

**SOUTHERN NEVADA HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 8, 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  
Annie Wilson, Law Enforcement, Las Vegas Metro Police Department  
Carlton Craig, University, University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
David Slattery, Emergency Medical Services, Las Vegas Fire and Rescue  
Genese Jones-Torrence, Social Service Provider, S.A.F.E. Nest  
Janet Quintero, EFSP Board, United Way of Southern Nevada  
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  
Melissa Jacobowitz, Social Service Provider, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth  
Michael Pawlak, Government, Clark County Social Service  
Peter McCoy, Veteran Service Provider, Veterans Administration  
Phil Washington, Faith-Based  
Shalimar Cabrera, Veteran Service Provider, U.S. Vets-Las Vegas  
Stacy DiNicola, Government, City of Henderson  
Troy Oglesbee, Faith-Based, Save A Life

**Absent:** Amie Duford, Healthcare Provider, Touro University Nevada  
Chad Williams, Public Housing Authority, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority  
Hassan Chaudhry, Affordable Housing, Nevada HAND  
Jennifer Harris, Homeless or Formerly Homeless  
Kena Adams, Advocate, Indian Voices  
Rick Damian, Government, City of North Las Vegas  
Robert Dawson, Social Service Provider, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada

**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.**

Bonita Fahy, Director of One-Stop Operations shared that she would like to plan a resource day for One-Stop Delivery System; one of the topics that they are struggling with is homelessness. The goal of the Resource Day is to give individuals direct connections to agencies that provide services. If you are a provider and want to attend please email me at [bfahy@nvcareercenter.org](mailto:bfahy@nvcareercenter.org).

**Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Agenda for August 8, 2019; for possible action.**

A motion was made to approve the Agenda with the omission of Item #8. The motion was approved.

**Agenda Item 4. Approval of the Minutes from the July 11, 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 Steering Committee Update. The plan was reviewed for development and enforcement of Anti-Discrimination Policy; per plans set by the Steering Committee in February 2019, the Governance WG will develop the policy; and the Monitoring WG will enforce it; and the Planning WG will conduct annual Anti-Discrimination Training sessions. Governance WG should bring their proposed policy to SNHCoC Board for adoption at the September 12th SNHCoC Board Meeting to ensure the proposed policy has been adopted before the close of the HUD CoC grant application, so we can gain application points in this area. The policy may be added to the Governance Structure at the next planned all-member SNHCoC Board Meeting in January 2020. The SNHCoC Board currently has open seats for Healthcare, Advocate and Faith-Based representatives. If you are interested in filling one of these seats, you can fill out the website application at <http://helphopehome.org>. The Second Annual Help Hope Home Partner Awards Ceremony will be held on October 10th. The HWG is determining which project(s) to focus their efforts on; their ideas are: focus on Inter-Local Housing Development; and Landlord Mitigation Fund, etc. The Chair/Champion will attend the next Planning Working Group to discuss options and receive direction.

**Agenda Item 6. Update 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 provided the update. The Census Report Fact Sheets are available to download as a packet or individual sheets from the website (<http://helphopehome.org>). The final report will include: an Executive Summary with key findings; one-page Fact Sheets; and appendices that include the methodology, a summary for the CoC application, a summary of the survey results, and a glossary of terms. The data presented last month was preliminary data. We now have been able to collect data, and adjusted the census numbers. To view the 2019 Homeless Point-In-Time Count visit <http://helphopehome.org>. Kathi Thomas-Gibson asked if the following can be added to the census report: 1) the number of people who were homeless somewhere else and moved here; and 2) and the number of people already here, and became homeless. David Slattery, Las Vegas Fire and Rescue would like more details regarding the homeless data for mental illness, physical ailments and chronic disease.

**Agenda Item 7. Presentation by the collaborative applicant on updates on the FY 2019 Continuum of Care Program Competition Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and the local application process; for possible action.**

Brenda Herbstman, Clark County Social Service will provide a NOFA presentation. On August 12th the new Continuum of Care Program Competition applications due; August 29th is the ranking day; September 5th is the appeals deadline; during the September 12th SNHCoC Board Meeting we will motion to approve priority listing and request approval to submit the grant application on September 30th. Our community is eligible to apply for a total of \$16,768,527. What's different is increasing employment, lengthened grant term, flexibility in Housing First, the evidenced based approach. On July 29th there was a mandatory training for all of the renewal applications; and 23 renewal applications have been submitted in this application process. Thirteen new providers attended the mandatory training. In this year's application, multiple project types with the exclusion of Coordinated Entry can be submitted as new projects. The collaborative applicant will continue to work through the process and develop narratives for the consolidated application, while seeking for guidance and support from community partners.

**Agenda Item 8. Presentation by Clark County Social Service on the Frequent User of System Engagement (FUSE) Project; for possible action.**

Hold for future meeting.

**Agenda Item 9. 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 10. Receive an update from each board member regarding relevant activities within their respective organizations relating to homelessness**

- Alletha Muzorewa, Workforce Connections shared in the next couple of months they will announcement the different access points for the service program providers for training and employment. Carlton Craig, UNLV introduced the two new Assistant Professors at UNLV, Kate Marcel and Nick Barr..
- Troy Oglesbee, Save A Life shared, they have been asked to be the single organization for fundraisers by Judge Kerns and will be receiving two 18 passenger buses for transportation for community residents to attend events.
- Phil Washington, Faith-Based, shared they have been working on finding churches who have homeless people that may need a temporary place to stay or a place to dwell. We have found that there are community individuals who have homes or rooms, and would like to help the homeless get back on their feet. However, they do not have information on how to get started. They would like to put together a Data Resource List of those individual groups from various organizations.
- Genese Jones-Torrence, Social Service Provider, S.A.F.E. Nest shared, on August 23rd Safe Nest will be presenting a webinar with the National Alliance for Safe Housing. She will be presenting our program *Operation Fresh Start* along with a program out of Tucson, Arizona titled *Implementing Rapid Rehousing With Survivors: A Tale of Two Programs*.
- Meg Pike, Clark County School District provided the official numbers for the 2018/2019 school year. To date, 13,844 students qualified, under the McKinney Vento by homeless definition, and over 10,500 students are identified as doubled-up.
- Michael Pawlak, Clark County Social Service announced that he is retiring, and this is his last meeting with the SNHCoC Board. His replacements will be Michele Fuller-Hallauer for the board. Randy Reinoso will be taking the lead as Assistant Director.
- Ms. Paulsen, shared Pop-Up Project Homeless Connect will be held on August 20th at the Cambridge Recreation Center. Also, Project Homeless Connect will be held on November 26th at the Champion Center.
- Kathi Thomas-Gibson, City of Las Vegas announced, new covers and inserts for SNHCoC Board members for the Governance Structure binders are available.
- Melissa Jacobowitz, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth announced the Third Annual Southern Nevada Youth Homelessness Summit will be held on November 7th at the Venetian. The official save the date will be sent out at the end of the month.
- David Slattery, Las Vegas Fire and Rescue provided the update. They have finished the training for two Community Paramedics. The Paramedics are for preventative and a more scheduled delivery of care, to really bridge healthcare gaps.

The Community Paramedics will be focused on what we call the high utilizers; individuals in the community that utilize the 911 System numerous times per year. Last year we ran on about 13,033 calls, and 22% of those patients we were able to divert from the emergency departments and take them directly to a mental health facility. Year-to-Date we had 13,025 calls. Approximately 600 calls were homeless, and of the homeless about 26% we diverted away from the emergency department took them directly to a mental health facility.

- Lori Picini, Las Vegas Sands provided the update. Last year the Nevada Resource Association decided to create a Corporate Responsibility Subcommittee for the gaming companies to get together and collaborate and share best practices. We created a Homeless Subcommittee, which Mandy Martin is running and the Homelessness Committee has been trying to pull together all of the companies involved to identify opportunities to help and share what they are already campaigning for.
- Janet Quintero, United Way of Southern Nevada shared that United Way is the recipient of a federal grant for Antiterrorism an Emergency Assistance Program to serve Spanish speaking victims or survivors of 1 October. If you know of anyone that is need of supportive services please send them our way.
- Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Clark County Social Service provided the update. The annual community training, *Improving Lives* will be held on September 10th and 11th, more information coming soon. The statewide CoC meeting will be held in Reno on October 22nd and 23rd.

**Agenda Item 11. Public Comment**

No public comment

**The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.**