

**SOUTHERN NEVADA HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 10, 2022**

**In attendance:** Aaron Krolikowski, EFSP Board, United Way of Southern Nevada  
Albert Chavez, Social Service Provider, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada  
Annie Wilson, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department  
Christy Shannon, Social Service Provider, S.A.F.E Nest  
David Slattery, Emergency Medical Services, Las Vegas Fire and Rescue  
Emily Paulsen, Business, Anthem Healthcare  
Jennifer Huse, Mental Health Provider, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services  
Jocelyn Acevedo, Affordable Housing, Nevada HAND  
Julie Calloway, Government, City of Boulder City  
Katherine Marcal, University, University of Nevada Las Vegas  
Kristin Cooper, Co-Chair, Government, Clark County  
Megan Blas, alternate, Government, City of North Las Vegas  
Meg Pike, Education, Clark County School District  
Nathanial Waugh, alternate, Advocate, Nevada Homeless Alliance  
Shalimar Cabrera, Veteran Service Provider, U.S. Vets-Las Vegas  
Stacy DiNicola, alternate, Government, City of Henderson  
Tracey Torrence, Public Housing Authority, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority  
Vera Moore, Advocate, True Beginnings

**Absent:** Arash Ghafoori, Social Service Provider, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth  
Hassan Chaudry, Business, Foresight Housing Partners  
Jennifer Harris, Homeless or Formerly Homeless  
JoAnn Rupiper, Healthcare Provider, Southern Nevada Health District  
Kena Adams, Co-Chair, Advocate, Indian Voices  
Kyle O'Connell-Mock, Business, Gaming, Aristocrat Gaming  
Liz Jarman, Veteran Service Provider, Veterans Administration  
Phil Washington, Faith-Based, Promise Land Community Church  
Rebecca Edgeworth, Healthcare Provider, Touro University Nevada  
Robbie DeBuff, Workforce Investment, Workforce Connections  
Sanaa Khan, Government, City of Las Vegas  
Lived Experience, Young Adults in Charge  
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 Thursday, February 10, 2022, via WebEx.

**Agenda Item 2. Public Comment.**

No public comment was offered.

**Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Agenda for February 10, 2022; for possible action.**

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

**Agenda Item 4. Approval of the Minutes from the January 13, 2022, 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.**

Shalimar Cabrera, Veteran Service Provider, U.S. Vets-Las Vegas, provided an update on the recent activities of the Steering Committee. At the last meeting, the committee discussed agenda setting for the upcoming Board meeting as well as the 2022 Homeless Census. The committee also discussed adding Board orientation to the upcoming Board meeting so that new members can become familiar with the policies and procedures of the CoC.

**Agenda Item 6. Update by Clark County Social Service on the 2022 Southern Nevada Homeless Census; for possible action.**

Catherine Huang Hara, Clark County Social Service, provided an update on the 2022 Homeless Census. HUD requires a count of those experiencing homelessness in the community usually within the last 10 days of January on an annual basis. The community is also required to provide an account of those that are in shelter or transitional housing programs annually. Recently, HUD-approved an

extension to allow the count to be moved to the last 10 days of February due to the surge of cases of Omicron. The count will now take place on the night of February 23<sup>rd</sup> for the sheltered count. The unsheltered count will take place on February 24<sup>th</sup> and deployment will begin at 4:30 am. The deployment sites that the team has identified for the urban area count are Mountain Crest Community Center, North Las Vegas City Hall, Las Vegas City Hall, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services, Cambridge Recreation Center, and Henderson Multi-Generational Center. The team is also working with Mesquite, Laughlin, and Boulder City to make sure that they have participants to deploy in those areas. Masks and sanitizers will be provided at each deployment site. If there are any questions about training or how to get training please contact Catherine Huang Hara via email at [C3H@clarkcountynv.gov](mailto:C3H@clarkcountynv.gov)

**Agenda Item 7. Presentation by Nevada Homeless Alliance on the outcomes of 2021 Project Homeless Connect Events; for possible action.**

Nathaniel Waugh, Advocate, Nevada Homeless Alliance (NHA) shared a presentation on the outcomes of the 2021 Project Homeless Connect (PHC) events. PHC is a year-round mobile resource fair that connects community members in need to immediate services such as housing assistance, medical care, behavioral health care, employment support, hygiene care (clothing, showers, haircuts, etc.), meals, and resource navigation support. As a mobile event, PHC reduces barriers by bringing critical services and immediate aid to areas of high need and links homeless and low-income community members to help that would otherwise not be easily accessible. In 2021, there were 16 PHC events, with 4 special events for employment, health, housing, and youth. There were 1,876 people served at the 2021 PHC events: 272 housing assessments were performed; 889 Hygiene kits were distributed; 152 applications were received; 147 clients received behavioral health services; 250 clients received Medicaid-related assistance, and 344 clients received employment services. In 2022, NHA will continue ongoing support of Operation HOME!, relaunch the Policy Council on Homelessness, and expand outreach in Clark County. NHA will continue to hold pop-up PHCs and Vaccine Clinics.

**Agenda Item 8. Presentation by Title I HOPE (Homeless Outreach Program on Education) on Client Engagement; for possible action.**

Meg Pike, Education, Clark County School District, shared a presentation by Title I HOPE on Client Engagement. The Title I HOPE of the Clark County School District works to remove barriers for students experiencing homelessness including: assisting students to enroll in school while educating school personnel, parents, and unaccompanied youth of the educational options under McKinney-Vento Federal Law. Students experiencing homelessness are those who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, which includes the following: living with friends or relatives due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar; living in a hotel or motel due to lack of alternative accommodations; living in an emergency or transitional shelter; living in a car, park, on the street, or similar settings. Title I HOPE offers eligible students immediate enrollment in school; free school breakfast and lunch; backpacks with school supplies and toiletries; transportation to the school of origin; emergency clothing; and assistance with summer school tuition and grants. Once a student is identified, they qualify for services for the remainder of that school year. Students are identified by families/students who self-identify during online registration; collaboration with community agencies; and procedures in place that help to identify students during the school year. If a student is found to be experiencing homelessness or loses housing after completing the online registration, a parent/guardian, caregiver, or student is asked to complete a student housing questionnaire at their school site. The school faxes the completed form to the Title I HOPE office and a determination is made regarding their eligibility under McKinney-Vento. If the student is found to be eligible, the proper coding is applied to the student's record. If the student is found to be ineligible, the parent is notified of the determination and allowed to appeal the determination. School Administrators are asked to identify an advocate at every school site to act as a liaison between the school, parents/caregivers/students, and Title I HOPE and CCSD Foster Care. Advocates are often school counselors, social workers, or safe school professionals. Title I HOPE Advocate duties include, attending professional learning opportunities provided by HOPE and Foster Care; communicating regularly with Title I HOPE; maintaining appropriate records to meet Title I HOPE monitoring requirements; running/reviewing ad hoc reports bi-monthly; meeting with Title I HOPE; facilitating the inclusion of foster and HOPE students in higher education opportunities; and facilitate the annual Point in Time Count (PIT) at middle and high school sites. McKinney-Vento law requires training of district and other personnel on the educational rights of students experiencing homelessness. For more information, contact Meg Pike at [Meg.pike@nv.ccsd.net](mailto:Meg.pike@nv.ccsd.net).

**Agenda Item 9. Presentation by Clark County Social Service for Board orientation to the SNHCoC, for possible action.**

Michele Fuller Hallauer, Clark County Social Service, shared a presentation regarding the Southern Nevada Homeless Continuum of Care (SNHCoC) Board orientation. The SNHCoC is a regional planning body that coordinates housing and services funding for homeless families and individuals. The CoC applies for and receives annual U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) CoC funds, drives systemic change, and promotes communitywide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness. The CoC's responsibilities and duties include planning for a CoC's geographic area; designating and operating HMIS, and operating a CoC. Membership to the CoC is unlimited. Agencies/individuals can join the CoC throughout the year. CoC Members have at least 1 meeting annually in January and attend the monthly SNHCoC Board meeting. The CoC delegation of responsibilities includes delegating to the Board the responsibilities that must be carried out per the HEARTH Act to include, but not limited to, the operations of the Continuum

of Care. The CoC Board is comprised of Jurisdictional partners and Stakeholder partners. Board member term length for Jurisdictional partners is in perpetuity and terms for the Community Stakeholders are staggered for (4) year terms. To be selected as a Board member, the applicant must be a CoC member and complete a board interest form/application. Applications are vetted by a Board member selection Ad Hoc Working Group which is created by the Board. The Board member selection Ad-Hoc Working Group will have two (2) months to review and prepare their recommendations for the Board's consideration and approval. Board selection recommendations are presented at the January Board meeting for approval.

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

Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Clark County Social Service, provided an update on the activities of Operation HOME (OH)!. OH! is a community-wide initiative to house 2,022 of the community unhoused persons, who have the highest risk of negative impacts from COVID-19, by the end of 2022, and this will be achieved through a variety of interventions to move them to permanent housing and civility. The first intervention was to collaboratively fund 13 agencies using rapid rehousing projects to serve approximately 1000 households by adding 40 case managers. As of February 9<sup>th</sup>, there were 751 households enrolled in the program with 486 households enrolled in rapid rehousing programs. The team is still in need of landlords with available units. The landlord engagement specialist and housing navigators are working hard to identify units for the operation home effort. Interested landlords can email their information to [leaps@clarkcountynv.gov](mailto:leaps@clarkcountynv.gov).

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

Kristin Cooper, Government, Clark County Social Service, provided an update on Clark County's response to COVID-19. The County is still operating the non-congregate shelter which includes COVID positive beds for people who are unhoused and recently discharged from the hospital and people who cannot return to their living quarters due to testing positive for COVID-19. The County is also providing non-congregate shelter for families and seniors age 65 and older, and those with underlying health conditions that make them highly vulnerable to poor outcomes if they become infected with COVID-19.

**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)**

Michele Fuller Hallauer, Government, Clark County Social Service, provided an update on the Data and Systems Improvement Working Group (DSIWG) and the Coordinated Entry Systems Working Group (CESWG). The Data and Systems Improvement Working Group will now meet monthly on the first Monday of the month from 8:30 am to 10:30 am. The Coordinated Entry Systems Working Group will now meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Working group reports can be found on [www.HelpHopeHome.org](http://www.HelpHopeHome.org).

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

Meg Pike, Education, Clark County School District, shared as of January Title I HOPE has identified just under 13,000 students out of a district of roughly 300,000 students, which is 3,000 more than 2021.

Aaron Krolkowski, EFSP Board, United Way of Southern Nevada, shared that the deadline to apply for funding for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program has been extended to Monday, February 14th at 5:00 PM. The application instructions and information can be found at [www.uwsn.org/EFSP](http://www.uwsn.org/EFSP).

**Agenda Item 14. Public Comment**

No comments were posed to the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.