



Working Group Report to the Board November 2018

Working Group: Evaluation Working Group (EWG)

Champion: Mike Pawlak

Meeting date, time, and location: November 13, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. at the Clark County Social Service 3rd Floor Training Room

Working Group Members: **PRESENT** – Angela Phillips-phone (Habitat for Humanity), Danita Osborne-Morris (CCSS), Leone Lettsome - phone (City of North Las Vegas), Michele Fuller-Hallauer (CCSS), Stacy DiNicola (City of Henderson), Stephany Coaley – phone (City of Las Vegas), Tanya Sutton - phone (Bitfocus) **ABSENT** – Alicia Santiago (SNCIL), Alisha Barrett (Ryan White), Annie Wilson (LVMPD), Brenda Herbstman (CCSS), Bridget Claridy (HELP), Catherine Huang Hara (CCSS), Christy Shannon (Safe Nest), Emily Paulsen (NV Homeless Alliance), Elvira Ramirez (NV Health Centers), Jocelyn Bluit-Fisher (City of Las Vegas), Meg Pike (CCSD), Mike Pawlak (CCSS), Norma Dorn (Department of Family Service), Peter McCoy (Veterans Affairs), Sarah Reber (State Division of Welfare), Tameca Ulmer (Clark County), Thomas Hart (Anthem), Tracey Torrence (SNRHA)

Accomplishments - Action Items Completed:

1. 2018 Continuum of Care NOFA

- **Survey:** A survey was sent to applicants, members of the CoC Board, the CoC EWG, and the Scoring & Ranking Team to get different perspectives on the 2018 application process. The survey was done in branching style depending on responses. There were 22 responses, and 14 of the 22 responses were from applicants who had completed an application this round or in the past. Positive reviews were received but nothing negative to respond to. Responses indicated that the application was better this year and EWG will continue to work on improving the process.
- **Debrief for December SNHCoC Board Meeting:** CCSS staff will be completing a summary of the survey results on the application process and will be sending to EWG members for feedback before it goes to the Board in December. The intention is to have a facilitated discussion with the Board and get more targeted feedback.
- **2019 Schedule:** CCSS staff is working to complete the timeline for 2019 application process. Based on feedback from the survey and from CoC members, it would be helpful to focus on the application process year-round to avoid last minute planning. This would help applicants and CoC EWG. The group needs to evaluate how this will affect other working groups to see how they fit in the timeline. The EWG might be working with HomeBase on new platform called Presto that is geared toward CoC applications. CCSS staff will meet with HomeBase on November 28 to discuss timeline, Presto, training, etc. HomeBase might be able to provide a demonstration on Presto to the Board. The EWG will need to consider historical data should HomeBase not continue to be contracted facilitator.

2. 100-Day Challenge for Youth Homelessness – SNHCoC did not receive the Youth Homeless Demonstration Grant but was invited to participate in targeted technical assistance as part of a 100-day challenge. Participants in the past that received this TA were successful in receiving the grant in the future. A leadership team from SNV is traveling to Miami to attend a launch workshop on November 14-15 and the 100-day challenge will start the following Monday, November 19. The Youth Working Group formed a Leadership Team that represents youth homeless population and this team will report back and provide oversight on progress being made.

3. Update on Jurisdictional ESG Funding and Projects

City of Las Vegas: For FY18-19, Lutheran Social Services, Salvation Army, Help of SNV, Shade Tree, and St. Jude's Ranch received ESG funds.

City of North Las Vegas: no updates

Clark County: no updates



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4. **Monitoring Working Group Update** – The MWG was working to solidify policies and procedures. The group is working to create a non-compliance section for P&P and include links to other documents so that it is consistent if updates were made to those other documents. The group is finishing the ESG monitoring and developing a calendar to monitor the CoC programs. They are also examining written standards for the ESG program so that it is consistent across the board. The EWG should review the necessary CoC written standards and have them in a central location so that all P&Ps are easily accessible.
5. **Data & System Performance Working Group Update** – The Data Working Group had a conference call with HUD to discuss unmet needs. HUD was excited about the formula that our Data Group was developing to look at unmet needs and HUD pointed out some other data points that might need to be considered. They discussed Point in Time Count and what the system really looks like and how to identify that. They also discussed population growth and what that looks like in our community and maybe some aspects we haven't considered in the past.
 - **Census Planning Working Group:** This working group has been meeting monthly to prepare for the upcoming Census. There are two teams evaluating the survey questions and the survey for homeless youth. There is also a volunteer recruitment team looking at ways to engage more volunteers. Another team is exploring a variety of census apps that could meet the needs of our community and our census process and they will bring their recommendations back to the larger Census Planning Working Group. A training team is exploring different ways to provide training to volunteers, maybe with training videos. Their next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 27, from 3:30 to 5:00 pm at the CCSS Training Room, 1600 Pinto Lane, Las Vegas.
6. **Unsheltered and Encampment Technical Assistance with HUD** – With 42% of unsheltered homeless across the nation being located within eleven CoCs, the SNHCoC has been identified as one of those eleven. Our community has the opportunity to receive technical assistance to address homelessness and our community will have access to all firms providing TA across the eleven continuums. Two of the TA providers, Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) and CloudBurst, were in our community last week and met with several groups, including the outreach team, and presented to the CoC Board on Thursday, November 8. The TA providers will be meeting with philanthropic groups to try to get them to the table to address homelessness and hopefully bring private funds to the efforts. This will be an 18-month initiative.
7. **Next steps/Action Items**
 - Next Evaluation Working Group Meeting on December 10 at 8:30 am
 - Meeting schedule for 2019: The second Monday of each month at 8:30 am
 - January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 14, November 12, December 9
8. **Upcoming Community Events**
 - Southern Nevada Homelessness CoC Meeting on December 13 at 2:00 pm
 - United Way of Southern Nevada Boyd Board Room, 5830 W. Flamingo Rd
 - Project Homeless Connect on November 20 at 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
 - The Champion Center, 3900 E. Bonanza Road

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Next Meeting on December 10, 2018 at 8:30 am