

**SOUTHERN NEVADA HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 11, 2025**

**In attendance:**

Amy Jones, Social Service provider  
Angela Ranck, HMIS Lead  
Arcelia Barajas, City of Las Vegas  
Brenda Barnes, CoC Director, Collaborative Applicant  
Donica Martinez, Lived X Consultants  
Dr. Albert D. Chavez, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada  
Elizabeth Jarman, Veterans Administration  
Lisa Corrado, City of Henderson  
Jamie Sorenson, Clark County, NV  
Lauren Boitel, ImpactNV  
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:**

Davion Smith, Youth Action Board  
Kevin Murray, SilverSummit Healthplan

**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, May 14<sup>th</sup> 2025, at the Clark County Government Center.

**Agenda Item 2. Approval of the minutes from the April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 SNHCoC Board meeting; for possible action.**

Laure Boitel made a motion to approve the minutes. The minutes were 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.

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

Nicole Anderson, Chair, Coordinated Services Committee (CSC), Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada, shared an update on the activities of CSC. There are currently three vacant seats on the committee and the group is struggling to meet quorum. Bitfocus is working on adding eligibility questions to the housing assessment. These questions will help to better connect individuals to the right programs and services. The committee along with Bitfocus is gathering data through a state analysis. This data will show how the state of Nevada is performing when it comes to the Coordinated Entry process.

*Lauren Boitel, Board Member, ImpactNV, asked "Is there a requirement in the Charter for quorum? Is that a condition of the committee?"*

*Nicole Anderson, Chair, CSC, Catholic Charities, responded "The group still meets but decisions can't be made unless Quorum is met."* Programs Committee Chairs Dr. Catrina Grigsby-Thedford, Nevada Homeless Alliance, and Kirsten Carl, The Just the One Project (TJOP) provided an update on the activities of the Programs Committee. The Point and Time Count (PIT) will take place on Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Teams will meet at 4 AM and deploy at 5 AM. The committee is planning a shelter-based survey to ensure accurate data collection while minimizing duplication. A memo is being drafted to clarify survey expectations and encourage shelters to support or volunteer if possible. Although official numbers come from HMIS, this survey aims to improve consistency and collaboration. Clark County School District won't conduct surveys this year but will provide data, which, while not HUD-compliant, will aid local planning. Inactive geographic areas with no activity for two or more years may be removed from the PIT count starting in 2026 unless recent outreach or emergency data suggests otherwise. To protect participant dignity, a "prefer not to answer" option will be added to sensitive, non-HUD-required questions. Training for volunteers will focus on trauma-informed practices, engaging minors, vulnerable groups (e.g., undocumented individuals, LGBTQ+ community, people with disabilities), and improved mapping tools. The goal is to release mapping plans by Thanksgiving to allow better preparation. Outreach will begin promoting the PIT count in January, with pop-up events

to reach unhoused individuals ahead of time. Finally, the distinction was made between the HUD-submitted PIT methodology guide and the actual field execution of the count.

*Brenda Barnes, Collaborative Applicant, asked “When will training start for the volunteers that are executing the pit? Who are we focused on? Is it going to be jurisdictional?”*

*Kirsten Carl, Chair, Programs Committee, TJOP responded That was something we were just discussing on Monday. Prior to that, we were hoping to start at least in the fall. There's varying concerns within the Committee.*

The group will continue the discussion regarding training at future meetings and determine the best time to start training.

Angela Ranck, HMIS Lead, provided an update on the activities of the HMIS Steering Committee. The HMIS Steering Committee completed the review of additional license requests. Out of 15 agencies that applied, 4 were denied because they still had 2 to 5 unused licenses. The remaining 11 agencies were approved, and a total of 73 new licenses were issued, with individual requests ranging from 3 to 19 licenses. Notifications have been sent, and there's been an increase in staff training as a result. There are currently 91 licenses available. The Committee is currently reviewing ways to bring more licenses into the community and will implement a process that requires the committee to review licensing request quarterly.

*Martin Castro, Board Member, Lived X Team, asked “My team is having a lot of turnover right now and I have 4 licenses that are vacated. Are those licenses recycled?”*

*Angela Ranck, HMIS Lead, responded “When you have staff turnover that licenses are allocated to an agency.”*

Martin Castro and Donica Martinez, Board Members, Lived X Team, shared that in partnership with Clark County, Lived X has retained 2 full time Lived Experience Specialist. These individuals are dedicated staff that will assist with upcoming projects. Lived X has been meeting with YAB to provide support, leadership, and training.

The Youth Action Board (YAB) recently added 4 new members. YAB has increased their meetings with additional in person meetings. So that the youth can receive more support by meeting in-person and the group will continue with holding at least one additional virtual meeting a month. YAB is also continuing to attend the bi-weekly CoC trainings held by the CoC staff.

#### **Agenda Item 5. Receive a report on activities of the Collaborative Applicant; for possible action.**

Brenda Barnes, the Collaborative Applicant, shared that the COC funding opportunity was reissued because HUD didn't award the funds in time. The new NOFO is nearly identical to the previous one, with applications due in ENAPS by June 18 at 5 PM. The COC scoring and ranking team will review submissions by June 24, and final submissions to HUD are due by June 26. Previously, only one application was submitted, but that agency is no longer part of the COC. The application process has now been reopened to the public and widely shared. There are fewer than 20 awards available, and the timeline is tight—only 8 weeks.

Karla Amezcua provided an update on the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP). Out of 25 letters of interest, 18 full applications were received—more than double the amount of available funding, making it a competitive process. The team is currently scoring and ranking applications with support from HUD TA, with work expected to continue through Friday. Once results are finalized, a listening session will be held for applicants with questions. Due to timing conflicts with the June board meetings, the finalized priority list will be emailed to the board for consent and review. The Collaborative Applicant presented the CoC Spend down report to Board for review and discussion.

*Arcelia Barajas, Board Member, City of Las Vegas stated “it's part of the compliance. If you're not spending in a timely manner, then its performance related as well.”*

The CoC team explained that there is currently a staffing issue within HUD and the focus has not been on compliance but rather the completion of quarterly drawdown.

*Arcelia Barajas, Board Member, CLV added “Responsibility is on the COC to ensure that they're being compliant and that they're spending the funding. That's a lot of money for us to lose out the region.”*

*Brenda Barnes, Collaborative Applicant added “I think it's definitely something we can incorporate in the planning and then because the board's responsible for prioritizing where our funding is going each NOFO season”*

#### **Agenda Item 6. Presentation by the City of North Las Vegas and Clark County on current Housing projects; for possible action.**

Wilson Ramos, Alternate Board Member, City of North Las Vegas (CNLV), shared CNLV's current Housing projects. The City of North Las Vegas' HOME Team takes a proactive, multi-faceted approach to addressing homelessness through daily outreach, direct client services, and coordination with local agencies. In 2024, the Team achieved an 87% success rate in its Emergency Shelter program (93% for families), with one in four clients enrolled directly from street outreach. Their efforts, including shelter and behavioral health services, saved Nevada taxpayers over \$10 million. The Crisis Response Team, operated through the city's fire department, responds to behavioral health-related 911 calls, aiming to divert individuals from emergency rooms and provide case management. The city also advances affordable housing with over 500 units under development and various targeted projects for seniors, veterans, and low-income families. Complementary programs include rapid rehousing, rental rehabilitation, and comprehensive planning efforts, such as the Annual Housing Progress Report and the 5-year Consolidated Plan.

Jamie Sorenson, Alternate Board Member, Clark County Social Service and Brenda Barnes, Collaborative Applicant shared a presentation on Clark County's current Housing Trends. The Housing Continuum in Southern Nevada outlines a comprehensive, tiered approach to addressing housing needs—from homelessness to homeownership. At the base, Clark County responds to unsheltered and sheltered homelessness through Mobile Crisis and CARES Teams, various emergency shelters, and a Coordinated Entry system. Prevention and Diversion efforts aim to keep people housed by offering rental assistance and eviction prevention. Emergency Shelter and Bridge Housing provide short-term stability through services and facilities like Catholic Charities, The Shade Tree, and a new Navigation Center. Transitional and Rapid Rehousing programs offer nearly 2,600 beds with time-limited support to help individuals achieve stability. Permanent Supportive Housing delivers long-term solutions with wraparound services, including 2,762 beds and 1,531

veteran vouchers. For long-term affordability, income-restricted rental housing is available, supported by landlord incentive programs like LEAPS. At the top of the continuum, homeownership programs help families reach lasting housing stability and build generational wealth.

**Agenda Item 7. Strategic Planning and skillset training; for possible action.**

Item tabled until the June 25<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

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

Board members and CoC staff discussed next steps and future agenda items. At the next meeting the Board will focus on Strategic planning with a concentration on Legislative strategy. United Way will present on the Emergency Food and Shelter Program.

**Agenda Item 8. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.