

**SOUTHERN NEVADA HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
July 14, 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
Arash Ghafoori, Social Service Provider, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth
Catrina Grigsby-Thedford, Advocate, Nevada Homeless Alliance
Christy Shannon, Social Service Provider, S.A.F.E Nest
Emily Paulsen, Business, Anthem Healthcare
Hassan Chaudry, Co-Chair, Business, Foresight Housing Partners
Jennifer Huse, Mental Health Provider, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services
Jocelyn Acevedo, Affordable Housing, Nevada HAND
Julie Calloway, Co-Chair Government, City of Boulder City
Katherine Marcal, University, University of Nevada Las Vegas
Kristin Cooper, Co-Chair, Government, Clark County
Liz Jarman, Veteran Service Provider, Veterans Administration
Meg Pike, Education, Clark County School District
Phil Washington, Faith-Based, Promise Land Community Church
Rick Damian, Alternate, Government, City of North Las Vegas
Shalimar Cabrera, Veteran Service Provider, U.S. VETS-Las Vegas
Stacy DiNicola, Alternate, Government, City of Henderson
Stephany Coaley, Government, City of Las Vegas
Taisacan Hall, Advocate, Young Adults in Charge
Vera Moore, Advocate, True Beginnings

Absent: Sarah Lugo, Healthcare Provider, Southern Nevada Health District
Kena Adams, Co-Chair, Advocate, Indian Voices
Kyle O'Connell-Mock, Business, Gaming, Aristocrat Gaming
Lewis Jordan, Public Housing Authority, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority
Rebecca Edgeworth, Healthcare Provider, Touro University Nevada
Robbie DeBuff, Workforce Investment, Workforce Connections
Robert Nolan, Emergency Medical Services, Las Vegas Fire and Rescue
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, July 14th, 2022, via WebEx.

Agenda Item 2. Public Comment.

No Comments were presented to the Board.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Agenda for July 14, 2022; for possible action.

A motion was made to approve the agenda. The motion was approved with Agenda Item 10 being tabled until the next meeting.

Agenda Item 4. Approval of the Minutes from the June 9, 2022, meeting; for possible action.

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

Agenda Item 5. Update by the Collaborative Applicant on relevant business of the Continuum of Care (CoC), for possible action.

Catherine Huang Hara, Clark County Social Service, provided an update on the relevant business of the Continuum of Care. The 2022 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Continuum of Care competitive application process is still pending release from HUD. The Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) is due on July 19th. There was an extension in the deadline due to some communities not having consolidated projects listed on their GIW. The team anticipates that there will be a NOFO announcement soon. The local process for renewal applications was due on Monday, July 11th. There is also a CoC 101 training on July 21st at 11:00 am and is geared towards any new service providers interested in applying for this year's or any future year's competition. The team received an announcement from HUD regarding waivers. In response to COVID-19, HUD distributed several CoC, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) mega waivers. These waivers expired in March of 2022, and now an updated process, which is a return to the original waiver process, where the agency must submit justification for the grants where the waivers will be applied for your organization. If any agencies are planning on submitting any waiver requests and are a CoC-funded project, please CC

Catherine Huang Hara at C3H@clarkcountynv.gov on all waiver requests and if the waiver has been approved so that the team can notate how the waiver will be used in regards to your project.

Agenda Item 6. Presentation by the Collaborative Applicant on the CoC Program Supplemental Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Unsheltered Homelessness, for possible action.

Mary Duff, Clark County Social Service, shared a presentation on the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Unsheltered Homelessness. Unsheltered Homelessness has been on the rise since 2020 and through recent data analysis, it can be determined that unsheltered people are at significantly greater health risk and challenges and experience more trauma and violence than their sheltered peers. For this reason, HUD has released a special NOFO of supplemental funds. The NOFO was released on June 22nd and the response to HUD will be due on October 20th. This NOFO will support this highly vulnerable population by supporting CoCs in their efforts to identify people living in unsheltered situations, including encampments, and connect them with health and housing resources. This CoC Supplemental NOFO is focused on two areas, which are an unsheltered focus and a rural focus. There is a total of 15 million allotted for this community to apply for. Which is about 5 million per year and there is some flexibility with that. This community is eligible to apply for the unsheltered homeless set aside of \$267 million. In preparation for the supplemental application, the team will need to develop a community plan on how to address the unsheltered homelessness within the community as well as strategies that will reduce the number of unsheltered homeless and help to prevent it. The team would like this plan to be data-driven and informed by partner agencies that would like to account for disparate populations and provide guidance for the development of projects. To support this comprehensive plan, the team will be convening listening sessions specific to project types, and community providers of diverse interests are encouraged to attend. This community plan will help to guide the local application process and as such, any projects submitted under this NOFO will need to align with the community plan so that the data is reflective of the current community needs. The application deadline is October 20th and Scoring and Ranking day will be held on September 13th. Application instructions will be released on August 8th and a full application presentation will be presented to the Board at the October 14th Board meeting.

Agenda Item 7. Presentation by the Data and Systems Improvement Working Group on the results of the 2022 Southern Nevada Homeless Census; for possible action.

Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Clark County Social Service, presented an overview of the 2022 Homeless Census. Every year during the last 10 days of January, communities across the country conduct comprehensive counts of the local homeless populations to measure the prevalence of homelessness in each local Continuum of Care (CoC). The 2022 Southern Nevada Point-in-Time Count was a community-wide effort conducted on February 23, 2022. Due to spikes in cases of COVID-19 leading up to the original January date, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) granted the CoC a date change to February. According to the 2022 Homeless Point-In-Time Count (PIT), there are 5,645 people experiencing homelessness in Southern Nevada with 51% unsheltered and 49% sheltered. Of those numbers, 90% are single adults, 9% are families with children, 6% are unaccompanied youth, and 10% are veterans. Based on the Surveys, 74% of respondents self-reported 1 or more disabling conditions, 36% have substance abuse issues, 33% have mental health issues, 3% are victims of domestic violence, and 2% have HIV/AIDS. The percentage of available beds occupied during the night of the Census includes 91% Emergency Shelter beds and 72% Transitional Housing beds. This report is available for viewing on HelpHopeHome.org.

Agenda Item 8. Presentation by CSH (Corporation for Supportive Housing) statewide supportive housing advocacy efforts, for possible action.

Brooke Page, Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH), shared a presentation on Statewide Supportive Housing advocacy efforts. Supportive Housing is for people who are experiencing homelessness; cycle through institutional and emergency systems and are at risk of long-term homelessness; individuals that are living with intellectual and developmental disabilities; living with chronic health conditions; are being discharged from institutions and systems of care, individuals without housing and cannot access and make effective use of treatment or supportive services. According to the 2022 PIT count data, 1,605 people in Northern Nevada and 5,645 people in Southern Nevada are experiencing homelessness due to a lack of affordability and access to housing. Currently, there are only 20 units available for every 100 households in Nevada. There are 6,924 people in need of affordable housing. There are also high barriers that prevent people from accessing housing such as source income, credit worthiness, justice involvement, and income and racism. Supportive Housing is a solution that is evidence-based and has been shown to address the housing needs of those with challenges and barriers to accessing housing and staying housed. Supportive housing provides the individual with affordable housing and wrap-around services. Supportive Housing helps tenants stay housed, provides tenants with social and community connections, and helps tenants improve their physical and mental health. More information on Supportive Housing can be found on the Corporation for Supportive Housing's website CSH.org.

Agenda Item 9. Presentation by Nevada Homeless Alliance on strategies to engage persons with lived experience and expertise in the work of the CoC, for possible action.

Catrina Grigsby-Thedford, Advocate, Nevada Homeless Alliance, shared a presentation on partnering with people with lived experience. At the end of March, a few community members started a session with HUD TA staff about partnering with people with lived experience. The team held a total of 6 sessions, and they included members from other communities. The team created an action plan for partnering with people with lived experience in the community. The CoC is mandated by HUD to have people with lived experience serve as Board members. There are currently two Board seats dedicated to people with lived experience. Partnering with people with lived experience is important for the following reasons: because movements fail without the full participation and leadership of those with lived experience; people with lived experiences bring different perspectives about the system; the current homeless system has been predominantly established and led by white leadership; Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities are the most impacted by homelessness in every community; the system functions best when positional leaders partner with grassroots leaders. It is important to work with a diverse group to understand barriers to housing and work together to come up with solutions to overcome these barriers. In the end, the community must start to center the work around their experiences. The community will work to identify more ways to engage people with lived experience.

Agenda Item 10. Presentation by U.S. VETS-Las Vegas on leadership, for possible action.

Item tabled until next meeting.

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

Kristin Cooper, Government, Clark County Social Service, provided an update on the County's response to COVID-19. Clark County continues to operate non-congregate shelters for people who are at high risk for COVID-19. This includes people who are over 65 and those with underlying health conditions.

Meg Pike, Education, Clark County School District, shared that the Clark County School District (CCSD) has updated its reopening guide for the upcoming school year. School starts on August 8th. More information can be found on CCSD.NET.

Catrina Grigsby-Thedford, Advocate, Nevada Homeless Alliance, shared that Nevada Homeless Alliance (NHA) is still holding three to four vaccination events per month. These events offer free vaccinations for people experiencing homelessness. NHA is working nonstop to bring vaccination services directly to the individuals for convenience.

Agenda Item 12. 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 the activities of Operation HOME! Operation HOME (OH) is a communitywide initiative to house 2022 of the community unhoused persons who are at high risk of negative impacts of COVID-19 by the end of 2022 through different pathways to permanent housing, utilizing a client-centered community collaborative approach. Which includes progressive engagement and housing problem-solving. Based on recent data, 70% of the goal for Operation HOME has been met. There are currently 1437 people in permanent housing. On Tuesday, July 19th, the Board of Clark County Commissioners will be issuing 6 proclamations to the partner agencies for Operation HOME. Partnerships include JustServe, Deseret Industries, Goodwill Industries, Anthem Healthcare, Nevada Homeless Alliance, and Project4Humanity. Project4Humanity provided initial storage space free of charge to house furniture donated to OH. Goodwill signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the CoC providing access to free furniture at Goodwill Industries. The Greater Las Vegas Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints provided \$250,000 in vouchers to use at Deseret Industries for beds, furniture, and household items. JustServe has provided 1,236 move-in kits for hygiene, kitchen, bathroom, and bedding to help households get settled. The county warehouse for JustServe created move-in kits and donated furniture. Clark County ESG-CV funds purchased 100 mattresses, box springs, and bed frames for OH clients. The OH! Data Dashboard can be viewed on HelpHopeHome.org.

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)

Stacy DiNicola, City of Henderson, shared that the Evaluation Working Group (EWG) has been preparing for the release of the upcoming Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). The team is recruiting members of the Scoring and Ranking team. If there is anyone interested, the team is still looking for three volunteers. Those interested can access the interest form on HelpHopeHome.org.

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

Catrina Grigsby-Thedford, Advocate, Nevada Homeless Alliance (NHA), shared that the NHA is helping with ID restoration through its Barrier Busting services. NHA staff members will assist individuals experiencing homelessness by ordering birth certificates to obtain Identification. Agencies can make an appointment through NHA for clients who need ID restoration services. NHA will be partnering with HELP of Southern Nevada and Clark County to host an event on the strip to assist individuals in that area with services. The event will take place on Thursday, July 21st from 8:00 to 11:00 am on South Las Vegas BLVD next to the Four Seasons Hotel.

Meg Pike, Education, Clark County School District shared that CCSD's Title I HOOPE staff were able to collaborate with HELP of Southern Nevada to host a school registration event. This event helped students experiencing homelessness with online registration, transportation, clothing, and immunizations.

Agenda Item 15. Public Comment

No Comments were presented to the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.