

**SOUTHERN NEVADA HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 10, 2019**

**In attendance:** Alletha Muzorewa, Workforce Investment, Workforce Connections  
Annie Wilson, Law Enforcement, Las Vegas Metro Police Department  
Arash Ghafoori, Social Service Provider, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth  
Carlton Craig, University, UNLV  
Erin Kinard, Health Care Provider  
Genese Jones-Torrence, Social Service Provider, S.A.F.E. Nest  
Hassan Chaudhry, Affordable Housing, Nevada HAND  
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  
Kate Royer, Alternate, Advocate, Nevada Homeless Alliance  
Kathi Thomas-Gibson, Government, City of Las Vegas  
Kena Adams, Advocate, Indian Voices  
Laure Raposa, Alternate, Public Housing Authority, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority  
Lavonne Atkins, Mental Health Provider, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services  
Leone Lettsome, Alternate, Government, City of North Las Vegas  
Lora Picini, Business, Caesars Entertainment  
Meg Pike, School District, Clark County School District  
Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Alternate, Government, Clark County Social Service  
Peter McCoy, Veteran Service Provider, Veterans Administration  
Phil Washington, Faith-Based  
Robert Dawson, Social Service Provider, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada  
Shalimar Cabrera, Veteran Service Provider, U.S. Vets-Las Vegas  
Stacy DiNicola, Government, City of Henderson  
Stavan Corbett, United Way of Southern Nevada  
Taylor Hough, Alternate, Healthcare Provider, Touro University Nevada  
Troy Oglesbee, Faith-Based, Save A Life

**Absent:** Mike Vanozzi, Business, Downtown Vegas Alliance

**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 2:06 p.m., on Thursday, January 10, 2019, at United Way of Southern Nevada, 5830 W. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89103.

**Agenda Item 2. Public Comment.**

Joshua Gray, Video Producer for Veterans Administration Southern Nevada Healthcare System, shared that he is working with Peter McCoy in the pre-production planning stages of creating a half hour documentary on Veteran homelessness.

Ariana Saunders, Clark County Social Service announced that Clark County Social Service is hiring several part-time hourly employees for Case Management, Housing Navigators and Management Assistants. If you have anybody within your network agencies that are looking for part-time hourly work which is 20 hours a week they can send their resume to [CCSS.STAR@ClarkCountyNV.gov](mailto:CCSS.STAR@ClarkCountyNV.gov).

**Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Agenda for January 10, 2019; for possible action.**

A motion was made to approve the agenda with moving agenda item 10 to before agenda item 5. The motion was approved.

**Agenda Item 4. Approval of the Minutes from the December 13, 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.**

Kathi Thomas-Gibson, City of Las Vegas, reported that questions were asked about how we vet our board members that sit on this board. We agreed that the membership committee will meet sooner in this calendar year to look at some of those questions.

**Agenda Item 6. A. Discussion and approval of recommendations of new and reappointed members to the Board, for possible action. B. Discussion and acceptance of recommendations of new and reappointed members to the Board by the Continuum of Care, for possible action.**

- A. A motion was made to approve the recommendations of Stacy DiNicola (primary) - City of Henderson; Rick Damien (primary) and Jim Haye (alternate) - City of North Las Vegas; Vivek Sah (alternate) - Universities; Chad Williams (primary) and Laure Raposa (alternate) - Housing Authority; Alletha Muzorewa (primary) and Jeremy Pickett (alternate) for Workforce Investments; Janet Quintero (alternate) for EFSP Board; Phil Washington (primary) - Faith Based; TBD for Downtown Vegas Alliance - Business; Lora Picini (primary) and Mandy Martin (alternate) - Business; Hassan Chaudhry (primary) - Affordable housing Developer; Genese Jones-Torrence (primary) and Sylvia Davis (alternate) - Social Service provider; Lavonne Atkins (primary) and Jennifer Huse (alternate) - Mental Health; Lisa Hewitt (alternative) – Veterans; Amie Duford (primary) and Taylor Hough (alternate) - Health Care Provider; Kate Royer (alternate) – Advocates. The motion was approved.
- B. A motion was made to accept the recommendations of new and reappointed members. The motion was approved.

**Agenda Item 7. Discussion and nomination of new Co-Chairs and Co-Vice Chair from the Board rotation, and nomination and selection of new Community Stakeholder Co-Vice Chair; for possible action.**

A motion was made to accept the nomination of Las Vegas as Chair, North Las Vegas as Vice Chair, Emily Paulsen as Co-Chair and Arash Ghafoori as the Community Stakeholder Co-Vice Chair. The nominations were approved.

**Agenda Item 8. A. Discussion and approval of recommended amendments to the Governance Charter and Structure by the Board to the Continuum of Care, for possible action. B. Discussion and acceptance of proposed amendments to the Governance Charter and Structure by the Continuum of Care, for possible action.**

Kathi Thomas-Gibson, City of Las Vegas, reported the recommended changes to the Governance Structure. Page 5, added the Data and System Improvement Working Group; the HMIS Working Group will be a task group under this group. Page 6, added the Youth Working Group as a primary working group. Page 9 section 2.4.1, corrected typo of the word “formerly”. Page 10 section 2.4.1.6, updated the statement to delete “SNRPC” and add the “Southern Nevada Homeless Continuum of Care (SNH CoC) Board”. Page 11, is the revised CoC Organizational Flow Chart that indicates the new working groups and their titles; delete Census Planning, we need to continue discussions around where does the Census Planning task group belong and which working group should it report to. Page 13 section 2.6.4.3, is the description of the work that the Data and System Improvement Working Group is charged to complete. Page 14 section 2.6.4.7, is an outline of what the Youth Working Group is charged with. Page 17, 3 bullets have been added to sub-population representation; LGBTQ, Child Welfare and Jail/Corrections. Page 25 section 5.8.1, the word “per” was stricken. Page 26 section 6.4.1, Homeless Trust Fund was stricken and section 6.4.3 was added.

- A. A motion was made to accept the recommended changes to the Governance Structure as proposed by the AD HOC working group and to direct that same working group to define the use of the populations and clarify where the Census Planning group belongs in the Governance Structure and to fix any simple edits that were presented today like the mention of Homeless changed to Homelessness. The motion was approved.
- B. A motion was made to accept the proposed amendments to the Governance Charter by the Continuum of Care. The motion was approved.

**Agenda Item 9. Approval of the authority of the Board to act on behalf of the Continuum of Care; for possible action.**

A motion was made to give authority of the Board to act on behalf of the Continuum of Care. The motion was approved.

**Agenda Item 10. Presentation by HomeBase on current technical assistance projects in Southern Nevada; for possible action.**

George Martin, HomeBase, reported that HomeBase is a nonprofit law firm and HUD technical assistance provider and has been engaged with the Southern Nevada Continuum of Care for a number of years in several different capacities. The main ways that they work with the Continuum of Care are through direct contracts and through technical assistance that is paid for by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. There are five different projects that they have worked on in the area; CoC Competition Facilitation Consulting, Coordinated Entry Evaluation, Priority Communities TA, 100 Day Challenge on Youth Homelessness and the HUD Region 9 TA. CoC Competition Facilitation Consulting and Coordinated Entry Evaluation are projects that we contract directly with the Continuum. Priority Communities TA, 100 Day Challenge on Youth Homelessness, and the HUD Region 9 TA are all paid for by HUD. HUD is officially phasing out the regional TA system (expected in early 2019). They are working on the coordinated entry evaluation, which is an annual evaluation that HUD now requires of CoCs to go through to look at their coordinated entry system and see where they can possibly improve of that system. They are currently collecting data and will deliver a report in late January or early February to the CoC with some recommendations on how the coordinated entry system might be improved.

**Agenda Item 11. Presentation by Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) on unsheltered technical assistance in Southern Nevada, for possible action.**

Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Alternate, Clark County Social Service, reported Southern Nevada CoC receives technical assistance from HUD, USICH and National Alliance to End Homelessness to specifically address the needs of the unsheltered homeless in our community. We were chosen to receive technical assistance because of the high unsheltered numbers in our community. Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) and Cloudburst are the primary technical assistance providers that are working with our community. This technical assistance is being provided in several phases. Phase 1: The Environmental Scan - The first phase of the technical assistance was to conduct an environmental scan where several stakeholders in Southern Nevada CoC shared perspectives on those experiencing unsheltered homelessness and potential solutions. After the feedback from stakeholders was received by HUD, specific suggestions for technical assistance were formulated by HUD, NAEH, and USICH, and negotiated with leadership in Southern Nevada CoC. Phase 2: The Southern Nevada CoC Initial Technical Assistance Approach - The TA Team has been compiling information from multiple local and regional sources. The Team has joined in on community calls, gathered community specific data & reports, and had numerous conversations with stakeholders. A more robust TA Plan is in development for the initial priorities outlined above. These plans are a starting point for the TA and more will be added over time. Phase 3: Next Steps and Coordination - The initial efforts will evolve over the course of the technical assistance engagement. In addition to the areas outlined in Phase 2, the TA team will be in constant dialogue with both HUD and leadership in the Southern Nevada CoC to identify additional places that TA expertise can be utilized to support the crisis response system and decrease the number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness. It is the intention of the TA Team to coordinate all our efforts with other activities happening in the Southern Nevada CoC (such as the National Alliance to End Homelessness Learning Collaborative) focused on emergency shelter operation) that have a direct impact on unsheltered homelessness. The TA Team welcomes any feedback or questions. Team member's contact information is as follows: Joan Domenech (CSH) [joan.domenech@csh.org](mailto:joan.domenech@csh.org); Madeleine Nagy (Cloudburst) [madeleine.nagy@cloudburstgroup.com](mailto:madeleine.nagy@cloudburstgroup.com); Susan Starrett (CSH) [susan.starrett@csh.org](mailto:susan.starrett@csh.org); Derek Wentorf (CSH) [derek.wentorf@csh.org](mailto:derek.wentorf@csh.org); Melanie Zamora (Cloudburst) [melanie.zamora@cloudburstgroup.com](mailto:melanie.zamora@cloudburstgroup.com).

**Agenda Item 12. Presentation by the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) on Home, Together: The Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness; for possible action.**

Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Alternate, Clark County Social Service, reported that "Home, Together" is the new federal strategic plan to prevent and end homelessness. USICH drives action among the 19 federal member agencies and foster the efficient use of resources in support of best practices at every level of government and with the private sector. USICH is statutorily charged with developing and regularly updating a national strategic plan to prevent and end homelessness. "Home, Together" is the strategic plan adopted by USICH for fiscal years 2018-2022. USICH will work with its federal partners and the interagency working groups they manage to implement this Plan. USICH will lead and support federal activities aligned with the plan's objectives and strategies, partner with states and communities to implement the most effective practices, and assess the plan's impact to further strengthen our actions and outcomes.

**Agenda Item 13. Questions and answers regarding reports from the Board working groups (Community Engagement, Coordinated Entry, Evaluation, HMIS, Planning, Monitoring)**

No questions were asked

**Agenda Item 14. Receive an update from each board member regarding relevant activities within their respective organizations relating to homelessness**

Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Alternate, Clark County Social Service, shared that the board orientation is scheduled for January 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 – 5:00 pm at Clark County Social Service 1600 Pinto Lane.

Stavan Corbett, United Way of Southern Nevada, shared the United Way has been in a search for a new CEO and 3 candidates are being interviewed this weekend. The goal of the board is to have a CEO in place sometime in February, no later than March.

Troy Oglesbee, Save A Life, shared that he will be meeting with Judge Kerns to start creating a blueprint to get youth back into society when they find out through their case worker that an individual is homeless.

**Agenda Item 15. Public Comment**

No public comment

**The meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m.**