

**SOUTHERN NEVADA HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 14, 2020**

**In attendance:** Arash Ghafoori, Co-Chair, Social Service Provider, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth  
Rick Damian, Co- Chair, Government, City of North Las Vegas  
Arcelia Barajas, Alternate, Government, City of Las Vegas  
Emily Paulsen, Advocate, Nevada Homeless Alliance  
Christiana Houck, Business, Gaming, Aristocrat Gaming  
David Slattery, Alternate, Emergency Medical Services, Las Vegas Fire and Rescue  
Genese Jones-Torrence, S.A.F.E. Nest  
Hassan Chandry, Business, Foresight Housing Partners  
Janet Quintero, EFSP Board, United Way of Southern Nevada  
Katherine Marçal, Alternate, University, University of Nevada Las Vegas  
JoAnn Rupiper, Healthcare Provider, Southern Nevada Health District  
Julie Calloway, Government, City of Boulder City  
Kelly Swan, Business, Renew Therapeutic Enhancement Services  
Kristin Cooper, Government, Clark County  
Maya Rowe, Alternate, Advocate, True Beginnings  
Meg Pike, School District, Clark County School District  
Peter McCoy, Veteran Service Provider, Veterans Administration  
Phil Washington, Faith-Based, Promise Land Community Church  
Ralph Murphy, Alternate, Affordable Housing, Nevada HAND  
Rebecca Edgeworth, Alternate, Healthcare Provider, Touro University Nevada  
Robert Dawson, Social Service Provider, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada  
Shalimar Cabrera, Veteran Service Provider, U.S. Vets-Las Vegas  
Stacy DiNicola, Government, City of Henderson  
Taisacan Hall, Young Adults in Charge

**Absent:** Alletha Muzorewa, Workforce Investment, Workforce Connections  
Annie Wilson, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department  
Chad Williams, Public Housing Authority, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority  
Jennifer Harris, Homeless or Formerly Homeless  
Kena Adams, Advocate, Indian Voices  
Lavonne Atkins, Mental Health Provider, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services  
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 2:04 p.m., on Thursday, May 14, 2020, via WebEx

**Agenda Item 2. Public Comment.**

No comments were posed to the Board

**Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Agenda for June 11, 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 May 14, 2020 meeting; for possible action.**

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

**Agenda Item 5. Update by the Collaborative Applicant on relevant business of the Continuum of Care; for possible action.**

Catherine Huang Hara, Clark County Social Service, early on during the COVID-19 pandemic HUD released the CARES Act. Part of the CARES Act included some waivers for the CoC program, which included waivers for Fair Market Rent for individual units; disability documentation for permanent supportive housing; limitations on housing search; permanent housing and rapid re-housing case monthly management requirements, housing quality standards with physical inspections; re-inspection requirements and one-year lease requirements. These are the aspects of different CoC projects that could request a waiver. There are varying due dates for the ends of each waiver. If the State of Emergency continues, it is anticipated there may be extensions to submitted requests. Regarding the 2020 CoC Local Competition, the County is still awaiting further guidance from HUD if there will be a competition this year. There hasn't been concrete information provided one way or the other as of this point. Currently, on the Help Hope Home website there is a draft of the scoring and ranking policy and procedures for 2020. The info will be posted for 30 days and will brought back to the board for

approval at the June meeting. For the local competition the application for renewal projects will be open on June 15<sup>th</sup>. There is a Statewide CoC Meeting next Wednesday at 3 pm via WebEx which will provide an opportunity for all three of the Nevada CoCs to provide information. If interested in attending, please email Catherine Huang Hara, (CCSS)

**Agenda Item 6. Update on the local response to Coronavirus Disease 19 (COVID-19); for possible action.**

Kristin Cooper, Government, Clark County Social Service, provided an update, from the beginning Clark County has been assisting with homelessness during the shelter closures and with placing individuals with underlining medical conditions in non-congregate housing which is available through FEMA. Individuals who are considered high-risk are put on the BOLO (Be on the lookout) list. After their assessment, the individuals are placed in non-congregate housing. Right now, the majority are being placed at the Super 8 motel in North Las Vegas. The Super 8 has 108 rooms and currently 40 rooms are occupied. The placement provides a quarantine opportunity where Meals are provided as well as light case management. There are also 14 rooms available for those who have tested positive for COVID-19. Rita Suites has 214 rooms available. All agencies are working together to coordinate PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) Supplies, currently operating under ESF6 Supportive Services. Going forward the community needs to come together to decide how to address what to do with those individuals needing services after the crisis. Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Clark County Social Service, The Board needs to come together to form a recovery plan. Providers will be updated regarding the development stages of the recovery plan. Arash Ghafoori, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, Crisis will lead to an increase in homeless population.

Joann Rupiper, Healthcare Provider, Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD), provided an update on SNHD's response to COVID-19. SNHD is currently developing testing capabilities for the homeless population and moving forward how to best serve the targeted community. The homeless community does not always have access to testing or medical care. Testing will start with the shelters and encampments first. More staff is needed to ensure that more testing is available to the community. A modular shelter will open in June with 30 beds available for those individuals that need to be quarantined. The shelter will also feature an associated clinic. The clinic will include five (5) beds in a negative pressured room for those individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 and are considered extremely contagious. Clinic will have a nurse and other medical staff available.

Arcelia Barajas, Government, City of Las Vegas, provided an update, The City has partnered with Clark County ISO-Q joint project. The City is managing the ISO-Q and City staff have been deployed to the ISO-Q and are working 24/7 to manage the site. ISO-q has medical staff providing treatment. The site receives 20 to 50 patients daily. The ISO-Q will continue to operate through June 30<sup>th</sup>,

**Agenda Item 7. Update on Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act from Jurisdictional partners; for possible action.**

Kristin Cooper, Government, Clark County Social Service, provided an update on the CARE'S Act funding. Clark County received 4.7 million in CBDG (Community Development Block Grant) funds and 3.7 million in ESG (Emergency Solutions Grant) funds. Funds are usually used for Rapid-Re-housing. Clark County received \$295,000,000 and the City of Las Vegas received \$120,000,000. The County is deliberating on how to spend the funds to ensure that there will be no duplication of services. Ms. Cooper stated that Clark County Chief Financial Officer Jessica Colvin recommends setting aside funds for the community services, for example, rental assistance, meals, domestic violence services, etc. The item will be included on the agenda for Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> for consideration by the Board of Clark County Commissioners. The County will determine how to deploy CBDG and ESG funds in the community. Funds could be used to update technology to help improve communication. \$295,000,000 is to be spent by December 30<sup>th</sup>.

Arcelia Barajas, Government, City of Las Vegas, stated that Las Vegas received \$3,500,000 from CBDG funding and \$1,500,000 from ESG. The city is working towards June to determine how and when to allocate funds. The city would like to use funds for rental assistance.

Stacey DiNicola, Government, City of Henderson, shared that Henderson has received \$868,000 dollars for CBDG funding. Approximately \$400,000 dollars will be given to small business owners. The city has designated \$160,000 for meals on wheels and \$80,000 for utility assistance.

Rick Damien, Government, City of North Las Vegas, shared that North Las Vegas received \$1,100,000 million in CBDG and \$580,000 for ESGs. CBDG funding will go to Meals on Wheels and small business stabilization loans, while ESG funds will go to programs providing rental assistance. Funds are to be allocated by late June or early July.

**Agenda Item 8. Receive an update from board members and attending agencies regarding relevant activities within their respective organizations relating to homelessness and COVID-19; for possible action.**

Arash Ghafoori, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, updated that the Youth Working Group has been meeting on a weekly basis since the beginning of COVID-19. Since COVID-10 there has been an increase in street youth looking for services.

Janet Quintero, United Way of Southern Nevada, provided an update that they have received the allocation for EFSP (Emergency Food and Shelter Program) Phase 37, and the application is open until May 22<sup>nd</sup>. United Way has received \$1,400,000 in CARES Act funding. There is also the United Way Emergency Assistance fund for those who do not qualify for the CARES Act funding. The best way for individuals to access information on this funding is to call Nevada 211.

Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Clark County Social Service, stated that in response to COVID-19 the Coordinated Entry Working Group has made some pivots in working towards recovery to make sure those who are experiencing homelessness and considered highly vulnerable, were able to be housed as quickly as possible. Coordinated Entry Working Group will be having a more robust discussion about what the coordinated entry system needs in order to better serve the community during COVID-19.

Meg Pike, Clark County School District, provided an update on the homeless outreach program for education and advised when working with families and youth it is important to encourage everyone to register for the upcoming school year. By registering, families can self-identify as homeless and qualify for the Homeless Outreach program and services.

Kelly Swan, Renew Therapeutic Enhancement Services, shared that tomorrow at 1:00-3:30 pm there will be a virtual summit titled “Basics of Healing the Wounds of COVID-19”. If interested in attending, please visit the CARE Coalition Nevada Website for information. Also, if you are a front-line homeless service provider, there will be a support group available through the Nevada Homeless Alliance. Please visit the National Homeless Alliance website for more information.

**Agenda Item 9. Public Comment.**

No comments were posed to the Board.

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