



Community Engagement Working Group Report to the Board November 2023

Working Group: Lived X Consultant Working Group

Champions: Ally Holmes, Amy Jones, Donica Martinez, Davion Taylor, Martin Castro, Louis Hixson, Keisha Braggs, Tamika Edwards

Meeting date, time, and location: November 7, 14, and 28 2023, Via Zoom, 5:30-7:30pm

Purpose: Southern Nevada, Lived X Consultants, is a diverse team of consultants from a variety of backgrounds. Each of us has experienced significant housing instability or literal homelessness within our lifetime, and these experiences have shaped our perspective and contributed to our expertise around housing and homelessness.

Attendees: Lived X Consultants: Ally Holmes, Amy Jones, Donica Martinez, Davion Taylor, Martin Castro, Louis Hixson, Keasia Bragg, Nevada Homeless Alliance: Catrina Grigsby Thedford.

Guest Attendees: Woodwell Climate: Monica Caparas. RTC: Miguel Davila.

Accomplishments - Action Items Discussed

- Climate research request was submitted. Background in the impact of climate and the unhoused population. A survey around the homeless community in Las Vegas and the impact it has on shelter choice along with flood impacts.
- Discussion For surveying people in the Las Vegas homelessness community, do you have any written policies in accordance with the International Review Board?
- Discussed a political topic in America. The impact of the use of fossil fuels and the impact on our earth as a system. All connected to each other. There is a question about overstepping personal or ethical boundaries.
- Discussed changes need to be made to the Board Meeting.
 - Needs more coordination /organization.
- Collaboration with RTC staff member in creation of survey questions for those experiencing unsheltered homelessness. Completed and implemented at the NHA FALL PHC, November 21, 2023
- Reviewed and made recommendations on “Best Practices for Engaging People with Lived Experience” per Brenda Herbstman’s Request
- Discussion of Lived X Role on Steering Committee, for clarification.
- Lived X bringing their expertise to bring youth experiencing homelessness to participate in focus groups and studies.
- Working Group Updates
- Discuss survey, results, next steps
- Youth Action Board
- HUD TA Email
- Review of all requests

Next Meeting: Every Tuesday @ 5:30pm via Zoom