

**SOUTHERN NEVADA HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 15, 2022**

**In attendance:** Aaron Krolikowski, EFSP Board, United Way of Southern Nevada  
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  
Hayley Jarolimek, Government, City of Henderson  
Jaini Christison, Government, City of North Las Vegas  
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  
Kristin Cooper, Government, Clark County  
Meg Pike, Education, Clark County School District  
Shalimar Cabrera, Veteran Service Provider, U.S. Vets-Las Vegas  
Stephany Coaley, Government, City of Las Vegas  
Troy Oglesbee, Faith-Based, Destiny Church

**Absent:** Albert Chavez, Social Service Provider, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada  
Annie Wilson, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department  
Katherine Marcal, University, University of Nevada Las Vegas  
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  
Liz Jarman, Veteran Service Provider, Veterans Administration  
Lourdes Yapjoco, Healthcare Provider, Southern Nevada Health District  
Phil Washington, Faith-Based, Promise Land Community Church  
Rebecca Edgeworth, Healthcare Provider, Touro University Nevada  
Robbie DeBuff, Workforce Investment, Workforce Connections  
Robert Nolan, Emergency Medical Services, Las Vegas Fire and Rescue  
Advocate, Young Adults in Charge  
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, September 15th, 2022, via WebEx.

**Agenda Item 2. Public Comment.**

Meg Pike, Education, Clark County School District, shared that Julie Hutchinson is a new member of the Title I HOPE team. Julie Hutchinson will serve as a social worker.

**Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Agenda for September 15, 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 August 11, 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.**

Mary Duff, Clark County Social Service, provided an update on the Unsheltered Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO), which is a special funding opportunity available from HUD on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. The team at Clark County Social Service facilitated the local application process with a Scoring and Ranking day on September 13<sup>th</sup>. The team is still working through the appeals process. There were 17 proposals and over \$27 million being requested from the community, which exceeded the allocated funding amount of \$15 million. The team is putting together the consolidated application. There is \$322 million that has been set aside for the unsheltered homelessness NOFO and is expected to fund 20 communities. Preliminary recommendations for projects to be funded can be found on HelpHopeHome.org. Final recommendations will be presented to the Board in October. For applications that did not receive funding, those applications will be kept on file at Clark County Social Service for the next 12 months to be considered for additional funding

opportunities. The team will be working with subject matter experts to review the consolidated application to ensure that a strong application is submitted. The consolidated application is due on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Agenda Item 6. Approval of recommendations for funding for the local 2022 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.**

Max Discher, Homebase, presented the recommendations for funding for the Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition to the Board for approval. The Consolidated Application is due on September 30<sup>th</sup>. There is \$2.8 billion available for funding for several CoC communities. The local ranking includes these Tier 1 project recommendations: SN CE Matching, HMIS Southern Nevada 2022, Healthy Living RRH, STAR RRH, NPHY Independent Living Program, Operation Fresh Start, Shannon West Homeless Youth Center, PSH 2019 Consolidated, A New Start, STAR PSH (partial reallocation), HTH Combined (partial reallocation), HomeLink RRH Consolidation 2020, A Place Called Home, New Beginnings (partial reallocation), VIP-2019, Crossings TH-RRH, Housing for the Homeless, and New Crossings. Tier 2 project recommendations are Community Connect, Stepping Stones, HMIS Southern Nevada Expansion, PSH Consolidated Expansion, A Place Called Home Expansion, HomeLink RRH Expansion, and Housing and Healthcare Bonus Project. The Board voted to approve the recommendations for funding for the Consolidated Application.

**Agenda Item 7. Presentation by SafeNest on training opportunities for service providers regarding Domestic Violence; for possible action.**

Christy Shannon, Social Service Provider, SafeNest, shared a presentation on training opportunities provided by SafeNest, which was established to provide comprehensive, collaborative, and innovative services for everyone affected by domestic violence and sexual violence while passionately working to end this shared epidemic. The SafeNest Preferred Provider Network (PPN) is a referral program for local service providers designed to connect survivors with critical community support and resources; provide DV/SA training to partners to identify and support survivors; link partners with a direct referral to SafeNest's crisis services. The PPN is open to any community-based agency whose clients have experienced, are at risk of experiencing, or otherwise intersect with domestic violence/sexual assault. The cost is \$25 per community-based agency to become a PPN member, which includes a 4-hour training individualized to the agency. PPN benefits include training to learn about key topics in the field of domestic violence and sexual violence, including how to identify and respond to DV/SA through administering a DV Safety Assessment to gauge lethality risk. PPN members have immediate access to SafeNest crisis services and connections to other members' services. PPN members can be connected to local and national agencies that work with SafeNest. SafeNest's education team also provides a customized 8-hour Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence Certification course for case managers; topics include Domestic Violence 101, Sexual Assault 101, Barriers to leaving, Trauma Informed Care, Survivor Advocacy, Adverse Childhood Experiences, and Building Hope, and provide any training or specialized material to the agency. More information can be found on [SafeNest.org](http://SafeNest.org).

**Agenda Item 8. Update on local response to and recovery from Coronavirus Disease 19; for possible action.**

No update was provided.

**Agenda Item 9. 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. The team is currently working on extending contracts through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Based on recent data, 91% of the goal for Operation HOME has been met. The Operation HOME data dashboard is live on the Help Hope Home website. Since the start of the Operation HOME initiative, 1922 people have been housed. The team is still in need of landlords to assist in clearing the community queue which currently has 3800 people waiting for housing. Interested landlords or property managers can email [leaps@clarkcountynv.gov](mailto:leaps@clarkcountynv.gov)

**Agenda Item 10. Questions and answers regarding reports from the Board Working Groups (Community Engagement, Coordinated Entry, Data and Systems Improvement, Evaluation, Monitoring, Planning, Youth)**

Meg Pike, Education, Clark County School District, provided an update on the Steering Committee. At the last Steering Committee meeting, the group discussed the October Board meeting agenda, The Unsheltered NOFO, and the Youth Needs Assessment. The Committee also discussed the Youth Homeless Demonstration Project.

Catrina Grigsby-Thedford, Advocate, Nevada Homeless Alliance (NHA), shared information on the Nevada Statewide Conference on Ending Homelessness. The inaugural conference will take place on September 29<sup>th</sup> at UNLV. Tickets are still available, and more information can be found on [www.nevadahomelessalliance.org](http://www.nevadahomelessalliance.org).

Catherine Huang Hara, Clark County Social Service, shared that the Statewide CoC meeting is on October 19<sup>th</sup>, from 1 pm to 4:30 pm.

**Agenda Item 11. Receive an update from Board members regarding relevant activities within their respective organizations relating to homelessness.**

No update was provided.

**Agenda Item 12. Public Comment**

Shalimar Cabrera, Social Service Provider, U.S. VETS-Las Vegas, shared that U.S. VETS-Las Vegas is hosting its first in-person gala since 2019. The gala will take place on November 16, from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Golden Nugget.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.