

**SOUTHERN NEVADA HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
October 10, 2019**

In attendance: Emily Paulsen, Co-Chair, Advocate, Nevada Homeless Alliance
Lavonne Atkins, Mental Health Provider, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services
Shalimar Cabrera, Veteran Service Provider, U.S. Vets – Las Vegas
Julie Calloway, Government, City of Boulder City
Lisa Corrado, Alternate, Government, City of Henderson
Rick Damian, Government, City of North Las Vegas
Sylvia Davis, Alternate, S.A.F.E. Nest
Arash Ghafoori, Co-Vice Chair, Social Service Provider, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth
Katherine Marcal, Alternate, University, University of Nevada Las Vegas
Mandy Martin, Alternate, Gaming Industry, Las Vegas Sands
Peter McCoy, Veteran Service Provider, Veterans Administration
Ralph Murphy, Affordable Housing, Nevada HAND
Alletha Muzorewa, Workforce Investment, Workforce Connections
Meg Pike, School District, Clark County School District
Laure Raposa, Alternate, Housing Authority, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority
Jon Stevenson, Alternate, Emergency Medical Services, Las Vegas Fire and Rescue
Phil Washington, Faith-Based
Annie Wilson, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department

Absent: Kathi Thomas-Gibson, Co-Chair, Government, City of Las Vegas
Kena Adams, Advocate, Indian Voices
Robert Dawson, Social Service Provider, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada
Amie Duford, Healthcare Provider, Touro University Nevada
Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Government, Clark County Social Service
Jennifer Harris, Homeless/Formally Homeless
Troy Oglesbee, Faith-Based, Save-A-Life
Janet Quintero, EFSP Board, United Way 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 2:17 p.m. on Thursday, October 10, 2019, at United Way of Southern Nevada, 5830 W. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89103.

Agenda Item 2. Public Comment.

This is an official meeting of the Southern Nevada Homelessness Continuum of Care Board. Myra Daniel, MODAmyra Photography, will serve as Emcee of HelpHopeHome Partners Award 2019 (Krystal Allan, Channel 3 News Anchor, had an emergency and could not Emcee).

Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Agenda for October 10, 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 September 12, 2019 meeting; for possible action.

A motion was made to approve the Minutes. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 5. Update from the collaborative applicant on relevant business for consideration by the Board; for possible action.

Emily Paulsen, Chair, Nevada Homeless Alliance, tabled Agenda Item 5.

Agenda Item 6. Recognition of community partners through the annual HelpHopeHome Partner Awards Ceremony.

Emily Paulsen, Nevada Homeless Alliance, thanked Kelly Swan with the Community Engagement Working Group for planning the HelpHopeHome Partner Awards for 2019. A round of applause was held for the Southern Nevada Homelessness Continuum of Care Board and its Working Groups. Complimentary photos were offered in the rear of the room for award recipients. Photos can be accessed from Renew Therapeutic Enhancement Services' website and click on #CulturalShift. The photos should be ready a week after the event.

Ms. Paulsen stated that the Continuum of Care wants to acquire HUD funding to prevent homelessness. In January, a Homeless Point-In-Time Count involved thirty different organizations and 400 volunteers to measure the number of homeless individuals; 5,500 Southern Nevadans were found. Overall, homelessness was reduced by nine percent from last year and twenty-six percent since 2015. However, we still have a lot of hard work to do. Through Technical Assistance, they community learned a lot about best practices. For recent technical assistance offerings, new Emergency Shelter and Rapid Rehousing Learning Collaboratives were developed. Built for Zero received \$837,000 (half from Sands Cares and half from Clark County). Clark County allocated \$12 million over five years for housing and supportive services to help reach goals of the Southern Nevada Regional Plan to End Homelessness. During this year's 80th Nevada Legislature, several new laws have been approved and signed by our Governor to help homeless residents.

HelpHopeHome Partners Award 2019 wishes to thank the following organizations for their support: Channel 3 News NBC, MODAmyra, Nevada Homeless Alliance, Nevada Housing Division, Sands Cares, WestCare, and RENEW Therapeutic Enhancement Services.

Myra Daniel, MODAmyra, presented the following Superstar Awards for each of the following working Groups:

- Joint Housing Working Group: **Amy Licht**
- Coordinated Entry System Working Group: **Michele Fuller-Hallauer**
- Planning Working Group: **Kathi Thomas-Gibson**
- Diversion Working Group: **Tara Ulmer**
- HMIS Working Group: **Julee King**
- Monitoring Working Group: **Karen Schneider**
- Steering Committee: **Stacy DiNicola**
- Community Engagement Working Group: **Kelly Swan**
- Built for Zero Working Group: **Kelly Robson**
- Youth Working Group: **Melissa Jacobowitz**
- Data & System Improvement Working Group: **Michele Fuller-Hallauer**
- Evaluation Working Group: **Catherine Huang Hara**
- Coordinated Outreach Working Group: **Louis Lacey**
- Young Adults in Charge: **Taisacan Hall**
- Coordinated Entry Task Force: **Linda Godoy**
- Moving-On Initiative: **Jason Schwartz**

Nevada State Senator Moises Denis “Mo” served as the Honorary 2019 Help Hope Home Partner Awards Ceremony Speaker. He is the son of immigrants from Cuba and was born in Brooklyn, New York. He moved to Las Vegas where his father worked in room service at The Sands Hotel & Casino for many years. “I am passionate about making things better and if stepping up in leadership is something that will help me accomplish this, I’ll do it,” Mo, married to his wife for thirty-six years, has been working in our community for two decades, serving in capacities such as PTA Chair, appointed to the Clark County Library Board, serving as an elected Nevada Assemblyman and most recently as Nevada’s President Pro Tempore where he is fighting and advocating for Nevada families. “Everything I do in our state’s capital is centered on improving our community and the lives of individuals, families and certainly these issues are vital in their success,” he stated. “I want to leave something positive for them.” Senator Denis shared stories about the late Nevada Assemblyman Tyrone Thompson, an advocate, friend, mentor and supporter for enriching homeless programs. Knowing someone very passionate was lost in the community, Senator Denis knew everybody needed to step-up. Last year, Assemblymen Thompson was Emcee for the HelpHopeHome Partners Awards. At Senator Denis’ request, there was a moment of silence for Assemblyman Thompson. Senator Denis later referenced a former homeless man with mental health issues, and dependent on opioids from time-to-time in his adult life and later passed away. Efforts to support programs for homeless persons of all ages needs to continue.

The following agency awards were presented:

- Best Housing Stability Measure – **HopeLink of Southern Nevada**
- Best Data Quality – **Family Promise of Las Vegas**

Nominees for the H.E.L.P. Award: Homeless Advocate/Empathetic/Linkages/Person-Center:

Mariah Bailey	Ronnie Johnson	Dani Sparks
Talana Bell	Patricia Kelley	Kelly Swan
Sue Broulik	Louis Lacey	Melissa Taylor
Barbara Coggins	Jasmine Lee	Darlene Terrill
Ron Cornell	Kevin Murray	Chasstiry Vazquez
Michele Fuller-Hallauer	Ricardo Ocampo	Delila Wade
Leticia Guerrero, Andre Hardin	Tascia Perkins	Yahaira Watkins
Lenore Jean-Baptiste	Andrea Raney	Sashia Whitmire
Talana John	Aaron Sheets	Crystal Williams

Andrea “Andy” Raney won the H.E.L.P. Award as a long standing, dependable employee. She is compassionate and empathetic in all her efforts to meet the needs of the community. This selection was made for Ms. Raney’s service as a homeless advocate, empathetic demeanor, provides linkages and proven to be person-centered.

Nominees for the H.O.P.E. Award: Housing First/Optimizes Community Resources/Purpose Driven/Empowering to All:

CredoLV	HELP of Southern Nevada	HopeLink
Nevada Homeless Alliance	Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth	U.S. Vets
WestCare Nevada		

Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth won the H.O.P.E. Award as an exemplary organization from services provided, to genuine relationships built with homeless youth. It values a positive and friendly culture while working intensely towards the issue of youth homelessness.

Nominees for the H.O.M.E. Award: Heroic/Open-Hearted/Motivational/Ethical:

Kristin Aviles	Arash Ghafoori	Don Miller
Emily Paulsen	Linda Perez	Andrea Raney
Aaron Sheets	Tammy Singletary	Kelly Swan
Kathi Thomas-Gibson		

Arash Ghafoori won the H.O.M.E. Award and is described as “determined, persistent, and a visionary in our community’s work to end homelessness.”

Nominees for the C.H.A.M.P. Award: Collaborative/Harm-Reduction Oriented/Action-Oriented/Motivated/Passionate:

Brazen Architecture	Health Plan of Nevada
HopeLink	Las Vegas Golden Knights
Las Vegas Rescue Mission	Sands Cares

Brazen Architecture won the C.H.A.M.P. Award and is described as a “thought leader” in architectural approaches to ending homelessness and as having gifted an incredible amount of pro bono work to the community in design services to assist in the creation of facilities to serve those experiencing homelessness.

Nominees for the H.E.R.O. Award: Homeless Solutions/Effective/Result-Oriented/Open:

Clark County Social Service	HELP of Southern Nevada	HopeLink of Southern Nevada
Las Vegas Rescue Mission	The M.O.R.E. Team	Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth
WestCare Nevada	U.S. Vets	

HopeLink of Southern Nevada won the H.E.R.O. Award and “strives to understand the challenges its clients are facing, and to be a fierce advocate to help them find the resources they need.”

Closing remarks made by Emily Paulsen, Co-Chair, thanking everyone for all their hard work and vision to end homelessness.

Agenda Item 7. Public Comment.

Arash Ghafoori, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, shared that the 2019 Southern Nevada Youth Homelessness Summit: The Movement at Work, will be opening registration. The Summit will be presented by Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth and Sands Cares on Thursday, November 7, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at The Venetian Resort. Community stakeholders will join together to move the Southern Nevada Regional Plan to End Homelessness forward.

HopeLink of Southern Nevada is seeking registrations for HopeWeek Bowling4Hope, November 9 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Cosmic Bowling at Strike Zone, Sunset Station. Be a corporate sponsor for \$1-5k, a lane sponsor for \$300 (includes bowling for 5) or just register you and family or friends. Sign up a team or two from work, church or wherever you hang out. Register online up to 5 bowlers at a time and consider an extra gift for our cause in your online shopping cart.

Emily Paulsen, Nevada Homeless Alliance, shared that Project Homeless Connect will be on November 26, 2019, at The Champion Center on 3900 East Bonanza Road. Project Homeless Connect is a service and resource fair for people who are at risk of or currently experiencing homelessness. The services provided aim to break down barriers to housing and self-sufficiency including housing, shelter, health care, legal aid, job readiness, food, behavioral health and more.

HELP of Southern Nevada on November 1st will begin signing up families for turkeys and on December 1st will begin signing up families for a holiday gift.

Nevada Homeless Alliance invites people to attend the November 6, 2019 City of Las Vegas Council Meeting to oppose a new proposed law. The City of Las Vegas is considering an ordinance that would make it a misdemeanor to set up shelters on sidewalks if there is still room at the shelters. If the ordinance passes, homeless individuals will get a choice when approached by law enforcement: Go to the shelter or face a misdemeanor charge. As the City of Las Vegas considers a new ordinance aimed at the homeless population, people who work in the hardest hit areas spoke about what they see on a daily basis.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.