

**SOUTHERN NEVADA HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
August 12, 2024**

In attendance:

Abigail Frierson, Clark County, NV
Albert Chavez, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada
Angela Ranck, HMIS Lead
Arcelia Barajas, City of Las Vegas
Brenda Barnes, CoC Director, Collaborative Applicant
Donica Martinez, Lived X Consultants
Elizabeth Jarman, Veterans Administration
Juawana Grant, Nevada Housing Coalition
Kevin Murray, SilverSummit Healthplan
Lauren Boitel, ImpactNV
Martin Castro, Lived X Consultants
Miguel Davila Uzcategui, Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada
PJ Moore, Coordinated Entry Lead Entity
Rebecca Edgeworth, Touro University Nevada
Wilson Ramos, City of North Las Vegas

Absent:

Amy Jones, Southern Nevada CHIPS
Lisa Corrado, City of Henderson
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 3:30 p.m. on Monday, August 12th 2024, at the Clark County Government Center.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of the minutes from the July 22nd, 2024 SNHCoC Board meeting; for possible action.

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

Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Agenda with the inclusion of any emergency items and deletion of any items; for possible action

A motion was made to approve the agenda. The motion was approved. Liz Jarman asked to be sure we had an opportunity to address the proposal to invite the SNRHA to meet with the board for open discussions. Brenda Barnes reminded the group of giving the SNRHA grace to get their house in order while they navigate HUD review; they will be asked to join the next Board Meeting.

Agenda Item 4. Receive a report on the progress of the 2024 SNHCoC local competition: EdeColigny Consulting; for possible action.

Karla Amezcua, Collaborative Applicant, provided a report on the progress of the 2024 SNHCoC Local Competition. The NOFO was released on July 31 and the consolidated application must be submitted to HUD by October 30th. Zoom grants has officially opened for those that applied during phase 1. Agencies that did not apply for phase 1 of the application process will not be able to apply for phase 2. Some of the key factors identified in the recently released Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) include a 2 year application cycle instead of the previous annual application cycle. It is estimated that Tier 1 projects will receive 90% Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) and Tier 2 will receive 10%. It is also estimated that the community could receive \$22.7 million total application funding according to the Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW). NOFO applications for the 2024 competition are renewing automatically next year due to the new 2 year term. Reallocation of funding will still be possible. HUD has announced SNOFO applications will be eligible for renewal and will still have to submit an application through esnaps. Board members expressed concerns regarding automatic renewals and whether the process is fair and equitable. In response, Elaine de Coligny Consulting team shared that the application process is designed to invite new organizations and is widely publicized through a broad distribution list. Organizations that currently don't receive CoC funding are encouraged to apply. The CoC Team also confirmed with Norm Suchar that SNOFO applications will automatically renew next year.

Agenda Item 5. Discussion and Proposal for Adopting a Biennial Point in Time Count; for possible action.

Brenda Barnes, Collaborative Applicant, shared a proposal for adopting a biennial Point In Time Count (PIT). The Point-in-Time count has historically been conducted annually. The CoC team believes that adopting an alternative cadence, specifically a biennial approach (required by HUD), could bring significant benefits to the community and align with the efforts being considered by the Northern Nevada CoC. A statewide approach to taking a year to revamp and strategize together can ensure the PIT Count speaks to the community needs in the most optimal way possible.

HUD's PIT Count Minimal Standards (#1) requires that "CoCs are responsible for planning and conducting, at least biennially, a PIT count of homeless persons within the geographic area that meets HUD's requirements." Additionally, Standard (#2) requires that it be "conducted during the last 10 days in January and represent all homeless persons who were sheltered and unsheltered on a single night during that period." Given that the standards place the responsibility (planning & conducting) for the PIT count on the CoC, more specifically the Collaborative Applicant, the CoC team is introducing the proposal to the Board who provides oversight and ensures coordination of core CoC Functions. A biennial approach would significantly enhance the ability to meet community needs more effectively and efficiently. Board members expressed interest in the proposal (7 voting members) as well as the following concerns (4 voting members with concerns) regarding the Grants Pass decision and data collection and quality (1 voting member is impartial). The Board will revisit this discussion at the September meeting. HUD TAs were asked and agreed to provide some research on comparable CoCs that do biennial PIT Counts; Brenda Barnes will put together reported concerns and pros researched to share out prior to the September meeting.

Agenda Item 6. Receive a report on the activities of the Continuum of Care Committees; for possible action.

PJ Moore, Collaborative Applicant, shared that the Coordinated Services Committee and the Long Term Planning Team (LTPT) are amenable to working together for CE Interim assessment improvement. Committee members are working on a process to fill vacant member seats. Co-Chairs have established, twice/month meetings. The Committee is working on updating the Coordinated Entry Services Policy and Procedures.

Karla Amezcua, Collaborative Applicant, provided an update on the activities of the CoC Programs Committee. Elaine de Coligny's Consulting team conducted presentation/training on program funding and provided a report on the progress of the 2024 local competition. Committee members discussed the role of the committee within the CoC. Co-chairs will attend Board meetings moving forward to provide CoC Program Committee updates.

Angela Rank, HMIS Lead, shared that the HMIS Steering Committee Meeting was held on July 24th. The next meeting is scheduled for August 14th. Ray Jung and Marcus Love have been elected co-chairs. The group continues start up activities including developing communication plans with other groups. The group is also discussing the HMIS application process.

Agenda Item 7. Review draft of leadership role descriptions for inclusion in the Southern Nevada Homelessness Continuum of Care Charter: Appendix A and make selections for leadership roles; for possible action.

Board Members indicated that there had not been discussion with Lived X members regarding the descriptions and requested additional time to incorporate their feedback before bringing the leadership role description before the board for discussion and voting in chairs. Members offered additional feedback for the continued discussion including specifying the CoC Director role vs secretary and including additional items from the charter draft. Item will be continued at the September meeting.

Agenda Item 8. Identify emerging issues to be addressed by staff or by the Board at future meetings, and direct staff accordingly; for possible action

Liz Jarman, Veterans Administration, Board Member, shared that the referrals to VA aren't happening within the interim process. Lauren Boitel, ImpactNV, Board Member, elevated that the work plan implementation needs to be on a Board agenda in the future. CoC team will update the September meeting agenda to include the requested changes. Lauren Boitel also requested training for the Board on budgets, budget allocation, and data reports.

Agenda Item 9. Receive a presentation on a HUD Training Topic; for possible action

Ashley Barker Tolman and Julie McFarland, HUD TA, shared a presentation on CoC funding sources with the Board. Presentation can be found on HelpHopeHome.org.

Agenda Item 10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.