

# Southern Nevada Homelessness Continuum of Care Board

## Youth Working Group

Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Champions:** Arash Ghafoori and Melissa Jacobowitz

### I. Welcome & Introductions

**Attendees (\*call-ins):** Arash Ghafoori (NPHY); Melissa Jacobowitz (NPHY); Allison Steinzor (NPHY); Catherine Huang Hara (CCSS); Danita Osborne-Morris (CCSS); Brenda Herbstman (CCSS); Kim Moore (HELP); Amy Licht (Olive Crest); Meg Pike (CCSD); Laura Obrist (NSHE); Dawn Sanchez (DFS); Taisacan Hall (YAC); Arshawn Turner (YAC); \*Krystal Griffin (CCC); \*Josephine Bonomo (DJJS); \*Julee King (Bitfocus); \*Joe Taylor (Step UP); \*Jaymie Junsay (LACSN); \*Najea Rodgers (City of LV)

### II. Funding Opportunities

#### a. Local Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition Update

Ms. Herbstman shared that the CoC Scoring and Ranking Team will determine project recommendations for CoC funding on August 29<sup>th</sup>; appeals can be submitted through the first week of September, and the selected projects will be presented to the CoC Board on September 12<sup>th</sup> at the monthly CoC Board Meeting.

#### b. “Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program” Update

##### i. Role of Youth Working Group

With respect to YHDP, Ms. Herbstman mentioned that the 2019 recipients have not yet been announced. In the event that Clark County is selected as a YHDP recipient, members of the YWG will work in committees to advance the project and will report updates via a standing agenda item during the monthly YWG meetings.

Ms. Herbstman also shared that HUD is offering a grant for “specialized housing and services for victims of human trafficking,” and St. Jude’s Ranch for Children will apply as the lead and is looking for partnerships. Additionally, the Social Impact Partnership to Pay for Results Act (SIPPPRA) offers grants through the U.S. Treasury to social service projects with proven results, the Commission of Social Impact Partnerships can be approached for more information. Additionally, through the Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority, “Moving-On Initiative” (MOI) housing vouchers are available for youth to exit into permanent housing; 10 to 15 MOI vouchers are reserved for youth. There is an 80% utilization rate required for providers to obtain the vouchers and clients must successfully complete a background check, violent offenders are not eligible to apply and documented disabilities are required.

### III. YWG Policies & Procedures

#### a. Non-Discrimination/Diversity/Equity/Inclusion Policy

Mr. Turner presented the revised Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion statement created by Young Adults in Charge to the YWG. The YWG members agreed to add “color” as a protected status under the statement. Moreover, the YWG enthusiastically agreed to adopt YAC’s statement and will revise the language to show their support.

#### b. Group Contact & Back-Up

The YWG agreed that the Champions’ organization(s) shall be responsible for monitoring the YWG email account. Inquiries and questions regarding YWG can be sent to [snvywgboard@gmail.com](mailto:snvywgboard@gmail.com). In the event that the YWG email address may be unavailable please direct emails to [helphome@clarkcountynv.gov](mailto:helphome@clarkcountynv.gov).

#### c. Membership Structure

#### d. Attendance Policy

#### e. Decision-Making Structure

The YWG discussed ideas for membership structure and voting procedures, agreeing that core membership should include CoC-funded youth homeless service providers (including NPHY, HELP, and St. Jude’s), the CoC collaborative applicant, education providers (CCSD, etc.), young people with lived experience, foster care providers (Step UP and Olive Crest), and systems-level providers (DFS, DJJS, and youth parole). YWG agreed to discuss additional members at the next meeting. Members discussed a potential system for quorum and possible attendance requirements for voting and agreed to continue this discussion at the next YWG meeting in September.

### IV. Southern Nevada Youth Homelessness Summit: The Movement at Work

- a. On Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Venetian Las Vegas, co-presented by NPHY and Las Vegas Sands Corp.

## **V. Young Adults in Charge Update**

Ms. Hall shared that YAC is currently working on creating a Membership Handbook. Additionally, YAC members recently attended a leadership training on story-telling by the NPHY Communications & Donor Relations Manager.

## **VI. Host Homes Discussion** (*pending until next meeting*)

## **VII. Homeless Census Planning** (*pending until next meeting*)

## **VIII. Training**

- a. **“Mainstream Programs Basic Training: Suicide Prevention”**
  - i. Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Clark County Commission Chambers (CC Government Center 500 S. Grand Central Pkwy, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Las Vegas, NV 89155)
- b. **“Improving Lives: Statewide Community Training” (SOAR, standardized case management, etc.)**
  - i. September 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> at Palace Station (2411 W. Sahara Ave. Las Vegas, NV 89102)
  - ii. Must RSVP to attend: contact [tiffany.evans@clarkcountynv.gov](mailto:tiffany.evans@clarkcountynv.gov) for more information.

Ms. Huang Hara shared that Clark County Social Service will be offering a Coordinated Entry Assessor Training on Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Pinto Lane location to teach how to administer housing assessments to homeless adult, families, and youth populations.

## **IX. Agency Updates**

Ms. Pike mentioned that the Clark County School District has a volunteer drive event scheduled for October 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in which individuals will create fleece blankets to donate to youth and families in need.