

**SOUTHERN NEVADA HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
October 13, 2022**

In attendance: Aaron Krolkowski, EFSP Board, United Way of Southern Nevada
Albert Chavez, Social Service Provider, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada
Annie Wilson, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
Catrina Grigsby-Thedford, Advocate, Nevada Homeless Alliance
Christy Shannon, Social Service Provider, S.A.F.E Nest
Emily Paulsen, Business, Anthem Healthcare
Hassan Chaudry, Business, Foresight Housing Partners
Hayley Jarolimek, Government, City of Henderson
Jason Lilly, 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, Government, City of Boulder City
Kena Adams, Co-Chair, Advocate, Indian Voices
Kristin Cooper, Co-Chair Government, Clark County
Liz Jarman, Veteran Service Provider, Veterans Administration
Lourdes Yapjoco, Healthcare Provider, Southern Nevada Health District
Martin Castro, Lived Experience, Nevada Homeless Alliance
Meg Pike, Education, Clark County School District
Shalimar Cabrera, Veteran Service Provider, U.S. Vets-Las Vegas
Stephany Coaley, Government, City of Las Vegas
Vera Moore, Advocate, True Beginnings

Absent: Arash Ghafoori, Social Service Provider, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth
Katherine Marcal, University, University of Nevada Las Vegas
Kyle O'Connell-Mock, Business, Gaming, Aristocrat Gaming
Lewis Jordan, Public Housing Authority, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority
Phil Washington, Faith-Based, Promise Land Community Church
Rebecca Edgeworth, Healthcare Provider, Touro University Nevada
Irene Bustamante-Adams, Workforce Investment, Workforce Connections
Robert Nolan, Emergency Medical Services, Las Vegas Fire and Rescue
Vacancy, Advocate, 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, October 13th, 2022, via WebEx.

Agenda Item 2. Public Comment.

No comment was presented to the Board.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Agenda for October 13, 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 September 15, 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 Continuum of Care (CoC) consolidated application and priority listing were due on September 30th and was submitted by this CoC on September 29th. The team is waiting patiently for the announcement of those awards which will hopefully be announced by the end of this year or the beginning of early next year. The team is also still awaiting the announcement of the Youth Demonstration Program (YHDP) awards. An update will be provided as soon as more information becomes available. The 2022 Homeless Vigil will take place on Thursday, December 15th. The event is being organized by Straight from the Streets in partnership with Caridad and will be held at Hebron.

Agenda Item 6. Approval of recommendations for funding for the local 2021 Continuum of Care Special Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness 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.

Mary Duff, Clark County Social Service, Martin Castro and Donica Martinez, Nevada Homeless Alliance, presented the recommendations for funding for the local Continuum of Care (CoC) Special Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). On June 22nd, HUD released a NOFO to support highly vulnerable unsheltered populations including those living in encampments and connect them with health and housing resources. HUD identified six primary policy priorities they wanted to see addressed by project type. Unsheltered homelessness is continuing to rise in many areas of the country. In a recent analysis of homelessness, data shows that people experiencing unsheltered homelessness report significantly greater health challenges, experiences of trauma, and violence than their sheltered peers. Additionally, there was a special set aside of funding for rural communities and while this CoC was not eligible for these funds, rural areas were still prioritized in the local application process. Agencies serving tribal communities were also encouraged to apply. HUD also wanted to see new partnerships and projects that have a variety of stakeholders within the business community, but most importantly HUD focused on housing and healthcare partnerships. Projects should also advance equity and provide services to individuals with severe service needs and underserved communities such as BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color), LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Plus), and individuals with disabilities. All projects were required to follow a housing-first approach with no barriers to housing. For this competition, HUD expected CoCs to come together with homeless service providers and key stakeholders to develop a strategic approach to addressing unsheltered homelessness specific to the community needs. This community plan will serve as a road map for local competition and funding priorities. All projects selected to be included in this consolidated application must align with the community plan. After scoring a ranking day the selected projects completed their Esnap application and the consolidated application was developed. This application is what is scored by HUD to determine if this CoC will be funded under this opportunity. After the application is submitted on October 20th and if Southern Nevada is selected for funding, HUD will contract directly with each of the agencies that had a project included in the consolidated application. Locally, all applications received will be kept on file through August 31, 2023, and additional funding may be leveraged to support the implementation of new projects. The community plan will be worth 70 points of the 100 points possible and has continued to be updated. Lastly, on August 25th the funding plan was determined. This plan was guided by the listening sessions, in particular the client listening session and system modeling data. Outreach projects was allocated \$6 million, \$3 million for supportive services, and \$3 million identified for essential projects which include the HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) licenses and the planning grant. The recommendations were presented to the Board for approval. The Board voted to approve the recommendations.

Agenda Item 7. Presentation by U.S. VETS-Las Vegas on multipliers and diminishers in leadership; for possible action.

Shalimar Cabrera and Michelle Johnston, Social Service Provider, U.S. VETS-Las Vegas, shared a presentation on Multipliers versus Diminishers in leadership. There are two different types of leaders, type one is a Multiplier, and type 2 is a Diminisher. Multipliers are leaders who use their intelligence to amplify the smarts and capabilities of the people around them. When these leaders walk into a room, light bulbs go off over people's heads. Ideas flow and problems get solved. Diminishers drain intelligence, energy, and capability from the people around them and always need to be the smartest person in the room. Multipliers invoke each person's unique intelligence and create an atmosphere of genius innovation, productive effort, and collective intelligence. They look beyond their genius and focus their energy on extracting and extending the genius of others. When people work with multipliers they hold nothing back; Offer the very best of their thinking, creativity, and ideas; Give more than their jobs require and volunteer their discretionary effort, energy, and resourcefulness; Actively search for more valuable ways to contribute; Hold themselves to the highest standards; Give 100 percent of their abilities to the work-and then some. The Accidental Diminisher is the well-intended leader, who is subtly and, completely unaware, and shuts down the intelligence of others. The same tendencies that make you a strong individual performer can sometimes have a diminishing effect on those you lead.

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

Kristin Cooper, Government, Clark County Social Service, shared that the COVID-19 bivalent booster is available for both the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines, also flu shots are available.

Catrina Grigsby-Thedford, Advocate, Nevada Homeless Alliance (NHA), shared that NHA is hosting vaccine events in conjunction with Southern Nevada Health District and Touro University. COVID vaccinations and Monkey Pox services will be available at the upcoming Project Homeless Connect.

Agenda Item 9. 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 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, 97% of the goal for Operation HOME has been met with only 79 days left in the challenge. The OH! data dashboard is live on the HelpHopeHome.org website. Since the start of the OH! initiative, 1997 people have been housed. The team is still in need of landlords to assist in clearing the community queue which currently has 4000 people waiting for housing. Interested landlords or property managers can email 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)

Kristin Cooper, Government, Clark County Social Service, shared that the Southern Nevada community received 105 housing choice vouchers out of the 109,000 vouchers available nationwide.

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

Catrina Grigsby-Thedford, Advocate, Nevada Homeless Alliance, shared that the Fall Project Homeless Connect (PHC) is coming up on November 22nd at the Silver Nugget Hotel and Casino. Those interested in attending or volunteering can email Catrina at Catrina@nevadahomelessalliance.org.

Meg Pike, Education, Clark County School District, shared information regarding the Community of Practice Group. This group will work together to address any shortfalls regarding poor service delivery specifically for students and families within the Clark County School District (CCSD). The group will meet quarterly with initial meetings scheduled for January and February.

Jason Lilly, Government, City of North Las Vegas, shared that CPLC will serve as the outreach partner for the City of North Las Vegas beginning on November 1st.

Catherine Huang Hara, Clark County Social Service, shared that registration is open for the 2022 Southern Nevada Youth Homeless Summit. This event will take place on November 17th. Registration information can be found on NPHY.org.

Agenda Item 12. Public Comment

Jaini Christison, Government, City of North Las Vegas, shared that the city will be opening the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) and ESG (Emergency Solutions Grant) Fiscal Year 23 application cycle on October 20th through ZoomGrants. Interested agencies should contact Jaini Christison for more information at christisonj@cityofnorthlasvegas.com.

Martin Castro and Donica Martinez, Nevada Homeless Alliance, shared that the PLE team has merged with the LivedEX team. This unit will start attending working groups as well as performing research and data analysis to have better input and establish connections within the community and the CoC. The LivedEx team will work to identify gaps and barriers to housing using their lived experience.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.