

**SOUTHERN NEVADA HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 2024**

In attendance:

Abigail Frierson, Clark County, NV
Albert Chavez, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada
Amy Jones, Southern Nevada CHIPS
Angela Ranck, HMIS Lead
Arcelia Barajas, City of Las Vegas
Brenda Barnes, CoC Director, Collaborative Applicant
Davion Smith, Youth Action Board
Donica Martinez, Lived X Consultants
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
PJ Moore, Coordinated Entry Lead Entity
Wilson Ramos, City of North Las Vegas

Absent:

Elizabeth Jarman, Veterans Administration
Rebecca Edgeworth, Touro University Nevada

Agenda Item 1. Call to Order.

The meeting of the Southern Nevada Homelessness Continuum of Care Board was called to order at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, September 9th 2024, at the Clark County Government Center.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of the minutes from the August 12th, 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 with the removal of item 11 and addition of a presentation of the CoC Builds NOFO update. The motion was approved.

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

Karla Amezcua, Collaborative Applicant, provided a report on the progress of the 2024 Southern Nevada Homelessness Continuum of Care (SNHCoC) Local Competition. Phase 2 of the local competition process closed on Friday, September 6, 2024. All applicants who are eligible for a CoC grant renewal submitted their applications on time. Applicants also submitted 11 proposals for new projects. This included applications from 4 organizations that do not currently receive CoC funding as part of the Southern Nevada Homelessness CoC. The SNHCoC is eligible to apply for up to \$2,376,563 for new projects under the CoC bonus. The amount of funding requested exceeds the available CoC bonus funding by about \$715,000, so the Scoring and Ranking Team (SRT) will be tasked with determining which projects to include on the Project Priority list. As per the approved policies, they may also ask applicants to reduce their requests. The SNHCoC is also eligible to apply for up to \$2,970,704 under the DV bonus. There were 2 applications submitted for the DV bonus. These applicants requested about \$615,000 less than the maximum. As per the approved policies, the SRT may ask the DV bonus applicants to increase their requests if they are interested in doing so. The SRT is meeting on September 12, 2024 for a mandatory training session and will begin scoring applications. The SRT will meet on October 1 for an in-person deliberation session. There will be a public session to present the results of the scoring and ranking process on October 2, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Agenda Item 5. Note for the record the release of the 2024 Southern Nevada Point in Time Count Report; for possible action.

Brenda Barnes, Collaborative Applicant, shared that HUD approved the 2024 Point in Time Count on August 19th. The report can be found on HelpHopeHome.org.

Agenda Item 6. Discussion and proposal for adopting a biennial Point in Time Count; for possible action

Brenda Barnes, Collaborative Applicant, presented the proposal to the Board regarding adopting a biennial Point in Time Count. During the August CoC Board meeting the CoC team presented a proposal to organize biennial unsheltered counts as supported by HUD regulations. The Board determined to continue the discussion at the September CoC Board meeting. Following the discussion, the Board requested that the discussion points and concerns be outlined and sent out for review. This was provided to the Board on August 8th, 2024. Board members discussed the pros and cons of adopting a biennial PIT Count and members expressed concerns regarding data collection and quality. Lisa Corrado made a motion to vote on skipping the 2025 PIT Count to evaluate the methodology. The Board voted to approve. Those in favor include Miguel Davila Uzcategui, Donica Martinez, Albert Chavez, Amy Jones, Lisa Corrado, Arcelia Barajas, Wilson Ramos, Abigail Frierson, Kevin Murray, Davion Smith, Juawana Grant. Opposed: Martin Castro, Lauren Boitel, and Elizabeth Jarman.

Agenda Item 7. Receive a report on Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority Housing Vouchers; for possible action.

Rose Elaine Garcia, Director of housing programs, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority (SNRHA), provided a report on the SNRHA housing vouchers. SNRHA is working on updating their technology to allow participants the ability to conduct business online. The Housing Authority is working closely with HUD to avoid shortfalls on vouchers due to the increase in rent in Southern Nevada. Currently SNHRA expenditures are at 100 percent and the agency has stopped issuing vouchers for those on the waiting list. SNHRA will continue to provide VASH, Family Unification and Stability vouchers. There are currently 40,000 people on the wait list for housing vouchers and a request for more vouchers had been submitted for the Southern Nevada community. SNRHA has implemented a landlord incentive program. Landlords will receive \$500 per available unit.

Agenda Item 8. Receive a report on the activities of the Continuum of Care Committees; for possible action.; for possible action

PJ Moore, Collaborative Applicant, shared that the Coordinated Services Committee and the Long Term Planning Team (LTPT) are working together on defining equity and ensuring assessments are equitable. The Committee will focus on improving racial equity within Coordinated Entry. Committee members are working on a process to fill vacant member seats as there have been issues making quorum due to 2 absent members.

Karla Amezcua, Collaborative Applicant, and Kristin Carl, Chair of the Programs Committee, provided an update on the activities of the CoC Programs Committee. Ashley Barker Tolman, HUD TA provided an overview to the Committee on System Performance Measures (SPMs). The committee discussed the NOFO updates and went over the community's previous application results.

Angela Ranck, HMIS Lead, shared that the HMIS Steering Committee approved 4 new agency applications for non CoC agencies. The committee is working on a new agency application that is intended to be more comprehensive than the current HMIS application, as well as moving to discuss upcoming federal reporting and associated data requirements.

Agenda Item 9. 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

Lisa Corrado, City of Henderson and Miguel Davila Uzcategui, Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada, presented a draft of leadership role descriptions. The draft was sent out to the Board for review on August 6th. The Chair and Vice Chair will preside over the meeting. Lisa Corrado, City of Henderson, made a motion to approve the draft of leadership role descriptions with the removal of the word secretary and replace with CoC Director and additions to include any roles outlined in the approved charter. The Board voted to approve the draft. Miguel Davila Uzcategui, Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada was nominated to serve as Chair of the Board. The Board voted to approve the nomination. Lisa Corrado, City of Henderson, was nominated to serve as Vice Chair of the Board. The Board voted Unanimously to approve the nomination.

Agenda Item 10. Identify emerging issues to be addressed by staff or by the Board at future meetings, and direct staff accordingly; for possible action

Juawana Grant, Nevada Housing Coalition, shared a presentation on CoC Builds. The CoC Builds is a funding opportunity from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). CoC Builds adds new units of permanent supportive housing through new and leveraged funds to meet the need for shelter and supportive services for households experiencing chronic homelessness. The purpose of this funding is to encourage collaboration and coordination between experienced housing providers, healthcare organizations, and social service providers. Providing shelter addresses the immediate need for safe and stable housing while supportive services addresses the underlying factors contributing to homelessness, leading to better outcomes for individuals and communities. Funds from this program can be used for construction, acquisition, or rehab of new units. Proof of site control is required at time of award acceptance which is estimated to be fall of 2025. Grant may be for 2,3,4, or 5 years, and occupancy is expected within 36 months of project start. Based on size and current HUD awards, Southern Nevada can apply for \$7.5 million for 1 project and \$2 million in additional funding for a second project that is on tribal land. Match requirements include leveraging of non-CoC funds for supportive services and capital cost at \$3.75 million for 1 project. Supportive services should be at least \$7500 per unit or subsidized housing for at least 25% of the units in the application. Limitations and carry over stipulate that capital funds will not roll-over into annual renewal of projects. 20% may be used for supportive services or operating cost. No more than 10% may be used for admin costs. For the selection process, only 1 project may be submitted by the Collaborative Applicant on behalf of the CoC and the community. A scoring and Ranking Team (SRT) consisting of Martin Castro, Lived X Consultants, and staff from Clark County, and the City of Henderson and Las Vegas. The SRT will evaluate and score proposals from Tropicana Trails and Thrive Together. The team will send a summary of results and supporting documents to the Board for approval and Board members will vote via email.

The Board also discussed items that they would like added to the meeting agenda for October. At the October Meeting, the jurisdictional partners will present updates on current projects and what is needed from the continuum. Members will also discuss the workplan.

Agenda Item 11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.