

**SOUTHERN NEVADA HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 14, 2021**

**In attendance:** Albert Chavez, Social Service Provider, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada  
Annie Wilson, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department  
David Perez, EFSP Board, United Way of Southern Nevada  
Genevieve De Lynch, Alternate, Advocate, Nevada Homeless Alliance  
Hassan Chandry, Business, Foresight Housing Partners  
Jaini Christison, Alternate, Government, City of North Las Vegas  
Jocelyn Acevedo, Alternate, Affordable Housing, Nevada HAND  
Jon Stevenson, Emergency Medical Services, Las Vegas Fire and Rescue  
Julie Calloway, Government, City of Boulder City  
Katherine Marcal, University, University of Nevada Las Vegas  
Kena Adams, Advocate, Indian Voices  
Kristin Cooper, Government, Clark County  
Kyle O'Connell-Mock, Business, Gaming, Aristocrat Gaming  
Liz Jarman, Veteran Service Provider, Veterans Administration  
Maurice Cloutier, Government, City of Las Vegas  
Meg Pike, Education, Clark County School District  
Phil Washington, Faith-Based, Promise Land Community Church  
Robbie DeBuff, Workforce Investment, Workforce Connections  
Stacy DiNicola, Government, City of Henderson  
Theresa Butler, Advocate, Young Adults in Charge  
Troy Oglesbee, Faith-Based, Destiny Church  
Vera Moore, Advocate, True Beginnings

**Absent:** Arash Ghafoori, Co-Chair, Social Service Provider, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth  
Chad Williams, Public Housing Authority, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority  
Genese Jones-Torrence, Social Service Provider, S.A.F.E Nest  
Jennifer Harris, Homeless or Formerly Homeless  
JoAnn Rupiper, Healthcare Provider, Southern Nevada Health District  
Lavonne Atkins, Mental Health Provider, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services  
Rebecca Edgeworth, Healthcare Provider, Touro University Nevada  
Shalimar Cabrera, Veteran Service Provider, U.S. Vets-Las Vegas

**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, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 via WebEx.

**Agenda Item 2. Public Comment.**

No comments were posed to the Board.

**Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Agenda for January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021; for possible action.**

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

**Agenda Item 4. Approval of the Minutes from the December 10<sup>th</sup>, 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.**

At the last meeting, the committee discussed agenda setting and presentations for the February Board meeting.

**Agenda Item 6. A. Discussion and approval of recommendations from the Membership Ad-hoc Group of new and appointed members to the Board; for possible action.**

Kathi Thomas-Gibson, Government, City of Las Vegas, presented the new and appointed members to the Board for approval. Government appointments are standard, and they may rotate the person, but the seats are permanent. Jurisdictional partners such as the City of Henderson, City of Las Vegas, City of North Las Vegas, Boulder City, and Clark County all hold permanent seats. The City of Las Vegas has appointed Marcus Cloutier as a primary member and Jocelyn Bluit-Fisher will continue serving as an alternate. Emily Paulsen with Nevada Homeless Alliance, Kena Adams with Indian Voices, and Vera Moore with True Beginnings will continue as primary members representing the advocate sector. Genevieve De Lynch has been appointed to serve as the alternate member for Nevada Homeless Alliance. Audra Hammernik with Nevada HAND will continue as a primary member for the Affordable Housing Developer sector, with Jocelyn Acevedo appointed as an Alternate member. Kyle O'Connell-Mock, with Aristocrat Gaming, has been appointed

to serve as the primary member for the Gaming sector. John Stevenson, Las Vegas Fire, and Rescue will continue as a primary member and David Slattery will continue to serve as an alternate member for Emergency Medical Services. Troy Oglesbee, Destiny Church, and Phil Washington, Promise Land Community Church, will continue as primary members for the Faith-Based sector. David Perez, United Way, will serve as a primary member and Janet Quintero will serve as an alternate for the EFSP Board sector. JoAnn Rupiper, Southern Nevada Health District, will serve as a primary member and Sara Lugo will serve as Alternate member for the Health Care Provider sector. Rebecca Edgeworth, Touro University Nevada, will serve as a primary member and Amie Duford will serve as Alternate for the Health Care Provider sector. For the Homeless or Formerly Homeless sector, Young Adults in Charge will continue to rotate attendees to serve as Board members. Annie Wilson, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, will serve as primary member and Sgt. Jason Santos will serve as an Alternate member for the Law Enforcement sector. Jennifer Huse, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services, will serve as a primary member with Mamdoe Dyanwalle being appointed as an Alternate member for the Mental Health Agency sector. Chad Williams, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority will continue to serve as primary and Tracey Torrence will serve as Alternate member for the Public Housing Agency sector. Arash Ghafouri, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth; Albert Chavez, Catholic Charities; and Genese Jones-Torrence, SafeNest, will continue to serve as primary members, and Melissa Jacobowitz, Nevada Partnership for Homeless youth will serve as an alternate member, Sylvia Davis, SafeNest, will serve as an alternate member, and Darryl Chinn has been appointed to serve as an alternate member for the Social Services Provider sector. Katherine Marcal, University of Nevada Las Vegas, will serve as a primary member and Carlton Craig will serve as Alternate for the University sector. For the Veterans Service Provider, Shalimar Cabrera, Us Vets, will serve as a primary member and Michelle Johnston will serve as an alternate, Liz Jarman, Veterans administration has been appointed to serve as a primary member and Gigi Simmons has been appointed to serve as an alternate member. Lastly, Robbie Debuff, Workforce Connections, has been appointed as a primary member and Alletha Muzorewa will serve as an alternate member for the workforce Investment sector. A motion was made to accept the 2021 list of members and alternates by Board members. The motion was approved.

**Agenda Item 6 B. Discussion and acceptance of recommendations of new and appointed members to the Board by the continuum of Care; for possible action.**

A motion was made to approve the 2021 list of members and alternates by the CoC. The motion was approved.

**Agenda Item 7. Discussion and nomination of new Co-Chairs and Co-Vice Chair from the Board rotation, and nomination and selection of new Community Stakeholder Co-Vice Chair; for possible action.**

Kena Adams, Indian voices was nominated for the Co-Vice Chair Board member seat. The nomination was approved.

**Agenda Item 8. Approval of the authority of the Board by the Continuum of Care to act on behalf of the Continuum of Care, for possible action.**

Item was approved by the Board.

**Agenda Item 9. Update by the Collaborative Applicant on the relevant business of the Continuum of Care, for possible action.**

Catherine Huang Hara, Clark County Social Service, provided an update to the Board on the relevant business of the Continuum of Care. The federal government approved the last round of CARES act activities which included the update for the 2020 notice of funding availability for the COC, which will allow HUD the option to not host the competition for last year's funding. HUD will renew projects with additions of Fair market rent values for any projects that are housing related. Updated grant agreements for those projects will be issued. The team is awaiting more guidance from HUD about how or when that's going to happen. Notifications have been sent to our local HUD field office in San Francisco for clarification. Anyone that participated in last year's competition will have their contract renewed as a renewal project. HUD is also anticipating moving forward with the planning grants as well. Planning grants may not renew at the same rate as the previous planning grant, typically these grants are not eligible for renewable funding because it's a slightly different allocation each year depending on a 5% rate of what the total award amount was. FMR increases also are coming to play for the total grant amount for the community. The team is still waiting for more information on the 2021 CoC competition.

Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Government, Clark County Social Service provided information to the board regarding vaccinations at the Cashman Center. As of 2:00 pm today, the Cashman Center has officially run out of the vaccine. The Health District (SNHD) will let everyone know when their occupation group is available to receive the vaccine.

**Agenda Item 10. Update by Clark County Social Service on the 2021 Southern Nevada Homeless Census; for possible action.**

Catherine Huang Hara, Government, Clark County Social Service provided an update on the 2021 Homeless Census. Due to COVID-19, the team is doing a modified Homeless Census this year. The Point in Time count (PIT) is a requirement from HUD to perform a complicated enumeration at least every odd year. but the Southern Nevada CoC has been doing an annual count for quite a few years now. Previously, the street count was performed by canvassing census tracts. The PIT count also includes a sheltered count as well and the team also provides surveys to determine subpopulation in demographics and extrapolate that information across our unsheltered count population. For this year's PIT count, the team will continue to do a shelter count, which will take place on the night of January 27<sup>th</sup> until the morning of January 28<sup>th</sup>. Any agency that provides transitional housing services will be providing program visualization information which will be captured and pulled from the homeless management information system or HMIS. For the unsheltered count this year, the team will be working with homeless outreach teams to do a sampling and survey canvassing for areas where homeless individuals are known to frequent. The CoC has been invited to participate in the National unsheltered sample this year. The team has been working very closely with the coordinating outreach team and with UNLV to help with some methodology sampling. In addition to the regular unsheltered count, the team will continue to do some sampling of the tunnels and washes as well. If you have any questions

or have any additional information for street outreach teams who may be able to provide some information you can email Catherine Huang Hara at [C3H@clarkcountynv.gov](mailto:C3H@clarkcountynv.gov). The team will also be gathering PPE to distribute to providers as well as to distribute to the homeless population that is responding to the survey. The team also will continue to distribute some level of incentives, from socks to hopefully some winter accessories and bus passes to incentivize those who respond to the survey.

**Agenda Item 11. Presentation by the City of Las Vegas on their Recuperative Care services; for possible action**

Maurice Cloutier, Government, City of Las Vegas presented. The Recuperative Care Center is a medical respite program that maintains 40 beds, and provides 24/7 medical care, Safe shelter, Meals/snacks, case management, and other stabilization services to individuals experiencing homelessness who are too ill/frail for the streets but are not ill enough to remain in the hospital. The City of Las Vegas developed the RCC to provide short term care for non-chronic medical conditions that would be exacerbated by living on the street, in a congregate shelter, or in places not meant for human habitation. The RCC is not a behavioral health facility, so clients who are referred to the RCC, that are considered mentally unstable will be declined. The RCC accepts referrals Monday through Sunday, 8:00 AM-10:00 PM. The first step to making a referral to the recuperative Care Center is to call 702-229-5160 to check on bed availability. Staff will explain the next steps in the process for referrals, depending on availability.

Jaini Christison, Government, City of North Las Vegas asked how will the RCC be funded. Mr. Cloutier responded the RCC will be funded by ESG funding.

**Agenda Item 12. Update on Operation HOME!; for possible action.**

Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Clark County Social Service, provided an update on Operation HOME! (OH!). The goal of OH! is to house 2,022 high-risk unhoused community members by the end of 2022 through different pathways to permanent housing utilizing client-centered community collaborative approach. OH! is a system-wide initiative that is a focused and targeted systematic way to collectively get the word out to the community on this initiative two house high-risk clients. OH! aims to engage landlords to secure units and to utilize a variety of funding sources to provide rent in support services. The Housing Surge team will collect and report outcomes utilizing HMIS and putting dashboards with that information on HMIS. On the Help Hope Home website, the team will use data to make necessary system adjustments and will engage nontraditional partners in new and innovative ways to move folks into housing and on their way toward meaningful and sustainable income. one component of this project is intended to provide rapid rehousing and services to support homeless individuals by prioritizing those that are at increased risk for severe illness if they contract COVID-19. The project will support the goals of OH! by using best practices of housing first, harm reduction, trauma-informed care, housing, problem-solving, and progressive engagement. The OH! Leadership team had released an RFP in October with a less than desirable response. The original RFP had proposed some significant change in our rapid rehousing implementation. The leadership team has determined that the team will take a step back to a more traditional program design except for maintaining our progressive engagement and case management model with rapid rehousing. The team will continue having regular OH! team meetings among the budget groups. The team has been communicating with a variety of community members and community providers to assess who's interested in participating in OH! rapid rehousing under the revised RFP. The team is still actively moving forward as quickly as possible.

**Agenda Item 13. Update on local response to and recovery from Coronavirus Disease 19, for possible action.**

Julie Calloway, Government, Boulder City, provided an update on the Boulder City's response to COVID-19. Boulder City is looking to open vaccination clinics by the end of the month. Vaccinations will be available to Boulder City residents at first but will become available to the public later.

Jaini Christison, Government, City of North Las Vegas announced that City of North Las Vegas website has started taking vaccination sign-ups for the 70 and older group to get those critical people vaccinated first.

Kristin Cooper, Government, Clark County Social Service, announced that the CARES Housing Assistance Program (CHAP) ended at the end of the year with the initial funding. There are still people in the queue that the team is working through their applications right now. CHAP is still taking applications for the new funding that Congress approved; those applications won't be processed until we get further clarification from the Treasury Department on the rules. The County is currently working with JoaAnn Rupiper from the Southern Nevada Health District on making sure individuals that are 70 and older, and a part of the homeless community receive the vaccine.

Stacy DiNicola, Government, City of Henderson provided an update that the City of Henderson is also offering vaccinations for residents 70 years and older. Vaccinations will start on January 25<sup>th</sup> at the Sun City Community Center. For more information, please visit the [www.cityofhenderson.com](http://www.cityofhenderson.com) website.

Meg Pike, Education, Clark County School District provided an update that there is a CCSD Board meeting tonight, where three new members will be introduced. The Board will also be discussing the possibility of students returning to school with the possibility of A hybrid schedule which would require kids to have in class meeting a couple of days a week.

**Agenda Item 14. 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.**

Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Clark County Social Service, shared that the Coordinated Entry System Working Group is actively working with teams for OH! to determine how changes can be made with prioritization and still be in coordination and collaboration, and in compliance with the community policies and procedures. The team has been discussing how to integrate and prioritize those that are high risk for being negatively impacted by COVID-19, while not losing sight of those that are vulnerable and are already assessed, and on the community queue.

**Agenda Item 15. Receive an update from Board members regarding relevant activities within their respective organizations relating to homelessness.**

Theresa Butler, Advocate, Young Adults in Charge (YAC) provided an update to the Board. On December 17th YAC submitted a proposal to the Planning Working Group regarding appreciation stipends. The stipends are based on activity and serve as a form of gratitude for YAC member's dedicated efforts and changes made in the community. Since meeting with the Planning Working Group, YAC was asked to create an activity spreadsheet starting from February 2020 to December 2020 for consideration of retroactive funding which has been submitted. YAC is very hopeful and thankful.

**Agenda Item 16. Public comment**

Catherine Huang Hara, Government, Clark County Social Service shared with the Board that she is a member of the Nevada 211 Ambassador's group and would like to inform the CoC that Nevada 211 has released a new mobile app called Nevada 211 youth. If anyone is interested, the app can be downloaded through the Apple or Google Play stores. If you are a youth provider and you're seeing that there are any services that are missing from the application, you can contact 211 and provide that information back to the 211 teams. Contact information for the 211 Ambassador's team will also be put in the chat. Paul Thorton will serve as the point of contact for the 211 Ambassador's group as well as David Pointer from Money Management International.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.