

**SOUTHERN NEVADA HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
December 5, 2019**

In attendance: Emily Paulsen, Co-Chair, Advocate, Nevada Homeless Alliance
Kathi Thomas-Gibson, Co-Chair, Government, City of Las Vegas
Amie Duford, Healthcare Provider, Touro University Nevada
Arash Ghafoori, Co-Vice Chair, Social Service Provider, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth
Peter McCoy, Veteran Service Provider, Veterans Administration
Ralph Murphy, Alternate, Affordable Housing, Nevada HAND
Troy Oglesbee, Faith-Based, Save-A-Life
Lora Picini, Gaming Industry, Caesars Entertainment
Janet Quintero, EFSP Board, United Way of Southern Nevada
Jon Stevenson, Alternate, Emergency Medical Services, Las Vegas Fire and Rescue
Phil Washington, Faith-Based Organization, Promised Land Community Church
Lavonne Atkins, Mental Health Provider, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services
Julie Calloway, Government, City of Boulder City
Shalimar Cabrera, Veteran Service Provider, U.S. Vets-Las Vegas
Rick Damian, Government, City of North Las Vegas
Annie Wilson, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department

Absent: Kena Adams, Advocate, Indian Voices
Carlton Craig, University, University of Nevada Las Vegas
Robert Dawson, Social Service Provider, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada
Jennifer Harris, Homeless or Formerly Homeless
Genese Jones-Torrence, S.A.F.E. Nest
Chad Williams, Public Housing Authority, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority
Stacy DiNicola, Government, City of Henderson
Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Government, Clark County Social Service
Alletha Muzorewa, Workforce Investment, Workforce Connections
Meg Pike, School District, Clark County School District

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 2:00 p.m., on Thursday, December 5, 2019, at United Way of Southern Nevada, 5830 W. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89103.

Agenda Item 2. Public Comment.

No Public comments

Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Agenda for December 5, 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 November 14, 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 an update. The committee will hold a discussion on policies that criminalize the Homeless. The meeting will be held on Thursday, December 12th at 3:30 pm at City Hall. Any Questions or concerns, you can email Kathi Thomas Gibson who is chair of the working group.

Agenda Item 6. Update from the collaborative applicant on relevant business for consideration by the Board; for possible action.

Danita Osborne-Morris, Clark County Social Service provided an update on the 2020 Homeless Census. We have officially launched our volunteer recruitment website. The information will also be sent via email to providers and Community Partners for distribution. There are also flyers for the Adult and Youth Peer Navigators as well, identifying that they will receive a 25 dollar gift card per shift.

Agenda Item 7. Presentation by Las Vegas Fire and Rescue on the Southern Nevada Community Health Improvement Program (CHIPs); for possible action

Emily Paulsen, Nevada Homeless Alliance, tabled this agenda item to a future meeting.

Agenda Item 8. Presentation by the Governance Ad-Hoc Group on proposed changes to the Governance Structure and nominees to the Board; for possible action.

Kathi Thomas-Gibson, City of Las Vegas, noted that the Ad-Hoc Membership and the Ad-Hoc Governance Sub-committees have been meeting over the last couple of months. In your packets, there is a list of nominees to fill vacant board seats. There will be a vote on these in January when the full CoC ratifies new members. There are new nominees in the Advocate and Formerly Homeless categories. There is a desire by the board to have an authentic voice for the youth and young adults. The seat would possibly be filled by Young Adults in Charge, which is a youth advisory group. Rather than have a single person, the board could have a team of individuals to help provide input from the youth and young adult perspective. This will require a change in the governance structure to allow multiple individuals to hold a single seat. The language will be added to the governance structure that allows us to do that. There is an update to the governance structure annually. This is required to comply with the HEARTH (Homelessness Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing) Act.

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 or concerns regarding reports from the Board working groups.

Agenda Item 10. Receive an update from board members regarding relevant activities within their respective organizations relating to homelessness

Troy Oglesbee, Save a Life, shared that the Justice Department has set aside \$600,000 for housing assistance for non-profit organizations that help women and children as well as temporary housing for all individuals. Once this is approved, he will send an update via email.

Phil Washington, Promised Land Community Church, shared that in January there will be a protest demonstration in disagreement with the criminalization of homelessness. The protest will take place on Fremont Street.

Tim Burch, Clark County, provided an update that Crisis Stabilization projects was approved by the Board of Clark County Commissioners on Tuesday, December 3rd. Over the past couple of months, the Board of County Commissioners has taken business license revenue from marijuana dispensaries that has provided 12 million dollars in funding to target homelessness in our community. More diversion programs to come this spring. Within 60 days we should be bringing a land and housing trust ordinance through public comment. This will allow the County to begin to allocate land to build affordable housing. Funding for supportive housing will be funded by the 8 cent sales tax, and 9 million dollars have been designated to provide for workforce training and economic stability. On December 6, 2019, the Nevada System of Higher Education Board will be making a Public declaration stating that Individuals that are system involved or individuals that have aged out of foster care will receive a tuition waiver and ensure that students avoid Homelessness during the processing of their tuition waiver.

Arash Ghafoori, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, shared that the National Network for Youth met with HUD Secretary Ben Carson to discuss how to make HUD investments make more sense for local communities. Secondly, there was a discussion on how to relax the definitions that HUD uses, especially regarding youth. Lastly, there was a discussion on how to solve the conundrum regarding scoring problems. Youth providers are being penalized because not enough youth are accessing public services due to either being employed or simply not eligible for public services. Scoring should reflect the good work that we are doing.

Emily Paulsen, Nevada Homeless Alliance, updated that Project Homeless Connect was a success and there will be a full report by February. Secondly, the City of Las Vegas has introduced an additional camping ban ordinance. The ordinance has the potential to make it unlawful to be on the sidewalk at any time in the City of Las Vegas.

Rick Damien, City of North Las Vegas, shared that applications for North Las Vegas CBDG (Community Development Block Grant) and ESG (Emergency Solutions Grant) has been out for over a month. The deadline is in 4 more days. The CNLV will be carving out a million dollars of its acquisition renovation and rental model. In 2 weeks, the city council will be approving the activity to go forward with an RFP and partner with another agency. There is a possibility that CBDG will address homelessness or affordable housing. The model could be implemented annually if successful.

Agenda Item 11. Public Comment.

Kelly Robson, HELP of Southern Nevada shared that today is officially the first day of the Toy Drive. These are the last 5 days of intake. Any families that need Holiday assistance can apply December 6th, 7th, 13th 14th and 16th between the hours of 8 am -1 pm.

Catherine Huang Hara, Clark County Social Service shared that next Thursday will be the Annual Homeless Vigil at the Care Complex, 200 Foremaster Lane at 4:30 pm.

Rick Damien, City of North Las Vegas, shared that if any additional information regarding CBDG to please contact Jaini Christiansen.

Arash Ghafoori, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, wished everyone a happy holiday.

The meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.