

**SOUTHERN NEVADA HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 27, 2025**

**In attendance:**

Alyson Martinez, Las Vegas Rescue Mission  
Amy Jones, Social Service provider  
Angela Ranck, HMIS Lead  
Arcelia Barajas, City of Las Vegas  
Dr. Albert D. Chavez, Campus for Hope  
Brenda Barnes, CoC Director, Collaborative Applicant  
Davion Smith, Youth Action Board  
Donica Martinez, Lived X Consultants  
Elizabeth Jarman, Veterans Administration  
Kevin Murray, SilverSummit Health plan  
Kim Jefferies, Campus for Hope  
Martin Castro, Lived X Consultants  
Miguel Davila Uzcategui, Community Advocate  
PJ Moore, Coordinated Entry Lead Entity

**Absent:**

Jamie Sorenson, Clark County, NV  
Lauren Boitel, ImpactNV  
Hayley Jarolimek, City of Henderson  
Wilson Ramos, 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, August 27<sup>th</sup> 2025, at the Clark County Government Center.

**Agenda Item 2. Approval of the minutes from the August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 SNHCoC Board meeting; for possible action.**

A motion was made 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 an update on the Board's request for additional TA support, Manuela Molina Pineda; for possible action.**

HUD Technical Assistance (TA) provider Manuela Molina Pineda reviewed the Board's strategic plan and provided feedback highlighting best practices and areas for improvement. The Board will carefully review this feedback, along with its previous TA request, and engage in a group discussion during the upcoming September 10th meeting.

**Agenda Item 5. Presentation by the Programs Committee on the Point In Time Count (PIT); for possible action**

Dr. Catrina Grisby-Thedford, Chair of the Programs Committee, provided an update on the Point in Time Count (PIT)

The Programs Committee determined that a 5:00 AM deployment time would be the most effective for the upcoming Point-in-Time (PIT) Count, as it has historically worked well for jurisdictional and community participation. This timing allows for greater volunteer recruitment, avoids challenges with Union employee participation, and reduces safety risks associated with entering active encampments in the dark. The City of Las Vegas will conduct a special count in the Corridor of Hope at 3:00 AM prior to shelter exits to prevent duplication and ensure accurate data, with support from the MORE Team and LVMPD Homeless Outreach Team. Census areas with no reported activity from police, fire, code enforcement, or outreach within the last two years will be excluded to focus resources on higher-need areas. To further improve accuracy, the Committee plans to have shelters complete surveys, not just provide counts, and is working with shelter partners to coordinate these efforts. Volunteer training will focus on engaging unsheltered individuals and conducting surveys, with an emphasis on pairing inexperienced volunteers with seasoned outreach workers. These strategies aim to increase the survey response rate, which has historically been around 20%, and provide more reliable data for addressing homelessness in the region.

*Miguel Davila, Board Chair, asked "So now it looks like we have two separate deployment times for all census tracts. There's potentially a risk for duplication again, how are we going to mitigate the problems with data accuracy that might arise from 2 separate deployment times?"*

*Jason Lilly, Programs Committee Member, responded “The two different deployment times should not affect double counting. Las Vegas covers Las Vegas tracks. Henderson covers Henderson, census tracks, North Las Vegas, covers, census tracks, et cetera, et cetera. The likelihood of people that are counted between 3:00 AM and 5:00 AM ending up in those other jurisdictions, I would say that risk is very, very, very minimal.”*

*Kim Jefferies, Board Member, asked “How are you deduplicating information if you're not asking for identifying information, such as first name, last name, etc.?”*

*Jason Lilly, Programs Committee Member, responded “It has always been most important to collect the data than to ask for identifying information from people. We found in the past that if somebody gives us their first and last name, they're less likely to admit to things that pertains to their behavioral health or substance use.*

The Board approved the recommended deployment date and time. PIT count will take place on January 29<sup>th</sup> with a deployment time of 5 am. The city of Las Vegas will deploy at 3am.

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

Nicole Anderson, CSC Chair, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada, shared that CSC has filled it's 3 vacant seats. The Committee is awaiting the results of their assessment data collection which should be available by September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Angela Ranck, HMIS Lead, provided an update on the activities of the HMIS Steering Committee. During the last meeting, the HMIS Lead provided the Board with 33 documents for review, focusing primarily on the HMIS Steering Committee's annual evaluation process, which was a key activity in their work plan. The first two documents outlined the committee's identified categories and benchmarks, including engagement, commitment, training, and effectiveness in completing work plan items. Highlights included achieving quorum at meetings, completing 10 identified training topics, and tracking progress on work plan tasks. Additionally, the committee reviewed its decision making related to HMIS access and licensing, emphasizing that this was not tied to a benchmark but was instead reported as data. It was noted that in the past year, 31 licenses were approved for new agencies and 73 for existing agencies, slightly exceeding the previously reported annual average of 100 licenses. The final document presented was the committee's work plan, demonstrating alignment between their planned goals and accomplishments. The Board was invited to provide feedback after reviewing the materials.

Davion Smith, Board Member, Youth Action Board, provided an update on the activities of YAB. The group continues to participate in trainings provided by TA support that focuses on understanding homelessness and how to assist their peers. YAB is also learning as well as providing feedback on the intake and assessment process. YAB will be hosting a mixer at Nevada Partners on October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3pm to 5pm.

Donica Martinez and Martin Castro, Board Members, Lived X Team, provided an update. The Lived X Team attended the Overdose Prevention Summit and completed their policy tracker. The team is wrapping up the Safe Camping Ban Survey and will be presenting the results to the Membership once the data has been finalized. Donica Martinez and Dr. Catrina Grigsby-Thedford Have been appointed as Co Nevada State Coordinators for Capitol Hill Day. There are 15 Nevadans registered to attend and to contribute to Capitol Hill Day, six are from Northern Nevada and eight are from Southern Nevada. The Lived X Team is also working on their annual report.

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

Brenda Barnes, Collaborative Applicant, informed the Board that they should expect to receive emails within the next two weeks to help prepare for this year's NOFO, which could be released at any time and may include significant changes compared to last year. The team acknowledged the frustration caused by last year's quick turnaround and emphasized their goal to provide information early, including updates on policies, scoring, and ranking, to ensure the Board is ready to respond. Emails will come from the SNHCoC email to make them easily identifiable. It was also noted that the NOFO may have a short open period due to rapid changes being implemented by the current administration, urging Board members to closely monitor their inboxes.

#### **Agenda Item 9. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.