

## MEETING MINUTES

### COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS

#### SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

February 11, 2010

**In attendance:**

Kenny Young, Alternate, City of North Las Vegas  
Jodie Gerson, Alternate, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services  
(temporary)  
Stuart Ghertner, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services  
Annie Wilson, Alternate, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department  
Rose Ann Miele, City of Boulder City  
Sandy Jeantete, Alternate, Clark County  
Stephen Harsin, Alternate, City of Las Vegas  
Barbara Geach, City of Henderson  
Gina Gavan, Nevada Homeless Alliance

**Absent:**

Maryann Ustick, Chair, City of North Las Vegas  
Gary Schofield, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department  
Nancy McLane, Clark County  
Scott Adams, City of Las Vegas  
Adrienne Cox, Adrienne Cox Consulting  
Mark Smasal, Veterans Administration  
Myra Berkovits, Clark County School District

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**Agenda Item 1. Call to order, notice of agenda compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.**

The meeting of the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition Committee on Homelessness was called to order by Kenny Young, Alternate, City of North Las Vegas, at 2:00 p.m., on Thursday, February 11, 2010, in Commission Chambers in the Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada.

The agenda for the February 11, 2010, meeting was duly posted in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law requirements.

**Agenda Item 2. Approval of the Agenda for February 11, 2010.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the February 11, 2010, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Stuart Ghertner, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services, had not arrived yet.

**Agenda Item 3. Approval of Minutes from the January 14, 2010, Meeting.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2010, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Stuart Ghertner, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services, had not arrived yet.

**Agenda Item 4. Receive resignation, accept nomination and discuss committee membership. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.**

There was no discussion by the Committee; and a motion was made and seconded to receive the resignation of Skeet Fitzgerald, City of Henderson, and accept the nominations of Barbara Geach as the Primary member and Michael Husted as the Alternate for the City of Henderson. The motion was approved unanimously.

Rose Ann Miele, City of Boulder City, recommended inviting the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority (LVCVA) to sit as a (new) member on the Committee on Homelessness.

**Agenda Item 5. Receive an update from the Regional Homeless Services Coordinator. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.**

Shannon West, Regional Homeless Services Coordinator, gave a progress update including: Winter Inclement Weather Shelter reports including HMIS generated reports; overflow shelter beds were available on five nights in January because of excessively low temperatures, but they were only used on two of those nights; and a Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing funding update was given.

Kenny Young, City of North Las Vegas, requested that a specific breakdown summary of Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing dollars be given at the next meeting.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

**Agenda Item 6. Discuss the 2010-2011 Regional Homeless Budget. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.**

Shannon West, Regional Homeless Services Coordinator, presented the “Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition’s Committee on Homelessness Proposed Budget with 5% Reduction” and the “Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition’s Committee on Homelessness Proposed Budget with 20% Reduction”. She stated that 20% cuts would include: Reducing HMIS funding by 5%; reducing overall summer and winter Inclement Weather Shelter Program funding; eliminating summer day shelter funding for Catholic Charities and the Salvation Army; reducing Homeless Census and evaluation services funding for the January, 2011, HUD mandated count; and reductions for each of the jurisdictions.

Sue Markham, Salvation Army, reported that they had received a recent donation that would allow their day shelter program to remain open year-round, but only if they continued receiving supplemental funding from the Committee on Homelessness through the Inclement Weather Shelter Program.

Phillip Hollon, Catholic Charities, stated that without the supplemental funding from the Committee on Homelessness their summer day shelter accommodations would be significantly decreased even though they are always above maximum capacity during the summer months.

There was lengthy discussion by the Committee about other providers, organizations and faith based groups absorbing losses by Catholic Charities and the Salvation Army; approaching community and business leaders for contributions and involvement, especially since governments cannot continue to carry the entire burden; seeking solutions with new and existing partnerships to match and pool funding as much as possible; and implications of day shelter elimination, especially with the visible impact around Main and Foremaster.

A recommendation was made to continue discussions and readjust the budget to include the day shelter program but keep the other reductions shown on the proposed 20% reduced budget.

A motion was made and seconded to present proposed budgets with overall 5% and 20% reductions as well as an adjusted budget with the inclusion of the day shelter program at the next Committee on Homelessness meeting in March. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 7. Public Comment.**

Richard Ariola, Ambassadors of Hope, discussed his organization and summarized offered services. He also expressed an interest in potential collaborative opportunities.

Ivo Plecko, Pifers Homes, stated that he was continuing efforts to get feedback and secure funding for his permanent housing unit solution. He invited people to visit his website at [www.pifershome.webs.com](http://www.pifershome.webs.com).

The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.