

**SOUTHERN NEVADA HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
January 11, 2024**

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
Claudia Young, Government, City of Henderson
Donica Martinez, Lived Experience, Lived X Consultants
Emily Paulsen, Business, Anthem Healthcare
Heather Berard, Veteran Service Provider, Veterans Administration
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, Advocate, Indian Voices
Mayra Gonzalez, Healthcare Provider, Touro University Nevada
Meg Pike, Co-Chair, Education, Clark County School District
Phil Washington, Faith-Based, Promise Land Community Church
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
Christy Shannon, Social Service Provider, S.A.F.E Nest
Hassan Chaudry, Business, Foresight Housing Partners
Irene Bustamante-Adams, Workforce Investment, Workforce Connections
Katherine Marcal, University, University of Nevada Las Vegas
Kyle O'Connell-Mock, Business, Gaming, Aristocrat Gaming
Lourdes Yapjoco, Healthcare Provider, Southern Nevada Health District
Maurice Cloutier, Government, City of Las Vegas
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 p.m. on Thursday, January 11th, 2024, via WebEx.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of the Agenda for January 14, 2024; for possible action.

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

Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Minutes from the December 14, 2023, meeting; for possible action.

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

Agenda Item 4. Education session by United States Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Technical Assistance on Equity; for possible action.

Alyssa Parish and Ashley Barker Tolman, HUD Technical Assistance (TA), shared a presentation on Restorative Justice and Power Mapping. Power mapping is simply a way to identify who has power in the community, and to figure out what will move those individuals or institutions to do whatever it is you want them to do. Restorative Justice seeks to examine the harmful impact of a crime and then determines what can be done to repair that harm while holding the person who caused it accountable for his or her actions. The three pillars of restorative justice are harms and needs, obligations, and engagement. Pillar one: Harms and Needs understands crime as harm done to people and communities. Pillar two: holds that harm results in obligations. Pillar three: engagement once harm has been done. Restorative justice is founded on an alternative theory to the traditional methods of justice, which often focus on retribution.

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 that the Southern Nevada Homeless Census planning and coordination for the Point-In-Time (PIT) unsheltered count is in full swing. The count will take place on January 25th beginning at 5:00

AM. A volunteer recruitment is available on helphopehope.org. it's a HUD requirement in the last 10 days of every year to perform an accurate count of those experiencing homelessness, unsheltered as well for those in the shelter programs. The shelter count will be performed during the night of the 24th into the morning of the 25th. The team is still looking for volunteers, if interested please see the sign-up link on helphopehome.org.

Brenda Barnes, Government, Clark County Social Service, shared that Clark County has identified funding to support the HUD TA recommendation for the Coordinated Entry lead entity. The formal Coordinated Entry lead entity RFP will be posted for seven days. Suggestions, comments, and feedback should be emailed to helphopehome@clarkcountynv.gov.

Agenda Item 6. Presentation by the Governance Ad-Hoc Group introducing for public comment changes to the governance structure; for possible action.

Brenda Barnes, Government, Clark County Social Service, presented a draft of the proposed governance charter to the Board for public comment. the governance charter draft, that the Ad-Hoc Governance Working Group has been working on is available for review and public comment on helphopehome.org. The revised government charter is in alignment with the recommendations from last summer but also includes a proposed adjustment to the board member makeup. This adjustment includes a reduction in overall board members from what was initially suggested, and specific seats are now designated for distinct service representation. There will be 3 core committees: Programs Committee, Coordinated Entry Services Committee, and the HMIS Steering Committee. The document also proposes having 2 vice chairs designated on the board to distribute responsibilities effectively, each with a key focus of support. Suggestions, comments, or feedback should be emailed to helphopehome.org. The document will be posted for public comment until January 25th. After the comment period ends it will be followed by a two-week review of the comments, consolidation of edits and distribution in preparation for the February 8th Board meeting. During this meeting, the combined CoC membership and governing board session will vote on the governance charter and discuss the adoption timeline.

Agenda Item 7. Presentation by Nevada Homeless Alliance on the outcomes of 2023 Project Homeless Connect Events; for possible action.

Catrina Grigsby-Thedford, Advocate, Nevada Homeless Alliance (NHA), provided a presentation on the outcomes of 2023 Project Homeless Connects. The mission of NHA is to advance collaborative strategies to end homelessness in Southern Nevada through advocacy, public awareness, education, and coordination of services. In 2023, NHA served 4472 clients. Pop-Up Project Homeless Connect events (PHC) served 2240 clients and provided assistance with 176 Medicaid applications, 824 medical services, and 727 housing related services. The fall 2023 Project Homeless Connect served 788 clients and was held November 21, 2023, at the Cambridge Recreation Center. NHA was awarded grant funds from the Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) under the SNHD COVID-19 Health Disparities program as part of the CDC's national initiative to address COVID-19 health disparities among populations at high-risk and underserved, including racial and ethnic populations and rural communities to provide health care services, education, and support regarding COVID-19 health disparities and outcomes. NHA was tasked with making COVID-19 vaccines available to individuals experiencing homelessness in southern Nevada and reducing the burden of COVID-19 on the medically underserved homeless community of southern Nevada. In 2023, NHA provided 542 COVID vaccines, 142 Flu shots and 75 other vaccines/medical services, conducted 52 surveys and distributed 600 gift cards. On August 15th, 2023, NHA held the Inaugural Conference on Ending Homelessness. The conference featured a town hall with Northern, Southern, Rural, State, and Federal system leaders on the strategies to address and end homelessness. NHA will continue to host a yearly conference in Southern Nevada during even years and Northern Nevada during odd years.

Agenda Item 8. Update presentation by the Lived X Advisory Group; for possible action.

Donica Martinez, Lived Experience, Lived X Consultants, shared a presentation on the Lived X Advisory Group. The Southern Nevada, Lived X Consultants, is a diverse team of consultants from a variety of backgrounds. Each of them has experienced significant housing instability or literal homelessness within their lifetime, and these experiences have shaped their perspective and contributed to their expertise around housing and homelessness. In 2023, the Lived X Consultants receive 22 requests for consultation and out of those requests 82% have received consultation and 36% are ongoing consultations. Lived X Consultants have been able to elevate their lived expertise on a local, State, and National level. The scope of work ranged from creating surveys, policy review, research pilot projects, program development, and frontline focus groups. They assist with maintaining the Coordinated Entry access flyer, serve as National Care Advisors to provide consultation and education to improve services for those experiencing homelessness, and they were published in the 2023 HUD Exchange for the Secret Shopper Experience. Lived X Consultants will continue to champion for people with lived experience on local, state, and national levels through various platforms, request, and advocacy.

Agenda Item 9. Update and discussion of HUD TA recommendation for Governance; for possible action.

Co-Chairs Meg Pike, Education, Clark County School District, and Shalimar Cabrera, Social Services Advocate, U.S. VETS-Las Vegas, shared that the Steering Committee will present the HUD TA recommendations once the new governance charter has been adopted.

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)

No update provided.

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 (NHA). NHA will be hosting a pop-up project homeless connect at Vegas Stronger on Wednesday, January 17th, at 10:00 AM. Family Connect will be held on January 27th at Orr Middle School. Also, on Wednesday, January 17th, NHA will be hosting an introduction to motivational interviewing training at the Homeless Resource Center at 1:00 PM.

Jason Lilly, Government, City of North Las Vegas (CNLV), shared that CNLV hosted their quarterly pop-up event on Wednesday, January 10th. There were 48 community partners that assisted 267 visitors. In partnership with the Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD), 102 HIV tests, 33 COVID boosters, and 22 flu vaccines were provided.

Agenda Item 12. Public Comment.

No public comment was posed to the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.