

**SOUTHERN NEVADA HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
October 12, 2023**

In attendance: Arash Ghafoori, Social Service Provider, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth
Christy Shannon, Social Service Provider, S.A.F.E Nest
Donica Martinez, Lived Experience, Lived X Consultants
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, Government, City of Boulder City
Liz Jarman, Veteran Service Provider, Veterans Administration
Mayra Gonzales, Healthcare Provider, Touro University Nevada
Meg Pike, Co-Chair, Education, Clark County School District
Nicole Anderson, Social Service Provider, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada
Phil Washington, Faith-Based, Promise Land Community Church
Shalimar Cabrera, Co-Chair, Veteran Service Provider, U.S. Vets-Las Vegas
Stephany Coaley, Government, City of Las Vegas
Tameika Ortiz, EFSP Board, United Way of Southern Nevada
Teresa Etcheberry, Government, Clark County
Troy Oglesbee, Faith-Based, Destiny Church

Absent: Annie Wilson, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
Catrina Grigsby-Thedford, Advocate, Nevada Homeless Alliance
Emily Paulsen, Business, Anthem Healthcare
Hassan Chaudry, Business, Foresight Housing Partners
Irene Bustamante-Adams, Workforce Investment, Workforce Connections
Carlton Craig, University, University of Nevada Las Vegas
Kena Adams, Advocate, Indian Voices
Kyle O'Connell-Mock, Business, Gaming, Aristocrat Gaming
Lewis Jordan, Public Housing Authority, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority
Lourdes Yapjoco, Healthcare Provider, Southern Nevada Health District
Robert Nolan, Emergency Medical Services, Las Vegas Fire and Rescue
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, October 12th, 2023, via WebEx.

Agenda Item 2. Public Comment.

No comment were posed to the Board.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Agenda for October 12, 2023; 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 14, 2023, meeting; for possible action.

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

Agenda Item 5. Educational session by HUD Technical Assistance (TA) on equity; for possible action.

Ashley Barker Tolman and Alissa Parrish, HUD Technical Assistance, shared a presentation on Equity (Gatekeeping). Gatekeeping is the activity of controlling, and usually limiting, general access to something. Within the context of homeless service work, gatekeeping often includes withholding information that would be considered necessary to make informed, inclusive, and transparent decisions. Gatekeeping also includes withholding decision-making and power. Whether intended or not, those who work in Homeless service, serve as agents of social control, holding power over people in poor communities rather than always engaging with communities in ways that restore decision-making power and establish mutual accountability. Although the intention is to be accountable to populations most impacted, agents of social control are accountable to institutions that fund, credit, and evaluate those in homeless services, and ultimately decide whether to promote or fire agency staff. Gatekeepers often find themselves trapped and conflicted. It is through working from an anti-racist framework, embodying anti-oppression values, and being accountable to communities most impacted that agencies become “liberated gatekeepers” recognizing the power and influence to become agents of transformation.

Agenda Item 6. Discussion and approval to remove open meeting law requirements for future meetings; for possible action.

Co-Chairs Shalimar Cabrera, Social Service Provider, U.S. VETS-Las Vegas, and Meg Pike, Education, Clark County School District, presented to the Board for discussion, the removal of Open Meeting Law. The Board voted to remove Open Meeting Law requirements for future meetings. The Executive Committee will work on outlining future meeting processes and will present at the November Board meeting.

Agenda Item 7. Update and discussion of HUD TA recommendations for governance; for possible action.

Ashley Barker-Tolman, HUD Technical Assistance (HUD TA), shared that the Ad Hoc Governance Committee is working on the implementation of HUD TA recommended changes to the Governance structure. The Board will continue this discussion at the next Board meeting.

Agenda Item 8. Questions and answers regarding reports from the Board Working Groups (Community Engagement, Coordinated Entry, Data and Systems Improvement, Evaluation, Monitoring, Planning, Youth)

Stacy DiNicola, Government, City of Henderson, shared that the 2023 Notice of Funding Opportunity has been submitted.

Agenda Item 9. Receive an update from Board members regarding relevant activities within their respective organizations relating to homelessness.

Meg Pike, Education, Clark County School District shared that Title I HOPE has partnered with Nevada Homeless Alliance (NHA) to host Family Pop-Up Connect events. Family Pop-Up Connect event help to remove barriers to services for families.

Shalimar Cabrera, Social Service Provider, U.S. VETS-Las Vegas, shared that the Veterans Gala is next Thursday, October 19th. Tickets are still available. Auction will be available online for those who are unable to attend.

Agenda Item 10. Public Comment.

No comments were posed to the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.