

**SOUTHERN NEVADA HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
July 11, 2019**

In attendance: Emily Paulsen, Co-Chair, Advocate, Nevada Homeless Alliance
Kathi Thomas-Gibson, Co-Chair, Government, City of Las Vegas
Alletha Muzorewa, Workforce Investment, Workforce Connections
Amie Duford, Healthcare Provider, Touro University Nevada
Chad Williams, Public Housing Authority, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority
Julie Calloway, Government, City of Boulder City
Lavonne Atkins, Mental Health Provider, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services
Lori Picini, Las Vegas Sands
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
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
Sylvia Davis, Alternate, Social Service Provider, S.A.F.E. Nest
Troy Oglesbee, Faith-Based, Save A Life

Absent: Annie Wilson, Law Enforcement, Las Vegas Metro Police Department
Arash Ghafoori, Co-Vice Chair, Social Service Provider, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth
Carlton Craig, University, UNLV
David Slattery, Emergency Medical Services, Las Vegas Fire and Rescue
Hassan Chaudhry, Affordable Housing, Nevada HAND
Janet Quintero, EFSP Board, United Way of Southern Nevada
Jennifer Harris, Homeless or Formerly Homeless
Kena Adams, Advocate, Indian Voices
Rick Damian, Government, City of North Las Vegas

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, July 11, 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 July 11, 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 June 13, 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. An agreement was reached to continue with the current process for working group communication. The working group reports are posted online in advance of the meeting and all should take an opportunity to read those reports and then use the board meeting as an opportunity to ask questions as appropriate. The committee has identified an immediate next step for launching an education series (Help Hope Home 101) specifically for elected officials and their staff to provide some education to them about the CoC and the regional plan to end homelessness, including what is being done through this body. A draft presentation will be presented at the August Steering Committee meeting for review.

Agenda Item 6. Presentation by the Data and Systems Improvement Working Group on the 2019 Southern Nevada Homeless Census; for possible action.

Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Clark County Social Service, presented. The Data and Systems Improvement Working Group is working on the development of a new way to present the census report and the best way to get the information out and make it user-friendly to our

community partners. It has been determined that this year, one-pagers with graphics and have a summary of the point-in-time count are going to be provided. At the next meeting, the one-pagers for the subpopulations, the flow of the system, and the housing affordability crisis that we have in our community. The data that was submitted to HUD but has not been vetted; it is anticipated that there might be a slight increase to the sheltered data in the future because there was one shelter that was not able to have full data included in the reporting to HUD. Every year during the last 10 days of January, communities across the country conduct comprehensive counts of the local homeless populations in order to measure the prevalence of homelessness in each local Continuum of Care. The 2019 Southern Nevada Point-in-Time Count was a community-wide effort began on January 22, 2019. The entire county was canvassed by teams of volunteers. In the weeks following the street count, a survey was administered to persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness in order to profile their experience and characteristics. To view the 2019 Homeless Point-In-Time Count & Survey go to <http://helphopehome.org>.

Agenda Item 7. Presentation by champions on the Southern Nevada Built for Zero Initiative and progress on sustaining an end to veteran homelessness; for possible action.

Julie King, Bitfocus, presented. The Built for Zero (BFZ) list is a list of clients with system activity in the last 12 months, specifically, people who are chronically homeless. To view the Built for Zero Summary Dashboard, visit <http://helphopehome.org>.

Ryan Franco, Program Specialist, VACARC provided an overview of the Veterans Homeless population and the Veteran By-Name list data. The Veteran By-Name list is a real-time up-to-date list of all veterans experiencing homelessness. The by name list is maintained by the VA with the help of HMIS, outreach teams, community providers and community shelters. There are two main parts to the by-name list; Part A: Verified Veterans eligible for VA housing assistance; Veterans who are staying at community shelters or literally on the streets. Community shelter list is given to the VA monthly from Bitfocus. Part B: Verified Veterans currently staying in a VA Transitional Housing Program. We had 422 total Homeless Veterans for May 2019; 24 Active Non-Eligible Veterans; 446 total Homeless Veterans including active non-eligible. 10 out of the 88 Veterans on Part A of the BNL are in the permanent housing process.

Ms. Paulsen shared that the Built for Zero goal is to become the first large community in the nation to both end chronic homelessness and sustain an end to veteran homelessness. The plan to achieve the goal is by system flow; reduce inflow, address current need, increase outflow and sustainability.

Ms. Fuller-Hallauer presented that the Diversion group has been working actively to develop a Diversion Pilot. Diversion is when you can't prevent someone from becoming homeless. We want implement a strategy that gets them stable before they have to enter our homeless service system by going into emergency shelter or any of our other services. Highlights of Progress: Developing Family Diversion Pilot included identifying the following assessment sites: Lutheran Social Services of Nevada, Family Promise, Hopelink, HELP, CLV Courtyard, and MORE. The pilot will also work with SSVF providers to implement Rapid Resolution and identifying assessment sites at US Vets and the Salvation Army. Data will be collected in HMIS. Next steps includes: conduct diversion training to staff; establish a flexible funding pool; and determine who will be the fiscal agent of the flexible funding pool. The pilot is rolling out around October 1st, 2019.

Kelly Robson, HELP of Southern Nevada, presented progress on the housing campaign. It has raised \$427,000 in private dollars from Sands and leveraged \$410,000 in county funding for 50 additional units. A peer support specialist was hired. Nevada Community Foundation is the fiscal agent for the fund. Next Steps includes engaging private donors and jurisdictional partners in appeals for funding to sustain the additional units. For anyone who would like to join the Housing Campaign, the meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesdays at 11am, by phone: +1 669 900 6833, meeting ID: 581 980 858.

Ariana Saunders, Clark County Social Service, presented on the Moving-On Strategy. A tool is being developed to help identify those people that have been with our current supportive housing programs who may no longer need intense case management that comes with those programs; however, they are not able to move into an independent situation because of the lack of enough income or affordable housing options for them. Highlights of progress include finalizing the assessment tool to help identify potential clients/tenants. The tool has been piloted tool in a few programs. Other areas include developing an outline for training the community and service providers on Moving On and our process; surveying PSH providers to get baseline data on possible number of moving on clients/tenants, the amount of subsidy needed and any other barriers; developed a results-based framework utilizing an intervention tool analysis with the Unsheltered technical assistance team, Established specific goals and outcomes for the program and Identified a potential funding source for initial shallow subsidies. Next steps include: finalize policy and procedures; develop a training sub-group to develop a detailed curriculum; revise survey to include rapid rehousing and transitional housing providers; develop staffing plan and/or program plan for the use of potential funding source. Stakeholders needed at the table include additional housing providers, a housing authority representative(s), and landlords or property managers of low income housing.

Agenda Item 8. Presentation by U.S. Vets Las Vegas on the 2019 Veterans Stand Down; for possible action.

Shalimar Cabrera, U.S. Vets-Las Vegas, presented. The Veterans Stand Down is a combination of programming and logistics. The Veterans Stand Down is a bridge to get Veterans to long term outcomes as well as some short term wins for the day. Some of the 2019 changes are a new location, changing how the job fair and hiring event is organized, and new presenting sponsors. 2019 Veterans Stand Down Outcomes include: 475 Veterans served, 27 housed, 5 prevented from homelessness, and 28 received job interviews or got jobs. For more information or to get involved with Stand Down visit the website at www.usvetsinc.org.

Agenda Item 9. Update from the collaborative applicant on relevant business for consideration by the Board; for possible action.

Danita Osbourne-Morris, Clark County Social Service, provided the updated timeline: renewal application were submitted June 2019; threshold reviews begin July 2019; HUD NOFA (notification of funding available) for the CoC was released July 3rd; new project applications open July 15th; scoring of renewal applications begin July 29th; new projects due August 12th; Scoring & Ranking Team deliberates August 22nd; ranking day is August 29th; appeal hearings if needed are Sept 5th; recommendations made to SNHCoC Board September 12th; Consolidated Application to be submitted Sept 28th. All of the documents and anything associated with the competition is posted on the www.HelpHopeHome.org website under funding opportunities. If you are interested in joining the scoring and ranking team please sign up.

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

Kathi Thomas-Gibson, City of Las Vegas stated, all of the Board working groups reports are available online; send any questions that you may have directly to the champion of that working group.

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

Alletha Muzorewa, Workforce Connections, shared that they are in the middle of transitioning in the new providers that is selected for funding. This is a great opportunity for stakeholders that are in this room to bring forth the participants that are in their programs for training and employment.

Troy Oglesbee, Save-A-Life provided the update. Through our organization we assist with resume enhancements, teamed up with Boost and T-Mobile and are able to get phones with unlimited talk and text for \$25 per month for clients to be able to contact employers; we have hired a job placement specialist; every 2nd Thursday of each month we are giving a free 4 hour GED preparation class to at risk youth at the justice center.

Meg Pike, Clark County School District, shared Title 1 HOPE is ramping up the education to CCSD employees and trying to get the word out to make sure that anybody who qualifies under McKinney Vento is counted and identified.

Mike Pawlak, Clark County Social Service, updated that with regard to the County's allocation of funding for the marijuana licensing fees, the board allocated approximately 6 million dollars to three agencies to expand beds for rapid rehousing and they also allocated funded to an additional three person outreach team to increase the Mobile Crisis Intervention Team.

Ms. Paulsen, shared a networking mixer with be held on August 7th from 5 pm – 7 pm at Lucky Events at Town Square 6623 S Las Vegas Blvd, #139. Pop-Up Project Homeless Connect will be held on July 16th at the Salvation Army starting at 9 am. Project Homeless Connect will be held on November 26th at the Champion center.

Agenda Item 12. Public Comment

No public comment

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.