

MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS

SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

February 15, 2007

In attendance:

Darryl Martin, CHAIR, Clark County
Kendall Wiley, Alternate, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
Mark Stets, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services
Rose Ann Miele, City of Boulder City
Adrienne Cox, Focus Property Group
Orlando Sanchez, City of Las Vegas
Maryann Ustick, City of North Las Vegas
Skeet Fitzgerald, City of Henderson
John Thedinga, Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce

Absent:

Marc Joseph, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
Marcia Evans, Veterans Administration
Susan Wright, Clark County School District
Kathleen Boutin, Nevada Homeless Alliance (formerly the Southern Nevada Homeless Coalition)

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 Darryl Martin, Chair, Clark County, at 2:02 p.m., on Thursday, February 15, 2007, in Commission Chambers in the Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada.

The agenda for the February 15, 2007, meeting was duly posted in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law requirements.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of the Agenda for February 15, 2007.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the February 15, 2007, meeting; but to hold agenda item 6 (Jurisdictional Homeless Expenditures) until Kathleen Boutin, Nevada Homeless Alliance, is present. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of Minutes from the Meeting on January 18, 2007.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for the January 18, 2007, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 4. Receive an update from the Regional Homeless Services Coordinator. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Shannon West, Regional Homeless Coordinator, gave a progress update including: an update on legislative activities such as the Homeless Awareness Event and a proposed Bill Draft for \$20 million over two years for

statewide transitional housing and supportive care for the homeless; and an update on the local Law Enforcement Forum.

There was discussion on specifics and expected parameters of the \$20 million Bill Draft, and there were concerns that the award of this money would not reduce current allocations to other existing programs (i.e. mental health).

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 5. Receive a report on the 2007 Winter Point in Time Count. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Management Analyst, presented a brief report on the 2007 Point-in-Time Count; and she stated that the survey data results and numbers from the count would be presented at March's SNRPC Committee on Homelessness meeting.

There was discussion on how the count was conducted and what data would be included in the final report.

Darryl Martin, Clark County, recommended that the 10-Point Plan be revisited and updated to include some specific benchmarks and goals to help measure what has already been accomplished and help with targeting what still needs to be done.

There was discussion on involving the community and focusing on three areas (single adults, families and youth). There was also a recommendation to organize another special homeless workshop similar to the one that was held in July, 2005.

George McCabe, Brown & Partners, gave an update on publicity efforts surrounding the census count as well as coverage in the suburbs.

There was discussion on additional media marketing efforts especially regarding the Homeless Trust Fund.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 6. Receive a report on jurisdictional homeless expenditures from the Nevada Homeless Alliance. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

This item was held for a future meeting as Kathleen Boutin, Nevada Homeless Alliance, was not present. See motion passed under (previous) Agenda Item 2.

Agenda Item 7. Receive a report on the status of the AB580 funded "Transition from Homelessness" Programs. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Catherine Huang Hara, Senior Management Analyst, gave a status report on the mobile shower project and stated that it was a single unit with 6 showers and 6 toilets that would arrive in June and be deployed in July.

There was discussion on drop in centers.

Monique Harris, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth (NPHY), presented a summary report for NPHY for January, 2007.

Pat Lau, OUTREACH Evaluator, presented the monthly OUTREACH report for January, 2007, and an OUTREACH program report (program and participant overview) for November, 2005, through January, 2007.

Myrna Pili, HELP of Southern Nevada Program Manager for Homeless Services, presented an OUTREACH Flow Chart and discussed the average duration and cost per client (\$16.63 per day per person based on 377 clients served).

There was discussion on cost comparisons with jail/detention services, hospital stays and emergency room treatments. There was also discussion on additional numbers and statistics needing to be tracked that haven't been in the past but will be implemented once Clark County Social Service takes over the project management.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 8. Receive a report on the Inclement Weather Shelter Program. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Shannon West, Regional Homeless Coordinator, gave a report on the Inclement Weather Shelter Program including a program overview and a summary of the Winter Shelter Program for January, 2007, for Catholic Charities, The Salvation Army and Emergency Aid of Boulder City.

There was no discussion by the Committee; and no motion or action was required on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 9. Receive a report on Continuum of Care. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Management Analyst, stated that the 2006 award allocations had not been announced by HUD as of today. She also stated that the supplemental application had not been released as anticipated but would be posted on the HelpHopeHome website as soon as it was available.

There was no discussion by the Committee; and no motion or action was required on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 10. Public Comment.

David Shakespeare, citizen, asked about shelter availability for alcoholics and commented on the appreciation for allowing alcoholics into the shelters during the recent cold snap.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.