

WORKING GROUP TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS

WEB EX

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2020

The Working Group to Address Homelessness is a product of AB73 from the 80th Session of the 2019 Nevada Legislature, and is a multijurisdictional effort comprised of individuals representing local government and community members that work on issues involving homelessness. The Working Group is responsible for focusing attention and providing a report on the methods to reduce homelessness and identifying sources of funding to implement the methods.

1. Call to Order

The Working Group to Address Homelessness meeting was called to order by Yolanda King at 11:30 a.m.

Committee Members

Present:

Yolanda King	Clark County (Chair)
Scott Adams	City of Las Vegas (Vice-Chair)
Julie Calloway	City of Boulder City
Beth Kaczmarski	Boulder City Resident
Janice Ridondo	City of Mesquite
Fuila Riley	HELP of Southern Nevada
Steve Schmitt	Catholic Charities of Southern NV
Aaron Sheets	HopeLink of Southern Nevada
Michael Tassi	City of Henderson

Not Present:

Deacon Tom Roberts	Catholic Charities of Southern NV
Ryann Juden	City of North Las Vegas
Richard Whitley	Nevada Department of Health and Human Services
Scott Vaughn	Retired North Las Vegas Police Department

2. Roll Call

Roll call was completed.

3. Public Comment

At this time, Chair King asked if there were any callers on the phone from the public wishing to be heard on any items on the agenda as posted.

There were no comments from the public.

4. *Approval of Minutes from February 27, 2020 (*for possible action*)

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. A motion was made by Vice Chair Adams and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2020 meeting.

5. *Approval of Agenda for June 11, 2020 (*for possible action*)

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda. A motion was made and unanimously carried to approve the agenda of the June 11, 2020 meeting.

6. Receive Presentations on Current Efforts Towards Homelessness

Chair King provided a brief summary of the February 27 meeting. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has been working on providing technical assistance, gap analyses, system modeling reports and cost estimates for the AB73 committee.

Ms. Katie Peterson and Ms. Ashley Tolman from Cloudburst, along with Ms. Susan Starrett from the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH), HUD's technical assistance firm, presented the Modeling Southern Nevada's Homeless Response System.

Mr. Robert Thompson with the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) informed the group that the Homeless to Housing unit has continued moving forward with the interagency council on homelessness. The first meeting is on June 23, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. He also mentioned that the welfare division will reopen on June 15, 2020 to serve the community.

At this time, Chair King asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the presentation. Interested parties addressed their questions, comments and concerns regarding the presentation.

7. *Discussion of Methods and Funding Sources to Reduce Homelessness in Clark County (*for possible action*)

Chair King provided the group with an overview of the AB73 meeting. The group has missed about six meetings from March through June 2020. The original calendar showed AB73 committee meetings scheduled through August 27, 2020, with a goal of finalizing the recommendations and providing a report to the Nevada Legislature on or before October 1, 2020. The month of September will allow each jurisdiction to present the AB73 report to their respective governing board for acceptance, modification or rejection of the committee's recommendations.

Chair King recapped that HUD will provide the costs associated with the system of care at the next meeting. She asked Ms. Michele Fuller-Hauler to provide the group with an updated funding matrix to include the COVID-19 funds.

Chair King also mentioned that Clark County and City of Las Vegas engaged Applied Analysis to study the community demand for mental health, substance abuse and transitional housing services. The entities asked Applied Analysis to analyze the gap and

provide an estimate of the cost to build the gap. Vice Chair Adams has a meeting with Applied Analysis and will attempt to finalize a report by next week.

Ms. Fuller-Hauler presented and discussed the AB73 summary funding matrix report.

At this time, Chair King asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the presentation. Interested parties addressed their questions, comments and concerns regarding the presentation

Chair King suggested that the committee start formulating recommendations to help reduce homelessness and identify the funding source to implement these recommendations. Vice Chair Adams and Mr. Michael Tassi mentioned that their agencies have recommendations and will forward the information to Ms. April Turner.

Chair King informed the committee of her suggestion to provide a Regional Homeless Coordinator for the community to keep track of and strategize the HUD and Applied Analysis recommendations. She mentioned that she spoke with Mr. Richard Whitley from DHHS and asked if it is possible for the State to fund this position through their grants.

8. Public Comment

At this time, Chair King asked if there were any callers on the phone from the public wishing to be heard on any items on the agenda as posted.

There were no comments from the public.

Chair King does not believe it is necessary for the group to meet on June 25, 2020. The next Working Group meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., location to be determined.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Working Group at this time, meeting was adjourned at the hour of 1:24 p.m.