

**SOUTHERN NEVADA HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
October 26, 2021**

In attendance: Albert Chavez, Social Service Provider, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada
Annie Wilson, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
Arash Ghafoori, Social Service Provider, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth
Christy Shannon, Social Service Provider, S.A.F.E Nest
Hassan Chaudry, Co-Chair, Business, Foresight Housing Partners
Jaini Christison, Government, City of North Las Vegas
Jennifer Huse, Mental Health Provider, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services
JoAnn Rupiper, Healthcare Provider, Southern Nevada Health District
Jon Stevenson, Emergency Medical Services, Las Vegas Fire and Rescue
Julie Calloway, Co-Chair Government, City of Boulder City
Katherine Marcal, University, University of Nevada Las Vegas
Liz Jarman, Veteran Service Provider, Veterans Administration
Meg Pike, Education, Clark County School District
Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Government, Clark County
Nathaniel Waugh, Advocate, Nevada Homeless Alliance
Sanaa Khan, Government, City of Las Vegas
Stacy DiNicola, Government, City of Henderson
Taisacan Hall, Advocate, Young Adults in Charge
Tameika Ortiz, EFSP Board, United Way of Southern Nevada
Tracy Torrence, Public Housing Authority, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority

Absent: Audra Hamernik, Affordable Housing, Nevada HAND
Jennifer Harris, Homeless or Formerly Homeless
Kena Adams, Advocate, Indian Voices
Kyle O'Connell-Mock, Business, Gaming, Aristocrat Gaming
Phil Washington, Faith-Based, Promise Land Community Church
Rebecca Edgeworth, Healthcare Provider, Touro University Nevada
Robbie DeBuff, Workforce Investment, Workforce Connections
Shalimar Cabrera, Veteran Service Provider, U.S. Vets-Las Vegas
Vera Moore, Advocate, True Beginnings
Troy Oglesbee, Faith-Based, Destiny Church

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 Tuesday, October 26th, 2021, via WebEx.

Agenda Item 2. Public Comment.

No comments were posed to the Board.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Agenda for October 26, 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 September 9, 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, and Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Government, Clark County Social Service provided an update on the recent activities of the Steering Committee. At the last meeting, the Steering Committee discussed agenda-setting and governance for 2022. Michele provided an update on the 1959 waiver and how agencies can apply for the waiver

Agenda Item 6. 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 on the relevant business of the Continuum of Care. The FY2019 and 2020 Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) awards were announced on September 15th. Unfortunately, the Southern Nevada Homelessness Continuum of Care (SNHCoC) did not receive an award for this competition. The CoC and the Youth Working Group will continue to work together and keep moving forward for next year. Planning is beginning for the 2022 Southern

Nevada Homeless Census, which is set to occur on January 27th. Preliminary information from HUD is to expect a full count to be required versus a waiver option that was provided for the 2021 census. HUD will be sending out some guidance in the next few weeks with any changes to the Housing Inventory Count (HIC) and the Point-in-Time (PIT) Count requirements. The team will be meeting with key stakeholders and partners to plan for the 2022 events. The group has been discussing availability and comfort level with community participation as well as any changes to the methodology. The team hopes to update the SNHCoC Board with more information and specifics on how to engage and where deployment will occur at the December Board meeting.

Agenda Item 7. Approval of recommendations for funding for the local 2021 Continuum of Care competition and authorize the collaborative applicant to make necessary modifications for final application submission to U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD), for possible action.

Catherine Huang Hara, Clark County Social Service, and Stacy DiNicola, Government, City of Henderson, presented the recommendations for funding for the local 2021 Continuum of Care (CoC) competition. Ms. Huang Hara provided an overview of the local application process. On June 14th the renewal application was released with applications being due on July 14th. Renewal mandatory Technical Assistance (TA) training was provided on June 24th. On August 18th, the Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) was released by HUD. On September 7th, new project mandatory TA training was provided with project applications due on October 4th. Scoring and ranking took place on October 18th, with the posting of recommendations being released on October 19th. Appeals were due on October 22nd, and no appeals were received. Recommendations are being presented to the Board today, October 26th. The HUD policy priorities for this year's competition included ending homelessness for all persons; improving system performance; using a housing-first approach; reducing unsheltered homelessness; partnering with housing, health care, and service agencies; racial equity; and including the opinions and perspectives of persons with lived experience. The national amount for the competition this year is approximately \$2.7 billion. There was a strong emphasis on system performance and an increase in the tier 1 amount. The deadline for responses to the NOFO is November 16th. The NOFO included a domestic violence bonus, which the eligible award doubled for the Southern Nevada community to \$2,032,238. The total available funding for this year's NOFO includes \$14,507,413 for the annual renewal demand (Tier 1), which includes the HMIS, supportive housing services, and supportive services only for coordinated entry. The CoC Bonus has \$725,371 available in addition to the Domestic Violence Bonus of \$2,032,238. A tiered system is used to determine how to prioritize projects. The Tier one amount is equal to the annual renewal demand on the CoC bonus of \$2,757,609 and then the total request for the ranked projects is \$17,265,022. Also, the additional funding that can be applied for under the planning grant is \$435,200. Strategies for success is to utilize a performance scorecard for ranking; use intervention-appropriate metrics to measure system performance; utilize a transparent coordinated entry system; reallocate from underutilized or ineffective projects. Thoroughly review every local application; prioritize admission to turnover PSH units to CH individuals, using Housing First, and leveraging other resources for supportive services; prioritize planning and data-gathering in the CoC process. The local competition process flow includes multiple working groups to complete some of the work for different aspects of the process. The Monitoring Working Group (MWG) administers monitoring to generate monitoring scores as part of the performance scorecard. The Data and Systems Improvement Working Group (DSIWG) develops community needs and priorities. The Evaluation Working Group (EWG) develops scoring criteria for the local application and the sub-working group of EWG is the Scoring and Ranking Team (SRT) selected from nonconflicted SNHCoC members, and the SNHCoC Board approves Scoring and Ranking Policy and Procedures (P&Ps). The Scoring and Ranking process includes the reviewing and scoring of projects based on the monitoring and local application scores. SRT meets publicly to discuss scores, rank projects, and recommend projects for inclusion in priority listing. The priority list is made public and offers the opportunity for appeals, the SNHCoC Board addresses appeals, and votes to approve priority listing. Sources of information for project scoring, ranking, and selection include local priorities for the Data Working Group, Monitoring Working Group which is established using compliance and HMIS data; HUD priorities/performance criteria from the Annual Progress Report (APR); applicant submission to narrative questions through PRESTO; and Copy of esnaps application submitted in PRESTO. The 2021 Data Working Group recommendations for prioritization included preserving programs that are high performing; prioritizing Dedicated Plus for any new or reallocated funds for PSH; prioritizing an increase in RRH for Adults without Children (AWOCs); encouraging providers to be prepared for the Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus. Compliance Monitoring practices include onsite monitoring, desk audits, and HMIS reviews. The Monitoring Score Card is generated through the monitoring process, used by the Scoring and Ranking Team (SRT). The SRT scores projects based on project design, capacity, performance, and meeting local needs. SRT forms teams to pre-score sets of applications before meeting as a larger review panel to jointly discuss applications. The SRT evaluates projects and ranks by score for inclusion in the collaborative application to HUD. HUD uses a two-tier system for ranking projects. DV Bonus projects can be funded separately and removed from the local tiers. Automatic Tier 1 ranking is assigned to newer renewal projects without data, and projects supporting HUD mandated systems such as the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and the Southern Nevada Coordinated Entry Matching. Renewals projects with outcomes are ranked on their combined local application and monitoring scores. New projects are ranked based on application score only, as no performance or compliance data will be available for the project. During the reallocation process, SRT may reallocate funds from existing renewals to new projects if it will better help end homelessness, for

low-performing projects; significant history of under-spending of CoC funds (provider will be notified if at-risk in advance of reallocation); voluntary reallocation by the provider.

Ms. DiNicola, champion of the Evaluation Working Group (EWG), presented the project funding recommendations. The total ranking request for 2021 is \$17,700,244 which includes a Tier 1 (ARD) funding of \$14,507,413, CoC Bonus (Tier 2) of \$725,371, DV Bonus of \$2,032,238, and CoC Planning (non-ranked) of \$435,222. The next steps include asking the Board for approval on the recommendations; finalizing project applications for submission in e-snaps; team review of e-snaps project applications, submitting a draft of the consolidated application to the review team, submitting completed CoC Consolidated Application to HUD by November 16th, 2021. The Board voted to approve the recommendations presented by the Evaluation Working Group.

Agenda Item 8. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the SNHCoC and the United Way of Southern Nevada for the administration of the Homeless Trust Fund, for possible action.

Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Government, Clark County Social Service, shared a presentation on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the SNHCoC and the United Way of Southern Nevada (UWSN). In 2003, the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition (SNRPC) created the Committee on Homelessness (CoH). The CoH was responsible for overseeing, coordinating, collaborating, planning, and addressing homeless issues and activities at the regional level. The committee was made up of jurisdictional partners and a few stakeholders. In 2016, the SNRPC CoH evolved to become the SNHCoC Board to represent more partners. The SNHCoC Board was enacted in January and became an official board acting on behalf of the CoC. SNHCoC partners include jurisdictional partners that mirrored the representation on the SNRPC and stakeholder partners that further reflect providers and subpopulations as defined in the HEARTH (Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing) Act. On December 9, 2004, the SNRPC authorized the formation of the trust fund by the United Way of Southern Nevada (UWSN) and directed staff to complete all required actions to establish the trust. UWSN has been holding the Homeless Trust Fund (HTF) account since its inception. Currently, there is about \$100,000 in funding available through the HTF. An updated MOU is needed as the original MOU was established with the SNRPC. Through the updated MOU, UWSN will continue to be the Trustee of the HTF, with trustee compensation being 10 percent per annum of the new revenue generated for the fund, including donations received and interest earned per annum of Trust assets. The Trust Committee would be comprised of members of the SNHCoC Board and will set policy for the distribution of funds, provide direction and advice to the Trustee in administering funds, and make disposition of Trust assets in the event of Trust dissolution. Termination of the MOU requires a 60-day notice. The Memorandum of Understanding is presented to the Board for approval. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 9. Update by the Leadership Team on the activities of Operation HOME!, for possible action.

Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Government, Clark County Social Service, provided an update on Operation HOME! (OH!). OH! is a community-wide initiative to house 2022 of the community's unhoused persons who are at high risk for negative impacts of COVID-19, by the end of the year 2022 through a variety of interventions to move them to permanent housing and stability. OH! has worked to collaboratively fund 13 agencies for rapid rehousing projects that will serve over 1,000 households by adding 40 case managers. As of October 21st, 61 people have been housed. The team is still seeking landlords with available units. Any landlords that are interested in working with Clark County can reach out to the LEAPS team via email at LEAPS @clarkcountynv.gov.

Agenda Item 10. Update on local response to and recovery from Coronavirus Disease 19, for possible action.

Julie Calloway, Government, City of Boulder City, provided an update that Boulder City is currently gearing up to provide a one-day clinic for booster shots during in November.

Agenda Item 11. Update from the Evaluation Working and Monitoring Working Groups on current projects, for possible action

Stacy DiNicola, Government, City of Henderson, provided an update on current projects from the EWG. The EWG assesses the process of the local application, evaluates project review tools, reviews applications in response to requests for funding, and shares updates on ESG funding. The EWG membership contains SNHCoC Board members, jurisdictional partners, and community stakeholders. EWG also coordinates with the Data and Systems Improvement and Monitoring Working Groups. The EWG also recruits Scoring and Ranking Team members. The EWG meets every 2nd Monday monthly from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM.

Jaini Christison, Government, City of North Las Vegas, provided an update on the current projects from the Monitoring Working Group (MWG). The MWG works to ensure that all programs are HUD compliant. The MWG also focuses on scoring project performance to provide data for the CoC competitive application. The MWG assists with the application process by providing technical assistance to applicants to improve their scores. Currently, the MWG is working with an external monitoring team led by Strategic Progress that

provides physical monitoring data. The team helps to make decisions concerning monitoring tools and processes. The MWG will present this year's data to the Board in November.

Agenda Item 12. 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.

No questions were posed to the Board.

Agenda Item 13. Receive an update from Board members regarding relevant activities within their respective organizations relating to homelessness.

Tasican Hall, Advocate, Young Adults in Charge (YAC), shared that the team is still awaiting the finalization of the handbook and that YAC has a new and improved logo. This year's upcoming Youth Summit is on Thursday, November 4th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM where there is also a virtual option.

Meg Pike, Education, Clark County School District, shared that Title I HOPE has identified more students experiencing homeless this year than last year. Staff is having conversations with students and parents to ensure that they are identified. Title I HOP is applying grant funds to pay for licensed employees within the school district that would like to take a course on homelessness through UNLV. The course starts on November 1st and slots are already full. Title I HOPE has applied for the American Recovery and Homeless Children and Youth (ARHCY) funding for students in need.

Nathaniel Waugh, Advocate, Nevada Homeless Alliance, shared information on Project Homeless Connect (PHC). PHC will take place on November 17th at the Pearson Center. There is a huge need for volunteers, if interested please contact Nevada Homeless Alliance.

Jon Stevenson, Emergency Medical Services, Las Vegas Fire and Rescue, shared that he is retiring on November 8th and thanked the Board for their support.

Agenda Item 14. Public Comment

Catherine Huang Hara, Clark County Social Service, shared that there is an open recruitment for the Nevada Interagency Council Technical Committee. Contact Michele Fuller-Hallauer for more information at MHF@clarkcountynv.gov.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.