

**SOUTHERN NEVADA HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
March 12, 2020**

In attendance: Arash Ghafoori, Co-Chair, Social Service Provider, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth
Annie Wilson, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
Arshawn Turner, Current or Formerly Homeless, Young Adults in Charge
Beckie Larson, Alternate, United Way of Southern Nevada
Christiana Houck, Business, Gaming, Aristocrat Gaming
Emily Paulsen, Advocate, Nevada Homeless Alliance
Hassan Chandry, Business, Foresight Housing Partners
Jaini Christison, Government, City of North Las Vegas
JoAnn Rupiper, Healthcare Provider, Southern Nevada Health District
Jocelyn Bluitt-Fisher, Government, City of Las Vegas
Julie Calloway, Government, City of Boulder City
Kelly Swan, Business, Renew Therapeutic Enhancement Services
Kristin Cooper, Government, Clark County
Lavonne Atkins, Mental Health Provider, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services
Meg Pike, School District, Clark County School District
Phil Washington, Faith-Based, Promise Land Community Church
Ralph Murphy, Alternate, Affordable Housing, Nevada HAND
Rebecca Edgeworth, Alternate, Healthcare Provider, Touro University Nevada
Robbie DeBuff, Alternate, Workforce Investment, Workforce Connections
Shalimar Cabrera, Veteran Service Provider, U.S. Vets-Las Vegas
Shanette Rowe, Alternate, Advocate, True Beginnings
Stacy DiNicola, Government, City of Henderson

Absent: Carlton Craig, University, University of Nevada Las Vegas
Chad Williams, Public Housing Authority, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority
Genese Jones-Torrence, S.A.F.E. Nest
Jennifer Harris, Homeless or Formerly Homeless
Jon Stevenson, Emergency Medical Services, Las Vegas Fire and Rescue
Kena Adams, Advocate, Indian Voices
Peter McCoy, Veteran Service Provider, Veterans Administration
Robert Dawson, Social Service Provider, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada
Troy Oglesbee, Faith-Based, Save A Life

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 2:06 p.m., on Thursday, March 12, 2020, at United Way of Southern Nevada, 5830 W. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89103.

Agenda Item 2. Public Comment.

Eli Thompson, Nevada State Census, stated that the last Census missed 37.5% of households. Filling out the census is important to be able to effectively count our community and have the resources that are needed both on the state and federal level. Kera Dorsey, Tech Impact, Tech Impact has been in Las Vegas for 5 years and will do free workforce training for young adults. Tech impact pays for all certifications and classes for all young adults in the program. Tech impact would love to become a community partner.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Agenda for May 14, 2020; for possible action.

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

Agenda Item 4. Approval of the Minutes from the March 12, 2020 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.

Arash Ghafoori, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, mentioned that the Steering Committee had a brief discussion on policies and procedures and the AB73 Work Group. The group discussed items to be added to the governance and restructuring of the Steering Committee's monthly agenda.

Agenda Item 6. Presentation and Discussion led by the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) of Southern Nevada on the Coordinated Transportation Plan; for possible action.

Deborah Reardon and Karen Castro, RTC, provided a power point presentation on the Coordinated Transportation Plan. The Plan is to improve mobility for three target populations: seniors, people with disabilities and low-income individuals. The plan is on a 5-year cycle and was last updated in 2015. The plan had established some goals: flexible, accessible, timely, and reliant. Since the last plan, there has been a change within the population. In the last four years, there has been a growth of 176, 000 and an aging increase of 37 years. There has also been increase in chronic homelessness. There has been an effort that has focused on connecting individuals to transportation. The Roadblock Policy Report and the Onboard Mobility Plan tackled high mobility transport. The RTC would like to integrate technology within the Plan, and is looking for further feedback. The speakers would like to return to a future meeting to present the new plan.

Agenda Item 7. Presentation by the CSH (Corporation for Supportive Housing) and the Cloudburst Group on system modeling for Southern Nevada’s response to homelessness; for possible action.

Susan Starrett and Tom Haskin from CSH and Katie Peterson from the Cloudburst Group provided a presentation on System Modeling. System Modeling is broken down into several steps starting with Step 1: Define Program Models. This step describes the program elements needed to provide an effective, efficient intervention to ensure immediate safety and rapid exit to permanent housing, as appropriate to the needs of the individual or family experiencing homelessness. This provides an opportunity for the community to be innovative. Step 2: Define Pathways, illustrates that homeless systems include many projects, but people use different parts of the system based on their needs. Every community should get an individualized response, but we can estimate the level of system resources we need by considering groups with similar housing needs and the type of response necessary to help them return to permanent housing and achieve other desired outcomes. Estimates can be improved over time. Sample Homelessness System mapping would start with coordinated entry and flow through short-term crisis housing to rapid re-housing or permanent supportive housing and then finally permanent housing. When using the system map in order to calculate unit counts, the percentage of how the overall population will access different pathways needs to be determined. To calculate the turnover rate, the average length of time individuals are staying in supportive housing would need to be provided. Step 3: Estimate Need, determines estimations of the annual number of households experiencing homelessness. First, it is estimated by subpopulation: adults without children, families, transition-aged/youth/young adults. Secondly, by data sources are reviewed (Point-In-Time counts, the Homeless management Information System, service utilization, system partners, etc.). Other necessary data includes an estimate of the number of persons aging into chronic homelessness, estimate of the number of persons coming into the system new each year, and also an estimate the number of returns to homelessness. Step 4: Model a Healthy System uses the program models, pathways and percentages, length of stay estimates, and the estimated number of people to calculate how many units of service slots are needed at a point-in-time. Step 5: Transitioning to Healthy System includes determining the number of units, which includes needed inventory for each program model, current inventory for each program model and gap inventory for each program model. The Transition/Conversion Plan should include whether System Modeling should model for 1, 3, or 5 years based upon how much realistically can happen each year. Step 6: Estimate the System Conversion Cost defines the cost for each Program Model (housing, service, development) and estimates the cost to convert the system for each year of the transition plan. System Modeling already makes assumptions, and the System Modeling process tries to help the Continuum of Care make intentional, smarter assumptions, using real-time B.A.D (Best Available Data) as much as possible with real life experiences. System Modeling is a process, not a one-time thing. Revise the model and the transition/conversion plan as needed. The System Modeling Timeline will include the Final System Conversion and Cost Estimates with the System Modeling Work Group and AB73 Working Group to be completed by April. Documentation of the System Modeling Process and outcomes are to be completed by May.

Agenda Item 8. Questions and answers regarding reports from the Board working groups: Community Engagement, Coordinated Entry, Data & Systems Improvement, Evaluation, Monitoring, Planning, and Youth; for possible action.

No questions were posed to the Board.

Agenda Item 9. Receive an update from board members regarding relevant activities within their respective organizations relating to homelessness; for possible action.

Shalimar Cabrera, Veteran Service Provider from U.S.Vets-Las Vegas, announced that the Veterans Stand down has been postponed. Emily Paulsen, Advocate from Nevada Homeless Alliance, announced that Pop Up Project Homeless Connect will still be held on Tuesday, March 17th, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the LGBTQ Center of Las Vegas. The event will provide mobile showers, and access to hand sanitizers and other resources to help fight the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 19). Arash Ghafoori, Social Service Provider from Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, shared that Congress has issued over \$9 billion for COVID-19 relief, with Clark County set to receive \$6 million.

Agenda Item 10. Public Comment.

No comment was provided.

The meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m.