIS for programs that would require custom coding. Mrs. Fuller-Hallauer responded that for other programs that are not funded, as a continuum we need to decide how we want to address that issue. Statewide updates included that on April 26<sup>th</sup> the three Continuum of Care's in the state of Nevada got together to discuss state issues and have broader conversations around things that impact each of the Continuums. The next meeting will be held on September 20<sup>th</sup> in Reno or Tahoe. For the 1915i, the State Division of Healthcare Financing and Policy is working with stakeholders to develop a proposal to identify funding sources and design a tiered level service package for Medicaid habilitation.

Brenda Herbstman, Clark County Social Service, reported the FY 2017 CoC Scoring Summary: Part 1: CoC Structure and Governance – 35, Part 2: Data Collection and Quality - 40.5, Part 3: CoC Performance and Strategic Planning – 72, Part 4: Cross-Cutting Policies – 22. The Total CoC Application Score was 169.5 out of 200. FY 2017 NOFA Strengths; Data Collection & Quality and Strategies in Place. Areas for Improvement; Project Ranking, Review & Capacity, System Performance, Strategic Planning and Statewide Discharge Planning. What to expect for the FY 2018 NOFA, Data driven responses, Strategic plans for reallocation, Scoring and Ranking based on needs of community backed by data and Written Standards.

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

Michael Pawlak, Clark County Social Service, asked that if any agencies are not submitting an application this year and are interest in learning more about the CoC or want to help evaluate, score and rank the community projects, please let me, Brenda or Catherine know soon as possible so that we get you trained.

Michele Fuller-Hallauer, champion for the Coordinated Entry Working Group, pointed out that in the handout you have the most recent community queue Snapshot, the data dashboard from our community queue and the most recent copy of the coordinated entry working group governance. The items can be included in the monthly report.

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

Emily Paulsen, Nevada Homeless Alliance, announced that the Speakers Bureau and Helphopehome 101 are two new opportunities to learn more about the complexities of the COC and the different working groups. Visit the helphopehome website for more information.

Michael Pawlak, Clark County Social Service, would like to encourage everyone to watch the video from the May 15<sup>th</sup> County Commission meeting, agenda item number 55 on homelessness. The Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition is having a meeting on the issues of homelessness on June 26<sup>th</sup> from 4pm – 5pm in the County Commissioners Chambers. If you are a provider or an interested party please attend.

Laure Raposa, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority, shared that they welcomed their new executive director Mr. Chad Williams, and she we will be sitting with him to discuss COC activities, to see where they can get their agency more in line with what is needed.

Carlton Craig, UNLV, stated that most of the universities have community engagement programs and he feels it might be helpful if we get other representatives from the other universities community engagement programs involved.

**Agenda Item 12. Public Comment**

Kendall Looney, Operations Manager for Silver State Health Services, shared that they are a new federally qualified health center in Las Vegas, working to reduce barriers to care with a special focus on mental health services and healthcare for the homeless. They are partnering with the city to open a sobering center on the campus of the Salvation Army, hopefully on September 1st.

**The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.**