

**SOUTHERN NEVADA HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES**

**February 14, 2019**

\*recording was not available for most of the meeting

**In attendance:** Kathi Thomas-Gibson, Co-Chair, Government, City of Las Vegas  
Emily Paulsen, Co-Chair, Advocate, Nevada Homeless Alliance  
Arash Ghafoori, Co-Vice Chair, Social Service Provider, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth  
Alletha Muzorewa, Workforce Investment, Workforce Connections  
Annie Wilson, Law Enforcement, Las Vegas Metro Police Department  
Carlton Craig, University, UNLV  
David Slattery, Emergency Medical Services, Las Vegas Fire and Rescue  
Erin Kinard, Health Care Provider  
Genese Jones-Torrence, Social Service Provider, S.A.F.E. Nest  
Hassan Chaudhry, Affordable Housing, Nevada HAND  
Jennifer Huse, Alternate, Mental Health Provider, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services  
Laure Rapos, Alternate, Public Housing Authority, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority  
Lora Picini, Business, Caesars  
Meg Pike, School District, Clark County School District  
Michael Pawlak, Government, Clark County Social Service  
Peter McCoy, Veteran Service Provider, Veterans Administration  
Phil Washington, Faith-Based  
Rick Damian, Government, City of North Las Vegas  
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  
Taylor Hough, Alternate, Healthcare Provider, Touro University Nevada

**Absent:** Jennifer Harris, Homeless or Formerly Homeless  
Julie Calloway, Government, City of Boulder City  
Kena Adams, Advocate, Indian Voices  
Stavan Corbett, United Way of Southern Nevada  
Troy Oglesbee, Faith-Based, Save A Life

**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, February 14, 2019, at United Way of Southern Nevada, 5830 W. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89103.

**Agenda Item 2. Public Comment.**

Candice Bodie, VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System shared, the goal of the Suicide Prevention Program at VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System (VASNHS) is to support the VA's vision to prevent suicide among all Veterans by educating VA staff and community partners on suicide prevention strategies. The VA has adopted a public health approach to suicide prevention. If you would like additional information about VA suicide prevention efforts and resources, visit the website [www.mentalhealth.va.gov/suicide\\_prevention/](http://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/suicide_prevention/).

**Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Agenda for February 14, 2019; for possible action.**

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

**Agenda Item 4. Approval of the Minutes from the January 10, 2019 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 there was discussion regarding vacancies for chairs in the Monitoring and the Trust Fund ad-hoc working groups. Recommendations for these groups will be brought back to the board next month.

**Agenda Item 6. Presentation by the collaborative applicant on the 2018 Continuum of Care awards and deficiencies in the submitted consolidated application; for possible action.**

Danita Osborne-Morris, Clark County Social Service reported, approximately \$2 billion available for CoC funding; All renewal projects funded, for a total of 101% of requested renewal budget amounts; Awarded 2 new projects: Hopelink of SN - HomeLink

Expansion RRH and ST. Jude's - Crossings Youth Joint TH-RRH; Received 100% of CoC Planning. Total requests for Renewal projects, New projects (PH Bonus, Reallocation), Domestic Violence Bonus and CoC Planning totaled \$15,505,941; Awarded \$14,236,132. Handout provided.

**Agenda Item 7. Presentation by the Governance Ad-Hoc Group on the Continuum of Care organizational flow chart and working group reporting structure; for possible action.**

A motion was made to approve the organizational chart as presented. The motion was approved.

**Agenda Item 8. Approval of the policies and procedures for the Monitoring Working Group; for possible action.**

Karen Schneider, Clark County Social Service, provided an overview of the purpose of the Monitoring Working Group (MWG), what makes up the composition of the working group, designated meeting times and the use of an external monitoring team and general requirements. There were concerns raised by board members that they had not had time to review the document prior to the meeting.

Kathi Thomas-Gibson, City of Las Vegas, made a recommendation that the policies and procedures be posted for comment in advance to allow time for review.

A motion was made to hold approval on the policies and procedures after they have been posted 30 days in advance as a standard review practice. The motion was approved.

**Agenda Item 9. Questions and answers regarding reports from the Board working groups (Community Engagement, Coordinated Entry, Data & Performance Improvement, Evaluation, Monitoring, Planning, Youth)**

Shalimar Cabrera, U.S. Vets-Las Vegas, noticed that the Tier 1 awards math is not correct. The Collaborative Applicant will review the information and make the appropriate corrections for future posting.

**Agenda Item 10. Receive an update from each board member regarding relevant activities within their respective organizations relating to homelessness**

Emily Paulsen, Nevada Homeless Alliance, shared that a Homeless and Housing Awareness Day is being held in Carson City on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019. If you are planning to attend, complete the interest form at <http://goo.gl/forms/pnkxroPz4VUOJ9i02> to receive additional information and updates.

Michael Pawlak, Clark County Social Service, shared that the National Homeless Information Project (NHIP) ranked the Southern Nevada CoC as being one of the high performing big cities.

**Agenda Item 11. Public Comment**

No public comment was made.

**The meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.**