

SOUTHERN NEVADA HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF CARE (SNH CoC)

Board and Governance Structure

The re-authorization of the
SNRPC Committee on Homelessness (CoH) and
Continuum of Care (CoC) based upon the
HEARTH ACT

December 9, 2021



Background

- The Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition (SNRPC) was established in 2000 and is comprised of elected officials from Clark County, City of Las Vegas, City of North Las Vegas, City of Henderson, Boulder City and the Clark County School District.
- In 2003, a regional effort to address homelessness in Southern Nevada was established by SNRPC and created the SNRPC Committee of Homelessness (SNRPC CoH). The SNRPC CoH also acted as the approving body for the Continuum of Care process.
- Prior to the adoption of the HEARTH Act in 2009, the Continuum of Care (CoC) was recognized as Shelter Plus Care, Supportive Housing Program and Single Room Occupancy grants authorized under the original McKinney Vento Act.

Background (continued)

- In 2009, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) enacted the HEARTH Act that established the (CoC) program to address homelessness and created specific rules, regulations and procedures to be competitive for Federal dollars.
- The HEARTH Act also included a provision to establish a “governance structure” in order to ensure an opportunity for all stakeholders to be included and participate in the (CoC) program.

Background (continued)

- This governance structure recognizes 3 key factors:
 - ❑ The initial regional framework designed by the SNRPC in 2003, being the SNRPC CoH;
 - ❑ The CoC as recognized under the original McKinney Vento Act; while incorporating the rules and regulations enacted through the HEARTH Act; and
 - ❑ The new CoC Program defined by the HEARTH Act of 2009; hence the re-authorization of the SNRPC CoH and CoC into one cohesive structure that created the.....

Southern Nevada Homelessness Continuum of Care Board (SNH CoC) Board

CoC Purpose & Responsibilities

as redefined under the HEARTH Act

The purpose of the CoC is to carry out the responsibilities of the HEARTH Act, including:

- **Establish a Board** to act on behalf of the Continuum of Care;
- Hold **monthly meetings** of the FULL membership;
- **Public invitation** for new members to join annually;
- Adopt and follow written processes to **select a board** to act on behalf of the CoC;



CoC Purpose & Responsibilities

as redefined under the HEARTH Act

- Appoint additional **committees, subcommittees or work groups** (as needed);
- Develop, follow and update the **Governance Structure**;
- Consult with recipients/sub-recipients to establish **performance targets, monitor, evaluate** and **take action** against poor performance;
- Evaluate **outcomes** of projects funded under Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) programs and CoC Programs;



CoC Purpose & Responsibilities

as redefined under the HEARTH Act

- Develop a specific policy to guide the operation of the centralized or **coordinated assessment system** on how its system will address the needs of homeless individuals;
- Follow written standards for providing Continuum of Care assistance; designate and operate an **HMIS**;
- Update and maintain the **Continuum of Care Plan**;
- Develop and submit the annual application for **CoC funds**;



Recommended Revisions

Introduction/Background (page 1)

- Added 4th paragraph on equity: **The SNH CoC strives to ensure that homelessness is rare, brief, one-time, and equitably addressed. We adhere that all persons will be treated equitably regardless of race, color, ethnicity, religion, sex, age, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, physical/behavioral/mental health, education level or any other basis – no matter what.**

Recommended Revisions

- Working Groups, (page 5):
 - **Coordinated Entry Working Group:** The assigned Champion(s) is charged with leading efforts as it relates to the oversight and implementation of the coordinated **entry to and exit from the homeless services** system including the management of access points, matching practices, tool and resource development and the overall evaluation of the effectiveness and efficiencies in linking vulnerable populations to available housing and services. Requires cross collaboration with other working groups and sharing of information for effective implementation and strategies as well as open and inclusive opportunities for CoC members to participate and be actively involved.

Recommended Revisions

- Working Groups (page 5)
 - **Data and System Improvement Working Group:** The assigned Champion(s) is charged with leading efforts as it relates to the review of all data including homeless-related and other community indicators that will assist the CoC in making data-informed recommendations and decisions and communicating those findings and recommendations to the relevant working groups and the SNH CoC Board. **Ensures the annual point in time count is conducted in accordance to HUD guidelines and results are analyzed and reported to the appropriate entities (i.e., HUD, SNH CoC Board, etc.) Requires cross collaboration with other working groups and sharing of information for effective implementation and strategies as well as open and inclusive opportunities for CoC members to participate and be actively involved.**

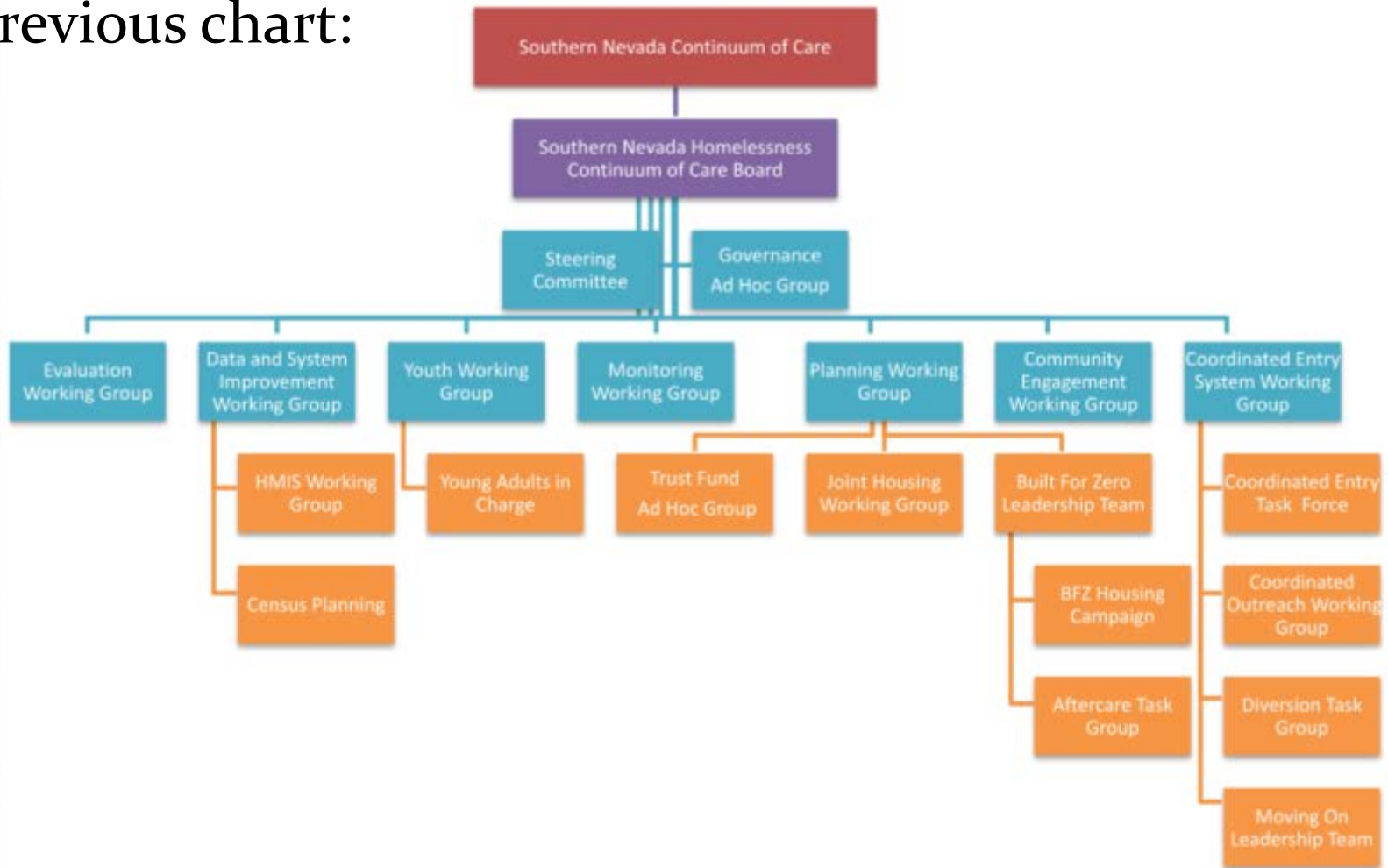
Recommended Revisions

- Section 1.1 – Authorization
 - 1.1.2: Given the new Federal definition of a Continuum of Care Program, the governance structure herein incorporates the goals of the SNRPC CoH together with the single grant program entitled the Continuum of Care that incorporates the rules and regulations defined by ~~in~~ the HEARTH Act (24 CFR par 578).
 - 1.1.2: Given the new Federal definition of a Continuum of Care Program, the governance structure herein incorporates ~~the~~ the goals of the SNRPC CoH together with the single grant program entitled the Continuum of Care that incorporates the rules and regulations defined by the HEARTH Act (24 CFR par 578).

Recommended Revisions

- 2.5 – CoC Organizational Flow Chart

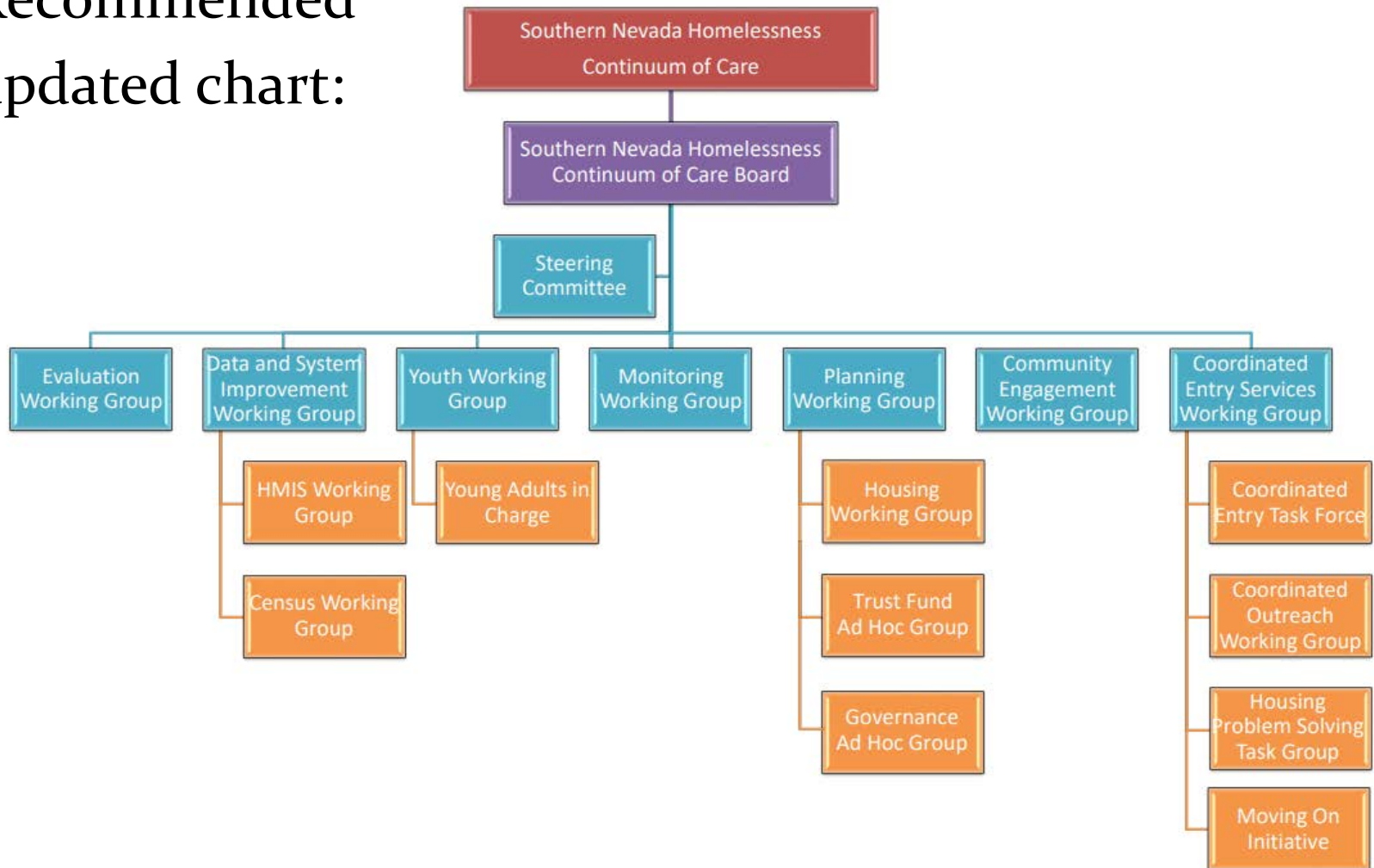
Previous chart:



Recommended Revisions

- 2.5 – CoC Organizational Flow Chart

Recommended updated chart:



Recommended Revisions

Section 2.6 – Working Groups:

Moved language on point in time count from section 2.6.4.2 [planning working group] to 2.6.5.3 (D) [Data and System Improvement Working Group]:

Planning for annually conducting a point-in-time count of homeless persons within the geographic area that meets the following requirements:

Persons with lived experience who are living in a place not designed or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for humans must be counted as unsheltered homeless persons;

Persons living in emergency shelters and transitional housing must be counted as sheltered homeless persons; and

Other requirements established by HUD by Notice.

Recommended Revisions

- Section 2.6 – Working Groups
 - 2.6.4.3 (B): Review all data including homeless related and other community indicators that will assist the CoC in making **equitable** data informed recommendations and decisions.

Recommended Revisions

Section 2.9 – Collaborative Applicant

- 2.9.5 The CoC will retain Clark County Social Service as the Collaborative Applicant. In the event Clark County is unable or unwilling to fulfill this function for the CoC, they will provide, in writing, to the SNH CoC Board notification of intent to quit giving no less than ninety (90) days' notice. The CoC will entertain applications for the Collaborative Applicant every 5 years, or as needed. The Board is responsible for reviewing, evaluating and making a recommendation to the CoC.

Recommended Revisions

- 3.2 – SNH CoC Board Membership
 - 3.2.3 Changed “homeless persons” to “**persons with lived experience**” throughout Board Structure chart

Recommended Revisions

- Section 3.4 Community Stakeholders Membership
 - 3.4.9: At the January 2015 meeting, following approval of the board, Community Stakeholder members ~~will draw~~ **drew** numbers from a hat to determine the rotation. Even numbers ~~will~~ **served** a two (2) year term, odd numbers ~~will~~ **served** a four (4) year term, with all serving a four (4) year term thereafter.

Recommended Revisions

Section 4.4 - Steering Committee

- 4.4.3 Membership - The Steering Committee will consist of a minimum of 11 members but not to exceed ~~12~~3 members from the SNH CoC Board. At a minimum, the Steering Committee will be made of up the 2 Co-Chairs of the SNH CoC Board; 2 Co-Vice Chairs of the SNH CoC Board; each of the 7 Working Group Champions; and 2 Community Stakeholders. The Steering Committee will select the at-large members from the SNH CoC Board in conjunction with the transition of the Co-Chairs and Co-Vice Chairs. The CoC Coordinator/**Collaborative Applicant** is technical support to the Steering Committee.

Recommended Revisions

Article 21 – Ratification

Updated Co-chairs as signatories:

Kristin Cooper, Co-Chair, Clark County, Jurisdictional Stakeholder

Kena Adams, Co-Chair, Indian Voices, Advocates

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