

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

In attendance: Albert Chavez, Social Service Provider, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada
Alletha Muzorewa, Workforce Investment, Workforce Connections
Christiana Houck, Business, Gaming, Aristocrat Gaming
David Perez, EFSP Board, United Way of Southern Nevada
Genese Jones-Torrence, S.A.F.E. Nest
Hassan Chandry, Business, Foresight Housing Partners
Jennifer Huse, Mental Health Provider, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services
JoAnn Rupiper, Healthcare Provider, Southern Nevada Health District
Jocelyn Bluitt-Fisher, Government, City of Las Vegas
Jon Stevenson, Emergency Medical Services, Las Vegas Fire and Rescue
Julie Calloway, Government, City of Boulder City
Katherine Marcal, Alternate, University, University of Nevada Las Vegas
Kelly Swan, Business, Renew Therapeutic Enhancement Services
Kristin Cooper, Government, Clark County
Meg Pike, Education, Clark County School District
Peter McCoy, Veteran Service Provider, Veterans Administration
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, Advocate, Young Adults in Charge
Tracy Torrence, Public Housing Authority, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority
Troy Oglesbee, Faith-Based, Save a Life

Absent: Annie Wilson, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
Arash Ghafoori, Co-Chair, Social Service Provider, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth
Emily Paulsen, Advocate, Nevada Homeless Alliance
Jennifer Harris, Homeless or Formerly Homeless
Kena Adams, Advocate, Indian Voices
Phil Washington, Faith-Based, Promise Land Community Church
Rick Damian, Co-Chair, Government, City of North Las Vegas
Vera Moore, Advocate, True Beginnings

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, November 12th, 2020 via WebEx.

Agenda Item 2. Public Comment.

No comments were posed to the Board.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Agenda for November 12th, 2020; for possible action.

A motion was made to approve the Agenda with Agenda Item 6 being postponed until the December 10th meeting. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 4. Approval of the Minutes from the October 8th, 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.

Meg Pike, Education, Clark County School District provided an update on the recent activities of the Steering Committee. At the last meeting, the Committee discussed the agenda for the December CoC Board meeting. The committee also discussed the availability of the Emergency and Non-Congregate shelter programs.

Agenda Item 6. Presentation by the Nevada Assembly Bill 73 Working Group to Address Homelessness on their final report and next steps; for possible action.

Tabled until the December 10th meeting.

Agenda Item 7. Presentation by Clark County Social Service on Operation HOME! housing surge; for possible action.

Kristin Cooper, Government, Clark County Social Service, shared a PowerPoint presentation on Operation HOME! housing surge. The goal of Operation HOME! is to house 2,022 high-risk, unhoused community members by the end of 2022 through different pathways to permanent housing, utilizing a client-centered community, and collaborative approach. ESG funding will be applied to housing programs and CDBG funds will be applied to case management services. There are currently 17 million dollars available in CDBG funds. With existing financial commitments in place, Clark County will be able to fund 700 households. The goal is to service 2022 households with a cost of 57.2 million. The operation HOME! Action teams are divided into eleven teams Leadership, Communications, Landlord Engagement, and Unit Acquisition, Performance and Data Management, Client Engagement, Assessment and Matching, Move-In, and Grantee Support. Taisacan Hall, Advocate, Young Adults in Charge asked what the age range is to Qualify for housing under Operation HOME! Kristin Cooper responded that there is no age requirement for Operation HOME!

Agenda Item 8. Update by Clark County Social Service on the current status of the emergency and non-congregate shelter programs; for possible action.

Catherine Huang Hara and Kristin Cooper, Government, Clark County Social Service. provided an update on the current status of the emergency and non-congregate shelter programs. Since the advent of COVID-19, the team has been meeting with the TA providers to discuss changes regarding inventory in the HMIS system. Changes to the inventory count will be made at a later date but for now, the inventory count includes data from the count submitted to HUD in January 2020 as well as data collected from March through June 2020. There were 15,141 beds in March, today that number has increased to 17,145. The total number of beds for the housing inventory count is 16,131 for our congregate shelter sites, which are typically the brick and mortar sites that have large shelter programs. In March Catholic Charities had 1431 beds available. Currently, Catholic Charities has 1405 beds available. A slight decrease in availability due to the need for social distancing. There are 404 beds available at our non-congregate shelter sites. Due to the current medical crisis, the non-congregate sites are also hosting homeless and non-homeless individuals who have been discharged from the hospital. The homeless have no place to go and can't enroll in a shelter program until they're no longer ill. On the non-homeless side some people have family members who are high risk so going home is not an option until they have recovered. The non-congregate shelters are headed towards capacity with only 50 beds available. The team will be watching over the next several weeks as COVID numbers increase. The concern is that there might not be enough beds available for clients who need to be quarantined at the non-congregate shelter sites if the increase in hospitalizations continues. New contracts have been implemented with the County in partnership with the jurisdictions that will provide an imminent change in the number of beds in the inventory due to the addition of two new agencies. The housing inventory count will be conducted in January the same night as the shelter count.

Agenda Item 9. Update on local response to and recovery from Coronavirus Disease 19 (COVID-19); for possible action.

JoAnn Rupiper, Healthcare Provider, Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD), provided an update on SNHD's response to COVID-19. SNHD is continuing its efforts to provide more testing sites in the community. SNHD is also working on vaccine planning for the COVID-19 vaccine. COVID vaccine planning will be prioritized for the homeless population and then for essential workers. The timeline for the vaccine is unknown at this point. Testing continues at all of the community testing sites and information regarding the testing sites can be found on SNHD's website. The Health District is continuing to provide the flu vaccine and COVID-19 testing to the encampment sites.

Agenda Item 10. Questions and answers regarding reports from the Board Working Groups (Community Engagement, Coordinated Entry, Data and Systems Improvement, Evaluation, Monitoring, Planning, Youth); for possible action.

Meg Pike, Education, Clark County School District, asked where the links for the Board reports can be located. Catherine Huang Hara responded that some working groups have shifted their regular functions towards Operation HOME! These groups have not held any meetings but rather very brief engagements via email versus having a board report. Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Government, Clark County Social Service added that the working groups should discuss updating the board on the activities of the working groups that have shifted their focus for Operation HOME efforts.

Agenda Item 11. Receive an update from Board members regarding relevant activities within their respective organizations relating to homelessness; for possible action.

Taisacan Hall, Advocate, Young Adults in Charge shared that YAC has been meeting virtually to discuss membership and the possibility of YAC members receiving compensation for the work that they do for the community.

Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Government, Clark County Social Service, shared that Danita Osborne-Morris has been promoted to Senior Management Analyst with the Resource and Development Unit (RAD) and will no longer serve as the CoC Grants Coordinator. Karen Schneider, formerly Assistant Manager for the RAD Unit, has been promoted to Manager of Community Resource Management (CRM). Tara Ulmer, formerly Senior Grants Coordinator for RAD, will now serve as Assistant Manager for the RAD unit.

Meg Pike, Education, Clark County School District shared that the CCSD board meeting will be held this evening. The rumor is that the Board plans to vote on the return of students to classrooms. Over the last few days, there was talk about trying to get students at least partially back in classrooms as of December 1st, however, in light of the governor's new stay at home order, all CCSD staff, including teachers have been asked to work from home.

Troy Oglesbee, Faith-Based, Save a Life shared that Save a Life has secured emergency housing totaling 14 rooms, and 20 beds. If there is anybody that needs emergency assistance, please feel free to reach out.

Agenda Item 12. Public Comments

Genevieve De Lynch, Nevada Homeless Alliance, shared that NHA will be canceling their annual Pop-up Family Connect that was scheduled for November 17th. This pop-up was the last event of the year. More events are scheduled after the beginning of the year.

Shalimar Cabrera, Veteran Service Provider, U.S. Vets-Las Vegas, shared that on Wednesday, November 18th, US Vets will be having a virtual gala to raise money for the veteran program and COVID-19 relief funding. There will be guest speakers and entertainment coming to you from inside of Allegiant stadium. If you register in advance for the gala then you'll receive a virtual swag bag of goodies including, discounts to restaurants. Credit one bank is doing one viewer for one veteran challenge, so for every viewer that logs in to watch our gala, they're going to provide a holiday meal to a veteran in need.

Albert Chavez Social Service Provider, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada, shared that there has been a change to management regarding the night shift, and the emergency shelter program now offers case management services. Catholic Charities has also begun testing clients that enter the shelter whether they have enrolled in the shelter or not. The Housing Navigation Center is now open. Hours of operation are from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

Alexa Alessi, The Guinn Center, shared that on Wednesday, November 18th, the Guinn Center will be holding a Civic Engagement Workshop. This workshop is all about acute engagement and engagement at different organizations. The workshop will be recorded so if you're interested in getting the recording afterward feel free to email me.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.