

**SOUTHERN NEVADA HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
March 11, 2026**

In attendance:

Alyson Martinez, Las Vegas Rescue Mission
Amy Jones, Social Service provider
Dr. Albert D. Chavez, Campus for Hope
Angela Ranck, HMIS Lead
Arcelia Barajas, City of Las Vegas
Bailey Washington, Youth Action Board
Brenda Barnes, CoC Director, Collaborative Applicant
Donica Martinez, Lived X Consultants
Elizabeth Jarman, Veterans Administration
Lisa Corrado, Vice-chair, City of Henderson
Martin Castro, Lived X Consultants
Miguel Davila Uzcategui, Chair, Community Advocate
PJ Moore, Coordinated Entry Lead Entity
Wilson Ramos, City of North Las Vegas

Absent:

Jamie Sorenson, Clark County, NV
Kim Jefferies, Campus for Hope
Lauren Boitel, ImpactNV

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, March 11th 2026, at the Clark County Government Center.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of the minutes from the February 25th, 2026 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 a report on the activities of the Continuum of Care Committees; for possible action.

Kelly Rupp, Co-chair, Coordinated Services Committee (CSC) shared that the Long Term Planning Team were able to finalize the new assessment. The assessment will be presented to the Coordinated Services Committee for review. An update will be provided to the Board at the April 8th Board Meeting.

Austin Okopny, Lived X Team, shared The Lived X team recently attended the National Alliance to End Homelessness Leadership Summit in San Diego, where members participated in various workshops and panel discussions, including a session on building research teams that include individuals with lived experience of homelessness. During the summit, the team connected with lived experience leaders from across the country and recognized that the work being done in Southern Nevada is considered innovative and cutting-edge among homeless service providers nationwide. The summit also highlighted the importance of actively addressing tokenism through continued education and meaningful engagement. Locally, Lived X continues its work surveying service providers about older adults experiencing homelessness, a long-term initiative aimed at improving policy decisions for this population. The team is developing strategies for surveys, focus groups, partnerships, and educational efforts to better understand the needs of older adults experiencing homelessness, and has created a navigator survey to collect qualitative data at community resource fairs to identify service gaps. Additionally, Lived X has been collaborating with Campus for Hope and plans to continue supporting their project. With guidance from Dr. Katrina, team members are also working with the City of Las Vegas through the Bloomberg Philanthropies Accelerator Program to assist individuals in the downtown corridor who need substance use disorder or medical treatment. Finally, in an early-stage community initiative, the team is exploring opportunities to provide haircuts for individuals experiencing homelessness as a way to promote dignity and well-being.

Donica Martinez, HMIS Steering Committee, provided an update on the recent activities of the HMIS Steering Committee. The HMIS Steering Committee presented the February license report and March additional license requests. A total of 10 additional HMIS

licenses were requested, with five approved and five denied by the committee. Additionally, 41 Continuum of Care (CoC) licenses were requested, with 21 approved and 20 denied. The committee also provided an update on the development of the HMIS Lead Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), a joint effort with the board. Drafting began in fall 2025, with the draft shared with the board for review in December and finalized comments returned in January 2026. In February, the committee reviewed the board's feedback and finalized the document for legal review, and it is currently under review by the Clark County legal team, with final presentation to the board anticipated within the next 30 days. The committee also discussed current and upcoming federal reporting requirements, including the unsheltered homeless count and review of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) data, focusing on the number of households and individuals served, length of time experiencing homelessness, and exits from homelessness. Progress related to exit destination data was reviewed, along with the need for additional provider guidance. Finally, the committee conducted a preliminary review of the HMIS Data Quality Plan, one of several HUD-required HMIS documents which was last updated in February 2020 and is currently being reviewed to provide feedback to the statewide HMIS subcommittee.

Aleema Edens, Youth Action Board (YAB), YAB is continuing to partner with the Long Term Project team to finalize the new Coordinated Entry Assessment. YAB, is also attending YHDP training.

Karla Amezcua, Programs Committee, provided an update on the recent activities of the programs committee. The Programs Committee hosted a thank you breakfast for the Point-In Time Count deployment captains. A debrief of the PIT took place and the team received feedback from the deployment captains. In the second half of the meeting the committee discussed the year ahead which included meeting structure, monitoring, and preparation for the 2027 PIT count.

Agenda Item 5. Monitoring and Next Steps by the Collaborative Applicant; for possible action.

The Board discussed early planning considerations for the 2026 Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) issued by HUD. A memorandum was shared with board members outlining four key discussion areas to help avoid last minute decisions during the NOFO process. Due to time constraints, the discussion focused primarily on two topics: identifying alternative funding sources for permanent housing projects and determining whether preserving permanent housing, will remain a top community priority. It was noted that while the 2026 NOFO has not yet been released, many communities expect it may follow the structure of the 2025 NOFO, though potential federal changes could result in caps or reductions to permanent housing funding. The Board considered the importance of proactively engaging local jurisdictions to explore creative funding solutions to sustain permanent housing programs that may lose federal funding. The Programs Committee has already reviewed the memo and expressed support for these planning efforts, including identifying leadership to assist programs that may not receive funding and ensuring clients can transition to alternative resources if needed. The Board also discussed the possibility of creating a working group to collaborate with consultants and committees on planning efforts related to the NOFO process and preservation of permanent housing resources. The Board continued its discussion of planning priorities related to the FY2026 Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) from HUD, focusing on preserving existing system capacity across the CoC. It was noted that Tier 1 funding is expected to guarantee at least 60% of the Annual Renewal Demand (ARD), leaving a portion of existing programs potentially vulnerable to defunding. Board members discussed potential strategies to maintain system stability, including adopting a priority to preserve Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) consistent with the priority established during the 2025 NOFO process, where PSH projects were prioritized based on local competition scoring. The discussion also included adopting a general principle that any further prioritization of project types such as rapid rehousing, transitional housing, or services-only programs should balance competitiveness within the federal scoring criteria with the need to maintain local system stability and consider jurisdictional fiscal realities. Board members acknowledged the importance of working with local jurisdictions to identify flexible funding sources to mitigate potential federal funding losses and minimize disruptions for individuals and families currently housed in CoC-funded programs. Ensuring continuity of permanent housing resources was emphasized as a best practice and a key strategy to maintain stability within the community's homelessness response system while planning for potential reductions in federal funding.

Arcelia Barajas, Board member, City of Las Vegas, asked "What's the time commitment for that? What do you envision this looking like?"

Brenda Barnes, Collaborative Applicant, responded "Initially it'll probably be a little bit of a faster paced, but will require more of a time commitment."

Arcelia Barajas continued, "You're mentioning having stakeholders that are knowledgeable or have expertise in permanent housing. What if there is a conflict?"

Brenda Barnes, responded, "I think that's a great point to consider. I don't think that's an issue because the board has voted previously to prioritize permanent housing."

Alyson Martinez, Board Member, Las Vegas Rescue Mission, asked "Are there any consequences or will there be a negative impact to the community?"

Miguel Davila, Board Chair, Community Advocate, responded “The biggest consequence is of those individuals and households in permanent supportive housing. These individuals are the most vulnerable in our community. They have the hardest time exiting homelessness.”

Dr. Albert Chavez, Board member, Campus for Hope, stated “There's far too many times that we as a board, are presented with a set of bullets that we need to read over and then vote on without any kind of background or education.”

Brenda Barnes responded “There was almost a full page in the memorandum I sent out that covered this with some context. I apologize, I was under the assumption you would recall the GIW spreadsheet that was shared previously. We shared our portfolio and our landscape, so you saw how much we funded PSH, you saw how much we funded in transitional housing, what services only programs we had, and what rapid rehousing programs we had. They even were tentatively scored by our monitoring partners. We've had discussions about this, so I apologize that I didn't, resend those out because I thought the memorandum would kind of drive is these.”

Dr. Albert Chavez responded “Well, I know that's the way you started the conversation by we're going to have this discussion. it was just my understanding that we weren't going to start voting. We weren't going to have to be pushed to vote.”

Brenda Barnes responded “This agenda item is a discussion. If we could get to the point of a vote, one less thing the board has to worry about. It's not a required vote. If you if you're not prepared and you need more information about our community's landscape, happy to represent that to you.”

The Board voted to designate a specific Ad-hoc group with identifiable Board members and community experts into PSH until the NOFO drops

Agenda Item 6. Charter Review; for possible action.

Angela Ranck, HMIS Lead, provided an overview of the Governance Charter. The CoC Governance Charter outlines the structure, decision-making processes, and accountability framework used to fulfill responsibilities defined in the CoC Program Rules, including system planning, operating HMIS, coordinated entry, governance, and performance monitoring. As required annually, the charter underwent a major revision in 2024 to align with HUD Technical Assistance recommendations and organizational restructuring, including updates to the board, committees, and membership. While several sections were approved, appendices for the board and committees required further development. After these were drafted and shared for community feedback in December 2024, reviewers noted duplicated content and a lack of clarity in the document's organization. In response, the board formed an ad hoc charter committee to simplify language, remove redundancies, improve structure, add conflict-of-interest and VAWA requirements, and move detailed HMIS requirements into separate documents. The revised charter was finalized and distributed in January, and the **proposed** next steps include presenting the revisions to the membership, posting them for a 30-day public comment period, incorporating feedback, and conducting a final approval vote through an electronic process to address quorum challenges while continuing work on finalizing related MOUs for lead entities such as the HMIS lead.

Miguel Davila, Board Chair, Community Advocate, asked “What's the timeline to bring this to the to the membership meeting?”

Angela Ranck, HMIS Lead, responded “That is dependent on this group. If you feel that the work has been done and it is ready to move. We can discuss it at the Membership meeting to give them some context.”

Arcelia Barajas, Board member, City of Las Vegas, asked “Do we have a process in place for after everybody submits their feedback and what that looks like in approval?”

Angela Ranck, responded, “The initial thoughts with that is that any of the feedback that would come back to the ad hoc group that had been meeting and discussing it. They would review it and then there would be some sort of presentation to the membership about what those changes are.”

Agenda Item 7. 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, recommended removing the virtual option for the in-person strategic planning board meetings. Since it is consistently just focused on the strategic plan as an agenda item. The Board approved the recommendation.

Agenda Item 7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.