

**SOUTHERN NEVADA HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 8, 2026**

**In attendance:**

Dr. Albert D. Chavez, Campus for Hope  
Alyson Martinez, Las Vegas Rescue Mission  
Amy Jones, Bridge for Hope LV  
Angela Ranck, HMIS Lead  
Bailey Washington, Youth Action Board  
Brenda Barnes, Clark County, NV  
Donica Martinez, Lived X Consultants  
Elizabeth Jarman, Veterans Administration  
Karla Amezcua, Collaborative Applicant  
Kevin Murray, Silver Summit Health  
Lauren Boitel, ImpactNV  
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:**

Arcelia Barajas, City of Las Vegas  
Kim Jefferies, Campus for Hope

**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, April 8<sup>th</sup> 2026, at the Clark County Government Center.

**Agenda Item 2. Approval of the minutes from March 25<sup>th</sup>, 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.**

**Nicole Anderson, Coordinated Services Committee (CSC)**, shared that recent coordinated entry efforts saw strong participation, with veterans, and youth all involved. Each location supporting coordinated entry provided a welcoming space, allowing individuals to move through the process effectively. The recent assessment training was well attended, and another session is expected soon, though a date has not yet been set. This upcoming training will primarily serve frontline assessors who need a refresher, as many are due for updated instruction. The new coordinated entry assessment has now completed all required approval processes and has been officially approved by the Coordinated Services Committee. Currently, the team is working with Bitfocus to prepare for a targeted rollout by the end of June. Following the launch, an additional round of training will be conducted to ensure all assessors are properly trained on the updated assessment.

**Donica Martinez, HMIS Steering Committee**, shared that recently the Steering Committee went over 2 new applications and we are currently still working on their HMIS action plan.

**Damarion Hicks, Youth Action Board (YAB)** shared that YAB has been actively engaged in community outreach, particularly while preparing for Entrepreneurship Day, a two-day program for students in grades five through nine that received very positive feedback. This initiative allowed for meaningful, direct impact with youth in the community. In addition, the team has participated in the long-term project team, contributing to the finalization of the housing assessment. Overall, there has been a strong focus on outreach and creating tangible community impact, including an upcoming collaboration with the Lived X team at an event next week where resources will be distributed. The team also recently concluded the previous month with a successful membership meeting that saw a large turnout,

featuring guest speakers who shared opportunities for Youth Action Board members. These opportunities are aimed at increasing engagement, providing access to funding, and encouraging greater involvement within the community.

**Martin Castro, Lived X Team**, shared that the Lived X team recently finalized their annual report around the time of the San Diego conference, though confirmation is still pending on whether it has been formally announced and released for distribution. The report highlights several of the team's major accomplishments from 2025, and there is strong excitement surrounding its completion. In addition, the team is collaborating with a community partner to conduct a deeper exploration of support groups, with the goal of identifying ways to integrate these groups into various programs and agencies.

**Agenda Item 5. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the CoC and the HMIS Lead; for possible action.**

Angela Ranck, HMIS Lead, provided an overview of the Continuum of Care's (CoC) responsibilities under 24 CFR, which require the designation of a single HMIS system and an eligible HMIS lead responsible for system administration, reporting, analysis, monitoring, evaluation, policy and planning, training, technical support, coordinated entry support, and capacity building. Locally in Southern Nevada, the CoC charter outlines how responsibilities are distributed among membership, the Board, lead entities, and committees, with lead entities collectively managing day-to-day operations. These include the collaborative applicant, HMIS lead (Clark County), and the coordinated entry lead, which is currently vacant. The charter also requires a request for lead entities at least every five years, followed by Board recommendation, membership approval, and execution of MOUs. Although technical assistance in 2023 recommended developing an MOU between the CoC and HMIS lead, it was not completed during the 2024 charter updates and was instead added to work plans, remaining unfinished until 2025 when the HMIS Steering Committee drafted the document. After Board review and a 45-day public comment period, feedback was incorporated into the final version. The MOU establishes a purpose aligned with federal requirements, clarifies roles and responsibilities, and emphasizes shared goals such as regulatory compliance, data-driven decision-making, transparency, and collaboration. It outlines governance, including joint decision-making, quarterly reporting, a five-year term with annual reviews, modification processes, and contingency planning for a new HMIS lead. It also includes oversight measures such as biannual performance reviews and compliance with data, privacy, and security standards. The agreement contains standard legal provisions and concludes with a recommendation from the HMIS Steering Committee and HMIS lead to approve the MOU and authorize the Board Chair to sign on behalf of the CoC.

***Miguel Davila, Board Chair**, asked "Can you point us to that section that talks about the five-year term to align with RFP review annually may terminate before term by either party?"*

***Angela Rank, HMIS Lead**, responded "The document is to be reviewed annually and would automatically be renewed, but we don't have to go through the process of developing another MOU until we have a period that aligned with the RFP. The document's only supposed to last for five years, but we would review annually and determine if there was anything that needed to be amended."*

The Board voted to approve and the MOU was signed by the Board Chair.

**Agenda Item 6. Coordinated Entry Assessment Update; for possible action.**

Our Coordinated Entry Consultant, Tanesha Travis with TSTJ Consulting provided an update on the new Coordinated Entry Assessment. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Southern Nevada community removed transitional housing (TH) participants from the coordinated entry (CE) queue, which prioritizes individuals for permanent housing, due to the availability of alternative interventions at the time. However, this change has not been re-evaluated, and with new funding sources such as YHDP and YESI now enabling access to permanent supportive housing, there is a renewed need to reintegrate TH participants into the queue. Current transfer practices into permanent housing are inconsistent and not fully aligned with HUD requirements, which mandate that transfers occur through coordinated entry. Reintroducing TH participants to the queue would preserve vulnerability-based prioritization, ensure equitable access to housing, align with Housing First principles, and improve the accuracy of the community's by-name list. While concerns were raised about increased queue size, impacts on unsheltered individuals, and operational challenges, these are mitigated by prioritization based on vulnerability, ongoing data cleanup efforts, and planned implementation support. Failing to adopt this policy risks inequity, system fragmentation, and noncompliance with HUD guidelines. Therefore, the recommendation is to maintain TH participants on the CE queue, formalize the policy within system standards, and continue monitoring outcomes to address any unintended impacts while promoting a fair, transparent, and effective housing system.

*Martin Castro, Board Member, Lived X Team* asked, “Can you give me an example of like transitional housing, like what programs are considered transitional housing?”

*Angela Ranck, HMIS Lead* responded, “Some of our traditional housing would be. Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, most of their beds are transitional housing, so they're going in there for roughly 2 years.”

*Tanesha Travis, TSTJ Consulting* added, “To be fair, the reason that this came up is because of the transitional housing that exists within the youth side of the house. They are the demographic that has most of the transitional housing. And so, there was really a need to nip this in the bud. As they're preparing to open up their permanent supportive housing options as well.”

The Board voted to approve the addition of Transitional Housing (TH) to the community queue with 12 Yeas and 2 Nays

The discussion continued with an update on the CE Assessment provided by Tanesha Travis with TSTJ Consulting. This update outlines a comprehensive revamp of the community’s coordinated entry assessment tool based on stakeholder input, BitFocus evaluation findings, and federal requirements. The previous assessment lacked sufficient measures of vulnerability, leading to challenges in accurately prioritizing individuals and matching them to appropriate housing interventions, as well as risks of misallocating limited resources. In response, the new assessment was designed to improve vulnerability capture, ensure a person-centered and trauma-informed approach, and create a universal tool applicable across youth, adults, and families. Developed through extensive collaboration including frontline staff, system partners, and individuals with lived experience the updated tool incorporates evidence-based factors such as health conditions, mental health and substance use, trauma and safety risks, homelessness history, and system involvement. It uses a 42-point scoring system to better align individuals with appropriate housing options while maintaining compliance with HUD coordinated entry requirements. The assessment emphasizes dignity, autonomy, and non-judgmental language, while minimizing re-traumatization. Expected outcomes include more accurate prioritization, improved housing matches, reduced returns to homelessness, increased equity, and stronger data for community planning. Overall, the revised assessment represents a more effective, equitable, and compliant approach to serving individuals experiencing homelessness.

*Amy Jones, Board Member, Bridge of Hope LV* asked, “Is there going to be safeguards in place for our community when we roll this out? It gets kind of tricky when you're doing the assessment and the scores get higher and then those questions get longer.”

*Tanesha Travis, TSTJ Consulting* responded, “What I will say is this is much more than the current assessment. It is much less than the chat still. And it looks like a lot more on this presentation than it actually is when it's written out. We learned a lot about the rollout of the last assessment. It was a little bit messy, a lot chaotic, very challenging. So we've been working together as a coordinated entry team to one, making sure that as we're rolling this out, we also are building concrete policy and procedure. We have really worked to define coordinated entry adults and are continuing to do that.”

**Agenda Item 5. Identify emerging issues to be addressed by staff or by the Board at future meetings, and direct staff accordingly; for possible action.**

Brenda Barnes, Clark County NV provided several updates for board members, noting that they will soon receive an email with materials regarding a potential national association of Continuum of Care (CoC) leaders, which would function similarly to a collective advocacy body and may include benefits like lobbying support; the board will have about a month to review governance details, dues, and FAQs before deciding whether to join. Board members were also reminded that the next board meeting will be an in-person strategic planning session and will include a presentation and discussion on NOFO priorities, supported by a detailed packet to be shared in advance. Additionally, an update was provided regarding a recently distributed proposal for technical assistance from the National Alliance to End Homelessness, highlighting opportunities to expand the scope, particularly increasing available support hours and shifting the focus from strategic plan development to implementation and follow-through. Overall, the updates emphasized upcoming decisions, continued planning efforts, and opportunities to strengthen external support for the CoC’s work.

**Agenda Item 6. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.