# SOUTHERN NEVADA HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF CARE MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES July 10, 2025

#### 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, July 10, 2025, at United Way of Southern Nevada.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of the January 9<sup>th</sup>, March 13<sup>th</sup>, May 8<sup>th</sup>, and July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 SNHCoC Membership Meeting Minutes. for possible action.

Item tabled until the September 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Agenda with the inclusion of any emergency items and deletion of any items. for possible action. Agenda was not approved due to a lack of quorum.

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

Ashley Brown, Collaborative Applicant, shared the results of the 2025 Board and Core Committee election. Kim Jefferies (Campus for Hope) and Alyson Martinez (LVRM) are our new Board Members. The new members of the Programs Committee are Ashley Straight (CLV) and Haley Exon (US VETS-Las Vegas). Kim Jefferies and Haley Exon are the new members of the Coordinated Services Committee. Kim Jefferies will also serve on the HMIS committee.

Brenda Barnes, Collaborative Applicant, provided an update on the Soar program and the 2025 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). Due to changes in policy priorities, SAMHSA has discontinued funding for the SOAR TA center. After August 18, SOAR Website, SOAR online course, and SOAR application tracking system (OAT) will no longer be available. SOAR trained staff should have received an email. For the 2025 NOFO, there are new updated priorities which include, street outreach and transitional housing programs, with an emphasis on treatment and recovery, reducing unsheltered homelessness, preventing returns to homelessness, and increasing earned income among participants.

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

Angela Ranck, HMIS Lead, provided a report on the activities of the HMIS Lead. The group was reminded that office hours are available today from 12:00–1:00 p.m. for users needing additional assistance or answers to direct questions. An email with the meeting link was sent out recently. As part of the licensing review process, it was announced that a quarterly review will now take place. Next week, data leads will receive an email with a survey link to submit license information. This will allow the HMIS Steering Committee to review additional license requests in August. Lastly, members were reminded of the upcoming Agency Data Lead meeting scheduled for August 12. Invitations will be sent directly to agencies. The meeting will cover implementation steps related to executive order requirements in HMIS, feedback on the PIT process (successes, challenges, and improvements), and other updates related to coordination. Participation from agency data leads is strongly encouraged.

# Agenda Item 6. Presentation by Title I HOPE; for discussion.

Meg Pike, Education, Clark County School District, shared a presentation by Title I HOPE. The Title I HOPE program of the Clark County School District works to remove barriers for students experiencing homelessness including assisting students to enroll in school while educating school personnel, parents, and unaccompanied youth of the educational options under McKinney-Vento Federal Law. Students experiencing homelessness are those who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, which includes the following: living with friends or relatives due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar; living in a hotel or motel due to lack of alternative accommodations; living in an emergency or transitional shelter; living in a car, park, on the street, or similar settings. Title I HOPE offers eligible students' immediate enrollment in school; free school breakfast and lunch; backpacks with school supplies and toiletries; transportation to the school of origin; emergency clothing; and assistance with summer school tuition and grants. Once a student is identified, they qualify for services for the remainder of that school year. Students are identified by families/students who self-identify during online registration; collaboration with community agencies; and procedures in place that help to identify students during the school year. If a student is found to be experiencing homelessness or loses housing after completing the online registration, a parent/guardian, caregiver, or student is asked to complete a student housing questionnaire at their school site. The school faxes the completed form to the Title I HOPE office and a determination is made regarding their eligibility under McKinney-Vento. If the student is found to be eligible, the proper coding is applied to the student's record. If the student is found to be ineligible, the parent is notified of the determination and allowed to appeal the determination. School Administrators are asked to identify an advocate at every school site to act as a liaison between the school, parents/caregivers/students, and Title I HOPE and CCSD Foster Care. Advocates are often school counselors, social workers, or safe school professionals. Title I HOPE Advocate duties include, attending professional learning opportunities provided by HOPE and Foster Care; communicating regularly with Title I HOPE; maintaining appropriate records to meet Title I HOPE monitoring requirements; running/reviewing ad hoc reports bi-monthly; meeting with Title I HOPE; facilitating the

inclusion of foster and HOPE students in higher education opportunities; and facilitate the annual Point in Time Count (PIT) at middle and high school sites. McKinney-Vento law requires training of district and other personnel on the educational rights of students experiencing homelessness. For more information, contact Meg Pike at Meg.pike@nv.ccsd.net

## Agenda Item 7. Presentation by Nevada Homeless Alliance; for discussion.

Dr. Catrina Grigsby-Thedford, Nevada Homeless Alliance (NHA), shares a presentation NHA's 2024 annual report. The Nevada Homeless Alliance (NHA) continues to advance its mission of ending homelessness in Southern Nevada through advocacy, education, coordination, and public awareness. In 2024, NHA served 5,339 individuals through 36 Pop-Up Events, 13 Family Connects, housing and medical services, recovery support, and assistance with essential needs such as IDs and haircuts. NHA also supported advisory boards in Clark and Washoe counties, ensuring decision-making includes the voices of individuals with lived experience of homelessness. The Homeless Diversion and Barrier Buster program, launched in 2022 with ARPA funding, has since assisted more than 2,700 individuals by helping them secure IDs, birth certificates, financial support, and referrals to critical services. Looking ahead to 2025, NHA will launch a mobile app to improve service access, continue its regular outreach events, expand programming to include Employment Connect, quarterly Medical Connects, and monthly Youth Connects, and introduce new initiatives such as pet deposit assistance, the Silver Summit CIP Re-Entry Program, and flexible funding to support housing stability. Additional efforts include CEU-approved trainings for service providers, the Statewide Conference "Mission Possible: Policy, Practice, Partnerships" in September, the YHDP Guided Home Youth Peer Navigation program in October, Project Homeless Connect with over 150 partners in November, and the Annual Candlelight Vigil honoring lives lost to homelessness in December.

# Agenda Item 8. Receive a report on the activities of the Continuum of Care Committees, Youth Action Board, and Lived X; 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 is awaiting the results of the current state analysis which is expected to be available for review in early September. Committee members will continue to review assessment data and monitor in any issues or concerns.

Angela Ranck, HMIS Lead, provided an update on the activities of the HMIS Steering Committee. The HMIS Steering Committee has been working on end of year activities. The committees started meeting last June and so for them months of May and June the Committee has been spending time reflecting on the past year. The committee is in the process of creating an annual report to share with the community

**Davion Taylor, Board Member, Youth Action Board**, presented an update on the activities of the Youth Action Board (YAB). Davion Taylor, Board Member, Youth Action Board, provided an update on the activities of the Youth Action Board (YAB). YAB has been working with Collaborative Applicant staff on YHDP training. The group is also working to develop a training refresher for all new members.

**Donica Martinez, and Martin Castro, Board Members, Lived X Consultants**, provided an update on the activities of the Lived X Consultants. The Lived X Team has reached their goal of serving 100 individuals for the Campin Ban Survey and have compiled the data. The Lived X Team will present the results and their annual report at the September Membership Meeting. The Lived X Team attended the National Alliance to Ending Homelessness (NAEH) conference in Washington D.C. The team was able to meet with Senator Catherine Cortez Masto and thanked her for her support on the bipartisan Southern Nevada Economic development Bill.

#### Agenda Item 9. Receive a report on the activities of the SNHCoC Board; for possible action.

Miguel Davila Uzcategui, Board Chair, Community Advocate, provided an update on the activities of the SNHCoC Board. Local jurisdictions such as the City of Las Vegas, City of North Las Vegas, City of Henderson, and Clark County provided presentations to the Board about affordable housing projects and the different services that they're providing to the unhoused. The goal of the Board is to compile the information presented by the jurisdictions and identify the gaps and needs of services in the Southern Nevada Community. The Board will be partnering with the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) to identify some potential training needs and opportunities to work together. The Board has also been working on developing their strategic Plan.

# Agenda Item 10. Identify emerging issues to be addressed by staff or by the Membership at future meetings and direct staff accordingly.

No issues were proposed to the Board.

**Agenda Item 11. Public comment**No public comments were made

Agenda Item 12. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.