

**SOUTHERN NEVADA HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
November 8, 2018**

In attendance: Emily Lewis, Co-Chair, Advocate, Government, City of Henderson
Alletha Muzorewa, Workforce Investment, Workforce Connections
Arash Ghafoori, Social Service Provider, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth
Erin Kinard, Health Care Provider
Jon Stevenson, Alternate, Emergency Medical Services, Las Vegas Fire and Rescue
Joycelyn Jackson, Alternate, Homeless or Formerly Homeless
Julie Calloway, Government, City of Boulder City
Kathi Thomas-Gibson, Alternate, Government, City of Las Vegas
Laure Raposa, Alternate, Public Housing Authority, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority
Jennifer Huse, Alternate, Mental Health Provider, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services
Mandy Martin, Business, Las Vegas Sands
Meg Pike, School District, Clark County School District
Michael Pawlak, Government, Clark County Social Service
Michelle Johnston, Alternate, Veteran Service Provider, U.S. Vets-Las Vegas
Monica Gresser, Business, Brazen Architecture
Peter McCoy, Veteran Service Provider, VA Community Resource and Referral Center
Robert Dawson, Social Service Provider, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada
Stavan Corbett, United Way of Southern Nevada
Taylor Hough, Healthcare Provider, Touro University Nevada
Troy Oglesbee, Faith-Based, Save A Life

Absent: Alfredo Melesio, Government, City of North Las Vegas
Annie Wilson, Law Enforcement, Las Vegas Metro Police Department
Carlton Craig, University, UNLV
Emily Paulsen, Co-Vice Chair, Advocate, Nevada Homeless Alliance
Genese Jones-Torrence, Social Service Provider, S.A.F.E. Nest
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
Siloh Moses, Homeless or Formerly Homeless, Serving Hope LV

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 2:10 p.m., on Thursday, November 8, 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 November 8, 2018; for possible action.

Agenda Item 4 should be the October 11th meeting instead of October 13th. A motion was made to approve the agenda with the correction. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 4. Approval of the Minutes from the October 13, 2018; meeting; for possible action.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from October 11th meeting. The motion was approved.

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

Emily Lewis, City of Henderson, reported that the Steering Committee met on October 17th; items placed on the agenda for December's meeting are to discuss the Consolidated Application Process, receive an update by BFZ Leadership, written summary for Statewide CoC meeting and changes to board composition to be presented to Board for feedback. Topics to act upon in the future are suggestion to request software to manage all CoC communications and to determine the capacity of the Help Hope Home website.

Agenda Item 6. Presentation by the collaborative applicant on the FY 2017 Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) application debrief; for possible action.

Brenda Herbstman, Clark County Social Service reported that Clark County's YHDP total application score was 95 and was broken down as follows: Leadership Capacity – 20/20, Current Resource Capacity – 5/5, Community Need – 8.92/10, Capacity for Innovation – 14/15, Collaboration -19.25/20, Financial Resources – 10/10 and Data and Evaluation Capacity – 17.83/20.

Items for preparation of the next application cycle includes: participation in the 100 Day Challenge, with the kickoff (Oct/Nov); release of the community's strategic plan to prevent and end youth homelessness (Nov); youth-specific needs assessment; engage/re-engage partners & CoC Members to apply for FY18 YHDP.

Agenda Item 7. 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, reported that the community came together on November 2nd for the annual Southern Nevada Youth Homelessness Summit, presented by NPHY and Las Vegas Sands. This community-wide event served as a kickoff to the Movement to End Youth Homelessness in Southern Nevada (the Movement), an initiative to build a focused and sustained effort to end youth homelessness in the region. The Movement was tasked with producing the first-ever Southern Nevada Plan to End Youth Homelessness. To showcase diverse youth voices throughout the Plan, Young Adults in Charge (YAC), Southern Nevada's Youth Action Board, held art and essay contests for young people with lived experiences of homelessness. The art contest's winning submission is featured on the Plan's cover, while the essay contest's two winning submissions are printed in full inside. All three winners were awarded scholarships for their efforts. Quotes from additional submitted youth essays and art pieces are also featured throughout the Plan. The Strategy Focus Areas are a variety of strategies have been identified and aligns with one or more of the following focus areas: Legislative/Policy, Fundraising, Public-Private Partnerships, Housing & Services, and Systems Intersectionality. The strategies will serve as active steps toward achieving each of the five goals of the Plan. The voices and energy of policymakers, service providers, businesses, and community stakeholders. Southern Nevada is rich with subject matter experts and systems leaders whose participation will be essential as we move forward. Youth and young adults with lived experience of homelessness will continue to play a central role. Together, the Plan will transform our existing systems and create a sustainable end to youth homelessness in Southern Nevada. To keep up with progress on the Plan, visit www.nphy.org/themovement.

Agenda Item 8. Presentation by CSH and Cloudburst on unsheltered technical assistance being provided to the CoC; for possible action.

Susan Starrett, CSH, reported communities across the country are seeking housing and service solutions for people who are living unsheltered and people staying in encampments. Finding the best solutions to these challenges is especially difficult in communities with large numbers of people living unsheltered, significant encampments of people experiencing homelessness, and with high costs and low vacancy rates within their housing markets. The U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the National Alliance to End Homelessness are working together on a collaborative Encampments and Unsheltered Homelessness Initiative to help communities – particularly those with the largest increases in unsheltered homelessness – to innovate, test approaches, and ultimately implement solutions that will prove effective for reducing and ultimately ending unsheltered homelessness. A range of strategies will be implemented that will help communities drive toward lasting solutions. Action is being taken in the following areas concurrently, with the intention that the work in each area will inform and shape the work in the others. This includes deepening the collective knowledge and strengthening the evidence-base; partnering with state and local officials and policy makers; providing technical assistance to communities; and sharing tools and information to benefit all communities. For more information, contact: usich@usich.gov, kkenney@naeh.org, SNAPInfo@hud.gov.

Agenda Item 9. Presentation by the National Alliance to End Homelessness on the local Emergency Shelter Learning Collaborative; for possible action.

Cynthia Nagendra, National Alliance to End Homelessness, reported that NAEH is the leading national voice on the issue of homelessness. The Alliance analyzes policy and develops pragmatic, effective policy solutions. The Alliance works collaboratively with the public, private, and nonprofit sectors to build state and local capacity, leading to stronger programs and policies that help communities achieve their goal of ending homelessness. The Alliance's Center for Capacity Building helps communities replicate and customize the best of those strategies. The Center focuses on strategies that are cost effective and data driven. The Alliance's work on emergency shelters includes: inventoried effective shelter practices across the country, developed a training and technical assistance curriculum; and developed the Emergency Shelter Learning Series. Steps for system wide redesign include; evaluate current shelter performance according to system performance goals of preventing and ending homelessness; align funders and develop new shelter contracts; determine the goal of the community's emergency shelters; connect shelter barriers to unsheltered homelessness; reframe people living unsheltered as people with legitimate unmet needs who need targeted engagement, shelter, and housing. The goal is to re-tool shelters to be low-barrier and housing-focused; strengthen shelter policies and services to improve the housing outcomes for people experiencing homelessness; and educate community partners on the evolving role of shelter in the homelessness response system. The timeline for Learning Collaborative was: May- Day-long Workshop on "Best Practices in Emergency Shelter" and Pre-Work Submission of Information and Action Session; June-August - Action Period with regular internal team meetings, monthly data metrics submission, and remote and in-person technical assistance; September-January - Housing Challenge Period with ramp up work done during Action Period in order to make significant improvements in key outcomes (length of stay, exits to permanent

housing, etc.). To learn more about effective practices and the work that is being done with the shelters visit the website at <https://endhomelessness.org/resource/emergency-shelter/>.

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

No questions were asked.

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

Michael Pawlak, Clark County Social Service reported in advance of the upcoming holiday season the County and Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department have been working to put together a responsible giving and donation campaign to kick off before Thanksgiving. A contact list will be created for the public to use if they would like to donate money or drop of clothing items. If anyone in the CoC or the community would like to participate in that campaign, we would like to have you identified by linking your organizations on that webpage.

Kathi Thomas-Gibson, City of Las Vegas, reported that Las Vegas City Council approved the bill draft request for dedicated revenue sources for homelessness. The two sources identified are a sewer surcharge and an increase to the real property transfer tax. On March 26, 2019 there will be a homeless awareness day in Carson City sponsored by State Assemblyman Tyrone Thompson.

Alletha Muzorewa, Workforce Connections reported the RFP for this coming funding year; 18 million dollars will be released for training and employment. They are looking at re-tooling and providing funding to the homeless, the vets and the incumbent workers that are unemployed. Visit www.workforceconnections.org for more information on the RFP.

Agenda Item 12. Public Comment

Taylor Townsend, The Salvation Army, invited everyone to attend the Grand Opening for The Salvation Army Community Integration Program to be held on November 9th at 10 am at the Salvation Army Owens Campus, 35 West Owens.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.