

**SOUTHERN NEVADA HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
February 19, 2025**

In attendance:

Albert Chavez, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada
Amy Jones, Southern Nevada CHIPS
Arcelia Barajas, City of Las Vegas
Brenda Barnes, CoC Director, Collaborative Applicant
Davion Smith, Youth Action Board
Donica Martinez, Lived X Consultants
Elizabeth Jarman, Veterans Administration
Hayley Jarolimek, City of Henderson
Jamie Sorenson, Clark County, NV
Juawana Grant, Nevada Department of Business and Industry, Housing Division
Kevin Murray, SilverSummit Healthplan
Lauren Boitel, ImpactNV
Martin Castro, Lived X Consultants
PJ Moore, Coordinated Entry Lead Entity

Absent:

Angela Ranck, HMIS Lead
Miguel Davila Uzcategui, Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada
Rebecca Edgeworth, Touro University Nevada
Sally Moore, City of North Las Vegas

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 Wednesday, February 19th 2025, virtually via Teams.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of the minutes from the January 27th, 2025 SNHCoc Board meeting; for possible action.

Minutes were approved. No motion was made.

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

Juawana Grant, Board Member, Nevada Housing Division, made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 4. Receive a report on the activities of the Continuum of Care Committees; for possible action.

PJ Moore, Collaborative Applicant, provided an update on the activities of the Coordinated Services Committee (CSC). Currently CSC has been conducting monthly meetings and prioritizing the CE policy and Procedure (P&P) update. The committee has created an Ad-hoc group to assist with edits. The current P&Ps can be found on the Help Hope Home website under Coordinated Entry. CSC has also been reviewing first quarter Coordinated Entry data.

Catrina Grigsby-Thedford, Co-chair CoC Programs Committee, Nevada Homeless Alliance, provided an update on the activities of the CoC Programs Committee (CPC). At the last meeting, the committee was highly focused on the 2026 Point-In-Time (PIT) count. The group discussed finalizing a date to deploy and what volunteer engagement will look like. Members also discussed the challenges that occurred in the previous PIT counts. PIT planning will continue as a standing agenda item for future CPC meetings.

PJ Moore, Collaborative Applicant, provided an update on the activities of the HMIS Steering Committee. The Steering committee continues to work on the HMIS application policy and are currently focused on discussions of license allocation. HMIS applicants that were denied licenses over the last six months have been compiled to be reconsidered for license approval and that work is ongoing. Agency leads were provided information about the need for licenses at the Data Lead meeting last week. Currently, a survey and a request for licenses is being prepared for that phase of the license review. The HIC was completed on the 22nd. Agencies have been asked to run reports and confirm their program enrollment for that night.

Agenda Item 5. Receive a report on the activities of the Youth Action Board; for possible action.

Davion Smith, Board Member, Youth Action Board, presented an update on the activities of the Youth Action Board (YAB). YAB in partnership with Shannon West is working on establishing focus groups to gather data for individuals experiencing homelessness. YAB will be conducting a town hall to determine how many youth would be interested in joining the Youth Action Board as well as agencies

that are interested in partnering with YAB. The group will be focusing on fostering better relationships within the community. YAB is currently recruiting for YHDP.

Agenda Item 6. Receive a report on the activities of the Lived X Consultants; for possible action.

Martin Castro, Board Member, and Donica Martinez, Board Member, Lived X Consultants, provided an update on the activities of the Lived X Consultants. The lived X team has nominated four individuals to participate in a sub-working group. Also, the team has identified 4 new members to join the Lived X team. These individuals represent a diverse demographic. The lived X team's action plan will take new direction with the feedback from the new members and will assist in realigning the group's goals to advocate and elevate the voices of people experiencing homelessness and bring awareness to current trends. The team is also working on a new survey on the effects of the new safe camping ordinance. Once the survey is finalized it will be distributed to the community.

Agenda Item 7. Discuss recommendations, suggestions and possible edits to local jurisdiction's ordinances related to homelessness; for possible action.

Kevin Murray, Board Member, Silver Summit Health, made a motion to table this discussion until the next meeting. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 8. Review the SNHCoC Boards Work Plan and identify actions to be taken; for possible action.

Lauren Boitel, Board member, ImpactNV, provided an update on the work plan. Lauren Boitel and Board Chair Miguel Davila met with the TA team and reviewed the Boards perspective on issues regarding the work plan and what support the Board needs from the TA team. The consensus is to prioritize being more accountable to the general membership and initiating/repairing the relationship between the Board and the general membership. Ensuring that the membership has confidence in the Board and its effectiveness. Board members will review the Governance charter to better acquaint themselves with the Charter.

The Board also discussed scheduling for future meetings. In January Board members completed a doodle poll to determine the best day and time to hold future meetings. Based on the results of the doodle poll, it appears that the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM are the preferred day and time for the majority of those who voted. The 2nd Wednesday will be held in person and the 4th Wednesday of the month will be held virtually. Donica Martinez, Board Member, Lived X Consultants made a motion to approve the new scheduling. The motion was approved.

Lauren Boitel, Board Member, ImpactNV, suggested that the Board should be more intentional about meeting agendas and differentiating between what the content of the agendas are for in person meetings versus virtual.

Agenda Item 9. Identify emerging issues to be addressed by staff or by the Board at future meetings, and direct staff accordingly; for possible action.

Brenda Barnes, Collaborative Applicant, provided an update on a report that was received from the Labor Law Commission regarding violations with Southern Nevada CHIPS. A letter will be going out to all the Stakeholders as well as community partners that states that effective immediately the current COO is stepping away on a long term sabbatical. Amy Jones, Board Member, will serve as the Chief Executive Officer. Southern Nevada CHIPS will continue to work with the Labor Commission on the restructuring of their organization. Martin Castro, Board Member, Lived X Consultants, asked if we will be addressing other troubled organizations that are a part of the CoC in the future?

10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5 pm.