

**SOUTHERN NEVADA HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
December 14, 2023**

**In attendance:** Aaron Krolikowski, EFSP Board, United Way of Southern Nevada  
Albert Chavez, Social Service Provider, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada  
Arash Ghafoori, Social Service Provider, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth  
Catrina Grigsby-Thedford, Advocate, Nevada Homeless Alliance  
Donica Martinez, Lived Experience, Lived X Consultants  
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  
Julie Calloway, Government, City of Boulder City  
Kyle O'Connell-Mock, Business, Gaming, Aristocrat Gaming  
Liz Jarman, Veteran Service Provider, Veterans Administration  
Mayra Gonzalez, Healthcare Provider, Touro University Nevada  
Meg Pike, Co-Chair, Education, Clark County School District  
Rosa Elaine Garcia, Public Housing Authority, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority  
Shalimar Cabrera, Co-Chair, Veteran Service Provider, U.S. VETS-Las Vegas  
Teresa Etcheberry, Government, Clark County  
Troy Oglesbee, Faith-Based, Destiny Church  
Sean Jerrion Coleman, Advocate, Youth Action Board

**Absent:** Annie Wilson, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department  
Audra Hamernik, Affordable Housing, Nevada HAND  
Christy Shannon, Social Service Provider, S.A.F.E Nest  
Irene Bustamante-Adams, Workforce Investment, Workforce Connections  
Carlton Craig, University, University of Nevada Las Vegas  
Kena Adams, Advocate, Indian Voices  
Lourdes Yapjoco, Healthcare Provider, Southern Nevada Health District  
Maurice Cloutier, Government, City of Las Vegas  
Phil Washington, Faith-Based, Promise Land Community Church  
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 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 14th, 2023, via WebEx.

**Agenda Item 2. Approval of the Agenda for December 14, 2023; for possible action.**

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

**Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Minutes from the November 9, 2023, meeting; for possible action.**

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

**Agenda Item 4. 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 a brief update on relevant business of the Continuum of Care (CoC). The Census team is proceeding with the Southern Nevada homeless census, which will include a sheltered and unsheltered count. The sheltered count will take place on the night of January 24<sup>th</sup>. Information from the sheltered count will largely be generated out of HMIS. Deployment for the unsheltered count will begin in the morning of January 25<sup>th</sup>. Deployment sites are set up around the valley and they include Clark County Building and Fire prevention, North Las Vegas City Hall, Cambridge Recreation Center, and Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth. All these sites are open for volunteers. Closed sites include Las Vegas City Hall and the Henderson Police department. There will also be a tunnel deployment that will happen earlier in the morning with HELP of Southern Nevada. For more information or to volunteer email [helphopehome@clarkcountynv.gov](mailto:helphopehome@clarkcountynv.gov).

**Agenda Item 5. Presentation by the Governance Ad-Hoc Group introducing for public comment changes to the government structure; for possible action.**

Brenda Barnes, Clark County Social Service provided an update on changes to the Governance structure. The Ad-Hoc Group is currently finalizing the Governance Charter and will present to the steering committee for review before presenting it to the Board in January.

**Agenda Item 6. Update and discussion of HUD TA recommendation for Governance; for possible action.**

Meg Pike, Co-chair, Education, Clark County School District, shared that HUD TA recommendation are still being finalized and the team will present an update at the January Board meeting.

**Agenda Item 7. Questions and answers regarding reports from the Board Working Groups (Community Engagement, Coordinated Entry, Data and Systems Improvement, Evaluation, Monitoring, Planning, Youth)**

No update was provided.

**Agenda Item 8. Receive an update from Board members regarding relevant activities within their respective organizations relating to homelessness.**

Liz Jarman, Veteran Service Provider, Veteran’s Administration (VA), shared that the VA is currently in the middle of their unsheltered VA surge which started on November 20<sup>th</sup> and will run through January 24<sup>th</sup>. The team has already exceeded program goals of getting veterans into transitional and permanent housing.

Aaron Krolikowski, EFSP Board, United Way of Southern Nevada (UWSN), shared information regarding the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP). UWSN is currently at the end of their EFSP funds and is awaiting information from the federal government on when new funding will be available. The team will report back to the Board in January with an update.

Catrina Grigsby-Thedford, Advocate, Nevada Homeless Alliance (NHA), shared that NHA’s Homeless Service Provider training is scheduled through June 2024. Information can be found at NevadaHomelessAlliance.org. Also, NHA has partnered with Title I HOPE to host monthly Family Connects throughout 2024.

Shalimar Cabrera, Co-Chair, Social Service Provider, U.S. VETS-Las Vegas, shared that U.S. VETS-LV is hiring for the position of executive director.

Haley Exon, U.S. VETS-Las Vegas, shared that during Project Homeless Connect (PHC), the BETterment team was able to place 10 people into same day services.

Jason Lilly, Government, City of North Las Vegas (CNLV), shared that CNLV will be hosting their quarterly homeless outreach public event on January 10<sup>th</sup> at Tonopah Park.

Martin Castro, Lived Experience, Lived X Consultants, shared that on Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, the LivedX team will be hosting a Youth Leadership Information Session. The event will be held at Southern Nevada CHIPS located at 3690 South Eastern Ave at 6:00 PM.

Emily Paulsen, Business, Anthem Health Care, shared that Anthem Medicaid members can access housing problem solving resources through Anthem’s health plan. Anthem can provide both homeless prevention, diversion, and rapid exit services through their housing problem solving programs, which is funded by their housing flex funds. Members can access this program by calling the member services number on the back of their benefits card.

**Agenda Item 9. Public Comment.**

Meg Pike, Co-chair, Education, Clark County School District, shared that 2 items were presented to the CCSD Board for approval, Item 1 was to approve a partnership with NHA, and item 2 was for permission to move ahead with a documentary. Both items were passed and filming for the documentary will begin in 4 to 6 weeks.

Kelly Robson, Bitfocus, reminded those who have received an email for the LSA (Longitudinal System Analysis), to respond as soon as possible. Also, Bitfocus is hosting a refresher training to prepare for the upcoming housing inventory count. Training will be held December 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

Angel Lash, 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court/L.I.M.A (Law enforcement Intervention for Mental health & Addiction), shared that the L.I.M.A. program will be hosting a resource sharing meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup> from 1 pm to 3:30 pm at the University of Reno (UNR) extension building.

Sean Jerrion Coleman, Advocate, Youth Action Board (YAB), shared that YAB in partnership with Nevada Black Legislative Caucus will be hosting a Holiday Food Drive this Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.