SOUTHERN NEVADA HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF CARE MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES November 14, 2024

Agenda Item 1. Call to Order.

The meeting of the Southern Nevada Homelessness Continuum of Care Board was called to order at 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 14th, 2024, at United Way of Southern Nevada.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of May 9th, July 11th and September 26th, 2024, SNHCoC Membership Meeting Minutes. for possible action.

Minutes from the May 9th, July 11th, and September 26th meetings were unable to be approved at previous Membership meetings as we did not have quorum. The Collaborative Applicant will be requesting approval of the minutes at the January CoC Membership meeting.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Agenda with the inclusion of any emergency items and deletion of any items. for possible action. Members were unable to reach quorum and approval of the agenda will be tabled until the January meeting.

Agenda Item 4. Receive a report on activities of the Collaborative Applicant; for possible action.

Brenda Barnes, Collaborative Applicant, shared that the community consolidated application was submitted on 10/28- pending our award from HUD. For the YHDP award, SNHCoC received \$8,548,153 in our 7th submission out of 8 rounds. Congratulations to Title I Hope, Nevada Partners & YAB, NPHY, St. Jude's, Lived X Consultants, Nevada Grant Lab, and the entire community. Staff will be posting the CoC Builds draft submission for membership review; submission deadline is 11/21, please provide any suggestions/comments via helphopehome@clarkcountynv.gov by noon, Tuesday, 11/19. Members discussed attendance and other critical issues that are impacting the effectiveness and progress of some of the core committees. Unfortunately, the committees have not been successful in reaching key milestones or developing solid work plans. The committees were established with the goal of driving forward improvements in data management, analysis, reporting, and to ensure agencies are offered targeted and effective support to enhance performance and service delivery- yet members are falling short in these areas. Some committees lack engagement and appropriate attendance. The CoC Board is interested in the recommendations from the committees. One suggestion is to expand the size and eliminate the requirement of requiring quorum to meet and make decisions to drive improvements. These committees are designed to drive oversight of the entire community's work, elevate needs to CoC Leadership/Board and be a voice to the community. The Collaborative Applicant will call for nominations in January with elections to occur in March. There're empty seats that need to be filled. The current structures of the Committees, i.e., size of 11 was never voted by membership. Therefore, the membership have the flexibility to adjust to fit the needs of getting work accomplished. The membership also discussed the upcoming Charter edits. The Governing Board shall review and amend the Governance Charter at least annually (through a public input process led by the Executive Committee), or at any time as needed based on membership feedback. The Governance Charter and any proposal for amendments shall be publicly available to the General Membership on the CoC website. Members will review the Charter and email HelpHopeHome@clarkcountynv.gov with the Subject Line: Charter Recommendations, now through January, 9th 2025. Staff will then compile all recommendations and repost by the following March 2025 meeting. It will also be the expectation to have drafts of the CoC Board, Core Committee Operations, nomination processes, and Lead Entity MOUs available for review. The Collaborative Applicant provided an update on the Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPs) for CoC support. The Board had requested a report of complaints/concerns the Collaborative Applicant team received regarding our last two HUD TAs. That document is available online and linked to this agenda. Jurisdictional representation, the Collaborative Applicant and CoC Board Chair met with the SNAPS office on 10/28 to discuss the assignment of new HUD Technical Assistance to support the community. The Board requested that Ashley Barker Tolman and Julie McFarland be contacted to see if they are interested in returning to just the Board while new TA be assigned to support providers in the community. The CoC Board will discuss concerns around a potential divide with bringing them back and having two sets of TA.

Agenda Item 5. Receive a report on activities of the HMIS Lead; for possible action.

Angela Ranck, HMIS Lead, Collaborative Applicant, provided a report on the activities of the HMIS Lead. The Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) reporting, agencies were responsive to the request to run reports and address internal data quality; some needed second reminders but were able to complete. SNHCoC has successfully uploaded the LSA data to HDX. In the initial upload there were 20 errors and 52 Warnings; HUD advised that there is a scheduled maintenance of the HDX system this week and anticipate another wave of flags (errors and warnings) to be issued. The community has been great at responding to Bitfocus requests for updates, fixes and responses to questions. The LSA will be submitted before our next membership meeting in January. By the next meeting, the HMIS Steering Committee will begin to discuss System Performance Measures and Federal reporting. Bitfocus' refresher training will be held in November, and in December committee members will focus on Federal Reporting. November's training has been moved to next week due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. These trainings will provide information to the community about federal reporting and understanding data quality.

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

Co-Chairs Kelly Rupp, Veterans Administration, and Nicole Anderson, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada, provided an update on the activities of the Coordinated Services Committee (CSC). The Committee has successfully recruited 2 new members to join the CSC starting in January. The December CSC meeting will be canceled, and the group will meet again on January 29th. Meetings will now be held monthly on the 4th Wednesdays of the month from 9 am to 11 am. Committee members will work to establish a working group that will focus on reviewing the Coordinated Entry Policies and procedures. Working group timeline will be discussed at the upcoming Joint Committee Meeting on December 16th. Board members discussed having a summary report of committee activities attached to future meeting agenda packets.

Catrina Grigsby-Thedford, Nevada Homeless Alliance and Kristen Carl, The Just The One Project (TJOP), Co-chairs of the CoC Programs Committee, provided an update on the activities of the CoC Programs Committee (CPC). The Programs Committee discussed the Sheltered Count and whether the count should be held on the same day as the other Nevada CoC's. CPC also, discussed PIT planning for 2026. The group will be discussing the committee nomination process for 2025 and will be meeting with the other committees to discuss PIT planning and monitoring.

Angela Ranck, HMIS Lead, provided an update on the activities of the HMIS Steering Committee. The Committee is currently awaiting HMIS and agency application feedback. The application was posted to Help Hope Home.org for review and feedback. The deadline to submit any comments or suggestions is December 10th. After Committee review, the application will be sent to the Statewide HMIS Committee for approval. The group is also reviewing trends of data and data quality to establish the data quality plan for 2025.

Agenda Item 7. Receive a report on the activities of the Youth Advisory Board; for possible action. Item Tabled until next meeting.

Agenda Item 8. Receive a report on the activities of the Lived X Consultants; for possible action.

Donica Martinez and Martin Castro, Lived X Consultants, shared That Lived X has partnered with the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) to create a survey for unsheltered individuals. The survey was completed by 241 unhoused individuals. The Lived X team will review and analyze the data from the survey and present at the next Membership meeting. Advocates for individuals with disabilities elevated the need for translation services within Coordinated Entry.

Agenda Item 7. Receive a report on the activities of the SNHCoC Board; for possible action.

Miguel Davila Uzcategui, Board Chair, Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada, provided an update on the activities of the SNHCoC Board. The Board thanked the Scoring and Ranking Team for their work with the local competition. The Board is hopeful to continue working with the consulting team, Ede Coligny Consulting, on the monitoring process. In partnership with Southern Nevada CHIPS, the Board has approved the CoC Builds plan request for funding.

Agenda Item 8. Identify emerging issues to be addressed by staff or by the Membership at future meetings and direct staff accordingly.

Liz Jarman, Board Member, Veterans Administration (VA), elevated a concern regarding the recent approval of the Homeless ordinance which was approved on November 6th. The ordinance prohibits camping and sleeping in public rights-of-away. Martin Castro, Board Member, Lived X Consultants, suggested implementing a Homeless Court, where people can receive supportive services in lieu of criminalization.

Agenda Item 9. Public comment

No public comment was provided.

Agenda Item 10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.