

**SOUTHERN NEVADA HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
June 13, 2019**

In attendance: Emily Paulsen, Co-Chair, Advocate, Nevada Homeless Alliance
Kathi Thomas-Gibson, Co-Chair, Government, City of Las Vegas
Arash Ghafoori, Co-Vice Chair, Social Service Provider, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth
Amie Duford, Healthcare Provider, Touro University Nevada
Annie Wilson, Law Enforcement, Las Vegas Metro Police Department
Carlton Craig, University, UNLV
Jon Stevenson, Alternate, Emergency Medical Services, Las Vegas Fire and Rescue
Lavonne Atkins, Mental Health Provider, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services
Mandy Martin, Alternate, 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
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
Stacy DiNicola, Government, City of Henderson
Sylvia Davis, Alternate, Social Service Provider, S.A.F.E. Nest

Absent: Alletha Muzorewa, Workforce Investment, Workforce Connections
Chad Williams, Public Housing Authority, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority
Erin Kinard, Health Care Provider
Hassan Chaudhry, Affordable Housing, Nevada HAND
Janet Quintero, EFSP Board, United Way of Southern Nevada
Jennifer Harris, Homeless or Formerly Homeless
Julie Calloway, Government, City of Boulder City
Kena Adams, Advocate, Indian Voices
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 2:07 p.m., on Thursday, June 13, 2019, 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 13, 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 May 9, 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.

Emily Paulsen, Nevada Homeless Alliance, provided the update. There was discussion on improving communication between working groups and the board, preference for electronic board packets and on Southern Nevada Unsheltered Homeless TA.

Agenda Item 6. Approval of the policies and procedures for the Monitoring Working Group; for possible action.

A motion was made to approve the policies and procedures for the Monitoring Working Group. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 7. 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.

Katy Miller, USICH, presented. The United States Interagency Council on Homelessness is a small federal agency that coordinates the federal response to homelessness. Home Together provides a roadmap of objectives and strategies that they are pursuing over the next

four years to help ensure that, in every community, homelessness is a rare, brief, and one-time experience. Areas of Increased Focus: Increasing affordable housing opportunities, strengthening prevention and diversion practices, creating solutions for unsheltered homelessness, tailoring strategies for rural communities, helping people who exit homelessness to find career success and economic mobility and learning from the expertise of people with lived experiences of homelessness. To view the plan, visit the website at www.usich.gov/home-together.

Agenda Item 8. Presentation by the National Alliance to End Homelessness on the local Rapid Re-housing Learning Collaborative; for possible action.

Cynthia Nagendra, Director, National Alliance to End Homelessness, presented. The Role of Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) is to help people obtain permanent housing and end their homelessness quickly. The 3 core components are: Housing Identification-- help people quickly find housing within one month or less; Rent and Move-in Assistance: help pay for housing short term or longer term help as an option; and Case Management and Services: help access services so people can stay in housing. RRH's three primary goals are to reduce the length of time people spend homeless, exit households to permanent housing, and limit returns to homelessness within a year of program exit. RRH Learning Collaborative is an opportunity for organizations to make changes in the way they operate while being supported by their community peers and national experts. Southern Nevada is implementing a system-wide approach to ending homelessness while aligning with national rapid re-housing standards and benchmarks and ramping up rapid re-housing to reduce homelessness across the region. Some of Southern Nevada's goals are to increase the number of people served by 20% within 6 months, reduce recidivism and reduce eligibility barriers and improve Housing First focus. Next steps include: Receive completed action plans due June 19th; first team check-in call for July 2019; site visits week of August 19th; and next in-person session for all teams will be in Sept/Oct 2019.

Agenda Item 9. Presentation by Nevada Homeless Alliance on outcomes of the 2019 Session of the Nevada State Legislature related to homelessness and affordable housing; for possible action.

Emily Paulsen, Nevada Homeless Alliance, presented. The following bills were proposed during the session:

- AB73: Establishes temporary homelessness working group in Clark County; passed and is effective July 1st.
- AB174: Establishes the Nevada Interagency Council on Homelessness signed into law by the Governor effective July 1st.
- AB363: Promotes homeless youths' access to vital records; as of 06/11 this bill has passed both houses and is awaiting the Governor's signature.
- AB461: Provides assistance to homeless youth to access opportunities for post-secondary education, signed into law by the Governor effective July 1st.
- SB147: Provides equal opportunities for pupils who are homeless, in foster care, or unaccompanied, to graduate high school, signed into law by the Governor effective July 1st.
- SB103: Revises provisions relating to development and maintenance of affordable housing, signed into law by the Governor effective July 1st, 2019.
- SB448: Provides for a Nevada affordable housing tax credit program, as of June 11th, passed both houses and is awaiting signature by the Governor.
- SB104: Improves the current statewide low-income housing database maintained by the Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry, signed into law by the Governor, effective July 1st.
- SB398: Authorizes counties and cities to take certain actions to address affordable housing, did not pass second house passage deadline.
- SB151: Revises provisions related to certain proceedings concerning property, has not been signed.
- SB425: Medicaid 1915i, as of June 11th, passed both houses and is waiting for Governor approval.

Next Steps for education and action include: 1) Planning Working Group: Requests for information (RFI) process about updating our existing plans and the champions need to feed information to the collaborative applicant and how do to get input into that process as the collaborative applicant prepares for the RFI; 2) Advocacy Training: Provide a legislative session 101 course that addresses what that process looks like and also creates space to build consensus around what to educate the stakeholders; 3) Identify who the Board is what it is about to facilitate conversation; and 4) Amend the governance structure so that the Board can take a position on legislation.

Agenda Item 10. Presentation by St. Jude's Ranch for Children on Crossings and its change from transitional housing to transitional housing/rapid re-housing project operations; for possible action.

Christina Vela and Denise Childs, St. Jude's Ranch for Children, presented. The mission is to transform the lives of abused and at-risk children, young adults and families by empowering them to create new choices and new hope in a caring community. Programs: Treatment Services (Ages 0-18), Community Living Services (Ages 18-24) and Scholarship Program (all former clients eligible). Community Living Services: Crossings serves homeless transition age youth ages 18-24 years. A Housing First Model-low barrier entry with client-centered case management model is used. Overarching goals of the Crossings Program are to increase self-sufficiency and greater sense of self-determination. The program has been in operation since June 2012 and has served 179 TAY & averages 29 youth per fiscal year. The program length is up to 24 months where youth sign a lease agreement, agree to intensive case

management, and pay 30% of their household income towards rent. Upon graduation, 100% of rent paid is refunded to youth. Ongoing program commitment has been to “Include” transition age youth (TAY) rather than “Exclude”. Notable change by HUD to allow a joint TH-RRH program design; this will allow us to serve more TAY annually with more diverse options. New TH-RRH Program: At intake there will be client choice on the housing type TH then RRH or RRH and Program length up to 24 months cumulatively. Outreach & Landlord Engagement: Current partnership exists with 9 property managers/real estate companies throughout Clark County, MOU’s with current property managers to serve St. Jude’s Ranch for Children program participants and recruitment of new landlords monthly in person at various locations throughout Clark County to secure new units.

Agenda Item 11. Update from the collaborative applicant on relevant business for consideration by the Board; for possible action.

Catherine Huang Hara, Clark County Social Service, provided the update. There is no information on when the NOFA will be released. The local application for renewal projects is due tomorrow. The CoC is invited to participate in a regional opportunity for training from True Colors United.

Michele Fuller Hallauer, Clark County Social Service shared that on May 10, 2019, HUD released a proposed rule to end eligibility for "mixed status" families in its public housing and section 8 assistance programs. “Mixed status” families comprise both citizens who are eligible and ineligible noncitizens. There is currently a public comment period open on the rule.

Agenda Item 12. Discussion on how to streamline communication and provide better education between the working groups and from the working groups to the board.

Arash Ghafoori, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, suggested to collapse in working groups and enforce better communication, and to create standards of what each group can or cannot do.

Michael Pawlak, Clark County Social Service, suggested considering professionalizing the support staff by dedicating a position that works between the steering committee and the board to make sure that messaging is communicated accurately.

Agenda Item 13. Questions and answers regarding reports from the Board working groups (Community Engagement, Coordinated Entry, Data & Systems Improvement, Evaluation, Monitoring, Planning, Youth)

No questions were asked.

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

Catherine Huang Hara, Clark County Social Service, provided the update on behalf of United Way. FEMA has released Phase 36, allocations for the Emergency Food and Shelter program. Clark County is expected to receive \$1,243,503 under Phase 36 (almost \$200,000 more than last year). United Way of Southern Nevada is waiting for more information from FEMA and the EFSP National Board. FEMA is expected to give an update about EFSP on June 14, 2019. What United Way is doing in terms of Housing and Homelessness includes launching an RFP for Family Stability to serve at-risk families and prevent homelessness in Clark County, and will announce the selected organization in the next couple of weeks. The program is set to become active during July 2019 and August 2019. The program is expected to serve between 50-100 families with intense case management and wrap around services.

Ms. Paulsen introduced their new Project Manager, Genevieve Gutierrez. Pop-Up Project Homeless Connect will be held on June 18, 2019, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at Lutheran Social Services of Nevada, 4323 Boulder Highway, Las Vegas, NV.

Mr. Pawlak updated that the Board of County Commissioners has approved two allocations to support the plan to end homelessness. This includes 76 additional youth shelter beds and 60 beds to a house to home program.

Michelle Johnston, US Vets-Las Vegas, announced that on June 18th, US Vets is having an open house from 9:00-11:00am at the Radcliff location, 2566 Sherwood Street. Another open house will be held from 3:00-6:00 pm at 525 E. Bonanza.

Agenda Item 15. Public Comment

No public comment

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.