

**SOUTHERN NEVADA HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
June 10, 2024**

In attendance:

Abigail Frierson, Clark County, NV
Albert Chavez, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada
Amy Jones, Southern Nevada CHIPS
Arcelia Barajas, City of Las Vegas
Donica Martinez, Lived X Consultants
Elizabeth Jarman, Veterans Administration
Juawana Grant, Nevada Housing Coalition
Kevin Murray, SilverSummit Healthplan
Lauren Boitel, ImpactNV
Lisa Corrado, City of Henderson
Martin Castro, Lived X Consultants
Miguel Davila Uzcategui, Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada
Rebecca Edgeworth, Touro University Nevada
Sally Ihmels, City of North Las Vegas

Absent:

Victor Macias, Youth Action Board

Agenda Item 1. Call to Order.

The meeting of the Southern Nevada Homelessness Continuum of Care Board was called to order at 3 p.m. on Monday, June 10th, 2024, at the Clark County Government Center.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of the minutes from the May 13th, 2024 SNHCoC Board meeting; for possible action.

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

Agenda Item 3. Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP); for possible action

Brenda Herbstman, Clark County Social Service, provided an overview on the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program. The Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) is an initiative designed to reduce the number of youth experiencing homelessness. The goal of YHDP is to support selected communities, including rural, suburban, and urban areas across the United States, in the development and implementation of a coordinated community approach to preventing and ending youth homelessness. In June, 2024 the YHDP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) was announced. The Youth Action Board (YAC) and the Southern Nevada Community drafted application narratives, those narratives are then submitted to the SNHCoC Board for approval. In October 2024, YHDP communities will be announced, and a 6-month coordinated community plan will be developed. Applications are selected and then in October 2025 YHDP projects began their initial period. The Project Development Team anticipates an award amount of \$5 million based on the size of the Southern Nevada community. The application will be posted publicly on helphome.org for review, comments, and approval August 12th through the 20th, with an application deadline of August 29th. The Board voted to approve the application.

Agenda Item 4. CoC Board overview/training plan and expectations; for possible action.

Elaine de Coligny, Kate Bristol, EdeColigny Consulting Group, provided an overview/training on the consolidated application process. The Continuum of Care (CoC) is a system of 3 interrelated constructs which include: the local system of housing, A federal funding source, and a governance structure required by HUD. CoC's are responsible for developing a plan for a coordinated response to homelessness, operate a continuum of care, design and operate the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), and submit applications for federal funding. CoC federal funding process begins when HUD releases an annual Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). Each CoC develops and manages a local application process to invite, rate, and rank projects to submit for funding. The CoC submits a consolidated application to HUD, including all applications organized into a project priority list and applicants are awarded directly from HUD. CoC funds can be used for system level use such as CoC planning, operations of Coordinated Entry, and operating HMIS. Funds can also be used to support project types such as supportive services only, rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing, joint transitional housing, and transitional housing projects. On May 13th the Board voted to approve the local application policies and procedures. The Board will discuss designating an entity to recruit the Scoring and Ranking Team (SRT) at the July Board meeting.

Agenda Item 4. Governing Board Chair Nomination Process; for possible action.

Ashley Barker Tolman, and Julie McFarland, HUD TA, discussed the process for nominating a chair to assist in the facilitation of board meetings. The Board will continue this discussion at the Board member retreat on June 24th.

Agenda Item 5. Board Training/discuss and develop agenda for Board Retreat; for possible action.

Ashley Barker Tolman, and Julie McFarland, HUD TA, provided an overview on Board training. Members also reviewed and discussed quorum and the decision making framework. Quorum will be announced by CCSS at the beginning of the meeting. If there are less than 10 members in attendance the meeting will be canceled. The Board will continue this discussion and vote on a decision making structure at the June 24th Board member retreat.

Agenda Item 6. Discussion and follow-up items for the next meeting; for possible action.

Members will vote to approve the agenda at the July Board meeting and a standing item for new business will be added to the agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.