

**SOUTHERN NEVADA HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
June 10, 2021**

In attendance: Albert Chavez, Social Service Provider, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada
Annie Wilson, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
Aaron Krolkowski, EFSP Board, United Way of Southern Nevada
Arash Ghafoori, Social Service Provider, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth
Denise Watson, Public Housing Authority, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority
Genevieve De Lynch, Advocate, Nevada Homeless Alliance
Jaini Christison, Government, City of North Las Vegas
Jennifer Huse, Mental Health Provider, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services
Jocelyn Acevedo, Alternate, Affordable Housing, Nevada HAND
Jon Stevenson, Emergency Medical Services, Las Vegas Fire and Rescue
Julie Calloway, Co-Chair Government, City of Boulder City
Kena Adams, Advocate, Indian Voices
Kristin Cooper, Government, Clark County
Kyle O'Connell-Mock, Business, Gaming, Aristocrat Gaming
Maurice Cloutier, Government, City of Las Vegas
Meg Pike, Education, Clark County School District
Michelle Johnston, Veteran Service Provider, U.S. Vets-Las Vegas
Phil Washington, Faith-Based, Promise Land Community Church
Robbie DeBuff, Workforce Investment, Workforce Connections
Stacy DiNicola, Government, City of Henderson
Taisacan Hall, Advocate, Young Adults in Charge
Tasha Mickens, Social Service Provider, S.A.F.E Nest
Troy Oglesbee, Faith-Based, Destiny Church

Absent:
Chad Williams, Public Housing Authority, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority
Hassan Chandry, Co-Chair, Business, Foresight Housing Partners
Jennifer Harris, Homeless or Formerly Homeless
JoAnn Rupiper, Healthcare Provider, Southern Nevada Health District
Katherine Marcal, University, University of Nevada Las Vegas
Liz Jarman, Veteran Service Provider, Veterans Administration
Rebecca Edgeworth, Healthcare Provider, Touro University Nevada
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, May 13th, 2021 via WebEx.

Agenda Item 2. Public Comment.

No comments were posed to the Board.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Agenda for June 10, 2021; for possible action.

A motion was made to approve the Agenda with Item 7 tabled until a later date. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 4. Approval of the Minutes from the May 13, 2021 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.

Julie Calloway, Government, City of Boulder City provided an update on the recent activities of the Steering Committee. At the last meeting, the Steering Committee discussed the potential agenda items for the June and July CoC meetings. The Committee also discussed the homeless trust fund and the next payday date for Young Adults in Charge (YAC) members.

Agenda Item 6. Presentation by the Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority on Allocation of Emergency Housing Vouchers; for possible action.

Denise Watson, Southern Nevada Housing Authority (SNRHA), shared a presentation on the allocation of Emergency Housing Vouchers. The Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program was established by Congress through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and is the federal government's major program for assisting very low-income families, the elderly and disabled the ability to afford decent, safe, and sanitary affordable housing in the private market. The SNRHA has received notification

along with the Continuum of care (CoC) that they are eligible to receive enough funding for 586 vouchers. The vouchers are time-limited to 2030. They are specifically designed for certain groups which included people who are at risk of homelessness: people who are experiencing homelessness: those currently fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or having a high risk of housing instability. Referrals will be coming from the CoC through the coordinated entry process. The team will be working with the domestic violence service providers to figure out the prioritization for these vouchers. The team is working closely with the SNRHA.

Agenda Item 7. Approval of a memorandum of understanding between the SNHCoC and the Southern Nevada Housing Authority on the utilization and prioritization of referrals to Emergency Housing Vouchers, for possible action.

Item tabled until further notice.

Agenda Item 8. Presentation by the Data and Systems Improvement Working Group on the 2021 Southern Nevada Homeless Census, for possible action.

Catherine Huang Hara, Clark County Social Service, shared a presentation on the 2021 Southern Nevada Point In Time (PIT) Count. The PIT count is a count that happens in the community once a year and it is required by HUD to be within the last 10 days of January. This year, the count required a change in methodology due to COVID-19 and the restrictions for distance where a sample of Clark County was canvassed by teams of service providers and outreach workers. Outreach teams performed the unsheltered count and administered surveys to persons experiencing homelessness to gather demographics and the experiences that were in relation to those experiencing homelessness. The PIT is due to HUD along with the Housing Inventory Count (HIC). The information being presented today is the same information that was submitted to HUD back in May. The count is comprised of those who were experiencing homelessness on the night of January 27, 2021, into the morning of January 28, 2021. The count includes those that are currently in a shelter or transitional housing as well as those that are in areas not meant for human habitation. On the night of January 27th, 5,083 people were counted as experiencing homelessness in Southern Nevada, 55% were unsheltered, 45% were sheltered. Of those that were unsheltered, 52% were on the street, outdoor vehicles, desert encampments, and 3% were at the City of Las Vegas Courtyard. Of the 2289 sheltered persons, 1,779 were in emergency shelter and 510 were in transitional housing. Of the total people that were counted, 306 were families with children or in families with children, 304 individuals were unaccompanied youth and young adults, and 644 were considered veterans. For the gender breakdown, 29% were female, 3% transgender, and 1% gender non-conforming, with an overwhelming majority of 70% male. For the race and ethnicity breakdown, 53% were white, 32% were black or African American, 8.8% multiple races, 2.8% American Indian or Alaskan Native, 2.2% Asian, and 1.2% Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander. For the age breakdown, 90% were over the age of 24, 6% were transition-age youth, and 4% were unaccompanied children under the age of 18. Based on this data, the team estimates that 12,030 people will experience homelessness in the Southern Nevada community sometime during the year. Of the sub-populations, 93% were single adults, 6% families with children, 6% unaccompanied youth, and 13% were veterans. As a response to COVID-19, the community took extenuating measures to try and depopulate shelters in a way that would enhance social distancing and also minimize the risk of people being on the streets making them highly vulnerable to serious consequences if they did contract COVID-19. This year, 44,150 non-congregate shelter beds were added. Over 1,300 clients were housed in non-congregate shelters between March 2020 and January 2021. Other parts of the survey that was administered included 54% self-reported one or more disabling conditions, 86% did respond that they had a history of substance abuse 68% had a history of mental health issues, 64% physical or medical conditions, 46% development issues, and 4% HIV/AIDS. The data presented today will be posted to the Help Hope Home website.

Agenda Item 9. Presentation by the UNLV Research Collaborative on System Mapping, for possible action.

Dr. Patricia Cook-Craig, University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV), shared information regarding System Mapping. This project is a three-year partnership between UNLV School of Public Policy and Leadership and Social Work working together with community partners, which include Clark County Social Service (CCSS), Nevada Homeless Alliance (NHA), Clark County School District (CCSD) Title I Hope Program, and Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth (NPHY). The goal of this project is to prioritize research projects that will impact homelessness in Nevada. A common goal of all the partners is to have improved integration of data systems from systems that impact clients and create data system mapping that can be used for data integration planning. The project aims to connect with key stakeholders across service delivery systems to identify types of data collected, populations, use of data, integration with other systems, common data elements, types of sharing and integration, and integration limitations. Potential data sources include the HMIS system, Health care systems, behavioral health, social services, criminal justice, workforce data, housing data, and education data. For more information regarding the System Mapping information, please contact Dr. Patricia Cook-Craig at patricia.cook-craig@unlv.edu.

Agenda Item 10. Update by the Leadership Team on the activities of Operation HOME!, for possible action.

Kristin Cooper, Government, Clark County Social Service, provided an update on Operation HOME! Operation HOME! is a community-wide initiative to permanently house 2,022 high-risk homeless individuals by the end of 2022. Interventions such as diversion, rapid exit, rapid rehousing. permanent supportive housing and moving on helps to move those in our high-risk homeless population into permanent housing. Most of the contracts are out for review by the provider agencies. The Operation HOME! Rapid Rehousing program is moving forward, and the team is still working on acquiring furniture and moving kits for the households. The

team has recently learned that Deseret Industries has put in for a \$1.2 million grant for the CoC to have access to furniture and household items through Deseret Industries. An update will be provided once the grant is approved.

Agenda Item 11. Update on the local response to and recovery from Coronavirus Disease-19, for possible action.

Kristen Cooper, Government, Clark County Social Service, provided an update on the County's response to COVID-19. The County continues to provide non-congregate shelter to over 300 people housed. Operation Home will help to move those individuals into permanent housing through the end of December. The County is closing out the Basic Needs Assistance program which will go until the end of June or until all funds are expended.

Agenda Item 12. Discussion of reopening plans of local agencies represented by the Board and the agencies in attendance, for possible action.

Arash Ghafoori, Social Service Provider, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, shared that NPHY will be waiting for another 20 to 30 days to discuss reopening. The reopening will most likely be in phases.

Agenda Item 13. 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 Data and Systems Improvement Working Group is currently working on the Operation HOME! data dashboard. The team plans to share the dashboard at the next SNCOC Board meeting.

Agenda Item 14. Receive an update from Board members regarding relevant activities within their respective organizations relating to homelessness.

Genevieve De Lynch, Nevada Homeless Alliance shared information regarding Pop-up Project Homeless Connect. Pop-up Project Homeless Connect will be held on June 15th at the Salvation Army. Employment Connect will be on July 20th and will be a collaboration of employer and provider partners. Attendees will have access to resources such as email preparation and resume building. Attendees will also be able to print their resumes on-site at Pop-up Project Homeless Connect and at Employment Connect. Employers will be on-site who are available to hire on-site as well.

Kena Adams, Advocate, Indian Voices, shared that Indian Voices will be having an art contest that will allow the youth to win cash prizes. More information will be set out via email to youth providers in the community.

Meg Pike, Education, Clark County School District, provided an update on the recent activities of Young Adults in Charge (YAC). YAC has been working on finalizing materials related to COVID-19 vaccinations for youth. The team is specifically working on a one-pager that contains information on vaccine availability, helpline information, and any other information that the youth might want in a one-pager regarding vaccines. YAC is also discussing the development of a recruitment plan in conjunction with the work that YAC is doing for the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP). The team is also working to finalize the creation of a handbook that will contain questions for the YHDP application. Assembly Bill 197 is legislation ensuing that youth identified as unaccompanied and homeless do not have a four-month waiting period to get medical or dental services, broadening the definition of the services that would be available under that law as well.

Agenda Item 15. Public comment

Catherine Huang Hara, Clark County Social Service, shared information regarding the local Continuum of Care Competition. The local CoC renewal project competition will be opening next week and there will be an email that will be going out to all the renewal projects point of contact to prepare. There will be a technical assistance session on June 24th in the morning for any agencies that would like to get more technical assistance in relation to the application process for this year. The team is waiting for the 2021 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the CoC, which is now the new phrase instead of NOFA (notice of funding available) to be released so that better determinations can be made on moving forward with any new project application that would be part of this year's competition. As mentioned earlier the YHDP competition is open and that application is due before the end of July.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.