

**Southern Nevada Homelessness Continuum of Care
CoC Evaluation/Monitoring/Data & Systems Improvement Working Groups Quarterly Meeting
Clark County Social Service – SS Training Room
1600 Pinto Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89106
Monday, July 29, 2019
8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

In attendance: Amanda Wehrman (HomeBase), Ariana Saunders (CCSS), Dr. Justin Gardner-*phone* (Strategic Progress), Danita Osborne-Morris (CCSS), Catherine Huang Hara (CCSS), Michele Fuller-Hallauer (CCSS), Jennifer Hughes (SNAMH), Angela Phillips (Habitat for Humanity), Michelle Johnson (US Vets), Stephany Coaley (City of Las Vegas), Andrea Blanco (City of Las Vegas), Peter McCoy (VA), Kathryn Barker-*phone* (SNHD), Christy Shannon-*phone* (SafeNest), Tameca Ulmer-*phone* (CCSS), Bridget Claridy-*phone* (HELP), Tara Ulmer (CCSS), Maurice Page (Strategic Progress), Julee King-*phone* (BitFocus), Mike Reed-*phone* (BitFocus), Max Discher (HomeBase), Jaini Christison-*phone* (City of North Las Vegas), Stacy DiNicola (City of Henderson).

1. Introductions

2. Continuum of Care NOFA

- a. Overview of HUD NOFA released on July 3rd by Homebase** – The 2019 CoC NOFA was released on July 3, 2019, opening the competition and making available approximately \$2.3 billion nationally in CoC funding. All applications are due to HUD on September 30, 2019. HUD will still require ranking projects in Tier 1 and Tier 2 and Tier 1 is larger this year, meaning that more projects will be safe for funding. Tier 2 projects are subject to a national competition. There is also funding available for DV Bonus projects and multiple DV projects may be submitted. For new applications, HUD is allowing applicants to apply for an 18-month contract to allow more time for a new project to start and reach full capacity. There was discussion on how many projects may have unspent funds that were monitored and how does that impact these projects. The last two numbers of the grant number can identify new projects and first year renewals; 00 for new projects and 01 for first year renewals.
- b. 2019 Local Application Process Updates**
 - i. **Updated timeline** – The timeline has been updated now that the NOFA is available.
 - ii. **New Application TA Session** – Technical assistance will be provided for new applications on July 29, at 3:00 p.m. at the Clark County Government Center in the Pueblo Room.
 - iii. **Scoring & Ranking Team** – The S&R Team will meet today, July 29, to receive training on PRESTO to review applications.

3. Other HUD NOFAs

- a. Specialized Housing and Services for Victims of Human Trafficking** – This NOFA is specific to victim service providers. CCSS has reached out to service providers in our community to gauge interest. Minimum of \$500,000 and up to \$1 million award. Meeting on August 15 at 10:00 a.m. for the community to discuss the potential projects. Application due October 30.
- b. Mainstream Voucher Program** – NOFA was released July 2 and is specifically for public housing authorities. CCSS is working with SNRHA to try to apply. Minimum awards of \$20,000 and up to \$3 million. Applications due September 5.
- c. HUD-VASH Vouchers** – have been released in the community and there are still 100 vouchers to use from the last time. The public housing authority is responsible for requesting these vouchers.

4. Monitoring Update

- a. Monitoring Status for 2017-2018 CoC Projects** – Dr. Gardner with Strategic Progress reported that providers were given preliminary monitoring results on July 5 and were given one week to

provide responses to the results. Finalizing materials and changing processes as some new information has become available. August 18 is the last day to complete monitoring and there have been discussions on how to present monitoring results to providers. Exit interviews will be scheduled with providers beginning next week and will wrap up by August 16. All scoring and ranking information for monitoring will be submitted to CCSS staff no later than August 19 to include in PRESTO. S&R Team will have access to the monitoring reports and will include information on the results, as well as any appeals that were made.

There are concerns about the monitoring score being weighted so heavily on the V2 tool because this tool isn't scoring fairly for all projects. The V2 tool was the only tool available to the group this year but will be adjusted for next year's process. There were hopes that the V3 tool would be available this year, but it was not available during the monitoring process. The weighted score includes five different sections: performance monitoring score – 50% of score, participant eligibility based on compliance at desk and site visits – 20% of score, utilization rates based on percentage from HMIS data – 10% of score, drawdown rate from eLOCCS – 10% of score, and funds recaptured – 10% of score. There is a suggestion to revise the scoring to 35% for performance monitoring tool and 35% for participant eligibility. There was some discussion on whether or not to make changes to the monitoring score this year or wait until next year's process and it was decided to change it this year. Danita will send an email to the Monitoring Working Group and ask for a vote from the group to agree or disagree. This change in the way that the points are assigned wouldn't change the way that any of the information was evaluated; it would change the balance of points.

Next steps include (1) Dr. Gardner will recalculate scores with adjusted weighted scores and provide explanation to MWG, (2) receive input from the MWG on changes to the monitoring scores, and (3) implement the change and proceed with exit interviews.

b. Coordinated Entry compliance – The MWG is waiting on some additional information from HMIS and BitFocus to review CE compliance. The Coordinated Entry Working Group has not been consulted on how this should be evaluated. Dr. Gardner with Strategic Progress will take this into account for next year's process. CE referrals were considered in the site visit

5. 2019 Census Data – The data was released to the community slightly later this year. Our PIT data was due to HUD April 30; however, HUD is running behind and has not vetted our PIT data yet. This was a transition year and instead of producing a large report, the Data & System Improvement Working Group decided to produce one-page fact sheets. The preliminary data was released to the community at the CoC Board meeting on July 11 and it was very well received. The next phase of releasing the fact sheets will be shared at the next CoC Board meeting on August 8. CCSS staff is currently vetting the data with HUD and working on corrections to shelter data since one agency submitted their data late and it was incomplete. There was a suggestion to include DV and human trafficking data in future fact sheets. Our community saw a decrease in people experiencing homelessness this year and we can attribute that to more people being housed but it's still a slow process. The system is housing about 1,000 people each month but there are more people coming into the system each month as well.

6. Rapid Rehousing

a. Learning Collaborative update – National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) is providing guidance to our community around rapid rehousing and RRH providers participating in the learning collaborative have been submitting data to NAEH for them to evaluate. NAEH is providing feedback on ways to improve RRH programs. They will begin a 100-day challenge beginning in October and it will run through the end of January 2020.

b. Written Standards update open for comment until August 30 – The current draft is posted on the HelpHopeHome website and comments may be submitted.

7. Update on Jurisdictional ESG Funding and Projects

- a. **City of Las Vegas** – There were two extensions granted for FY18/19 for HELP of SNV and St. Jude’s Ranch for Children. For FY19/20, Lutheran Social Services and St. Jude’s are receiving funds for homeless prevention and contracts have been awarded. Some funds have been allocated to the Courtyard.
- b. **City of North Las Vegas** – All funds for FY18/19 have been expended except for some remaining funds from Salvation Army. Catholic Charities, Shade Tree, and Salvation Army received ESG funding.
- c. **Clark County** – There were a few extensions made for FY18/19 recipients. Preparing for the FY19/20 contracts and program year to start. Looking ahead to the FY20/21 application process.
- d. **Draft Written Standards** – The jurisdictions receiving ESG will meet following the next consortium meeting on August 2 to discuss draft written standards.

8. Third Quarterly Joint Meeting with Evaluation, Monitoring, and Data Systems & Performance

Working Groups: October 14th at 8:30 am-11:30 am

- a. Clark County Social Service 1600 Pinto Lane, Las Vegas NV 89106
 - i. Agenda Item Suggestions – debrief on the 2019 application process, begin discussing 2020 homeless census
- b. Future Tentative Dates: December 9th or January 13th

9. Working Groups Schedule (all at Clark County Social Service, 1600 Pinto Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89106)

- a. Evaluation: August 12, 8:30-10:30 am
 - a. Mike Pawlak from Clark County will be stepping down as Chair of the Evaluation Working Group and has nominated Stacy DiNicola from Henderson to fill the vacancy. This recommendation will be presented to the Steering Committee and then will go to the CoC Board for approval.
 - b. Recommendation to also have the Steering Committee discuss having co-chairs for all working groups for consistency.
- b. Data & Systems Improvement, August 5 and August 19, 8:30 am
- c. Monitoring: August 14, 1:30-3:00 pm
- d. Youth Working Group, August 26, 8:30-10:30 am

10. Upcoming Community Events

- a. Southern Nevada Homelessness Continuum of Care Meeting on August 8 at 2:00 p.m.
 - i. United Way of Southern Nevada Boyd Board Room, 5830 W. Flamingo Rd, Las Vegas
- b. MPBT: Suicide Prevention on August 28 at 1:00 p.m.
 - i. Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89155
- c. Project Homeless Connect on November 26
 - i. The Champion Center, 3900 E. Bonanza Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89110