

MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS

SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

March 11, 2010

In attendance:

Maryann Ustick, Chair, City of North Las Vegas
Stuart Ghertner, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services
Annie Wilson, Alternate, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
Rose Ann Miele, City of Boulder City
Tim Burch, Alternate, Clark County
Scott Adams, City of Las Vegas
Mike Husted, Alternate, City of Henderson
Gina Gavan, Nevada Homeless Alliance

Absent:

Gary Schofield, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
Nancy McLane, Clark County
Barbara Geach, City of Henderson
Adrienne Cox, Adrienne Cox Consulting
Mark Smasal, Veterans Administration
Myra Berkovits, Clark County School District

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 Maryann Ustick, Chair, City of North Las Vegas, at 2:02 p.m., on Thursday, March 11, 2010, in Commission Chambers in the Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada.

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

Agenda Item 2. Approval of the Agenda for March 11, 2010.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the March 11, 2010, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of Minutes from the February 11, 2010, Meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2010, 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 Services Coordinator, gave a progress update including: Winter Inclement Weather Shelter reports including HMIS generated reports; and the Winter Inclement Weather Shelter program ends on March 30 and the Summer Inclement Weather Shelter program begins on May 1.

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

Agenda Item 5. Receive an update on the HEARTH Act and related items. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Continuum of Care (CoC) Coordinator, gave an update on the HEARTH Act via a PowerPoint presentation titled “Updates on HEARTH Act and other homeless funding – February 2010”.

There was lengthy discussion by the Committee about differences in homeless definitions between federal and local governments and the CoC groups; disbursement methods of funds now versus in the future; CDBG funds converting to a new Catalytic Investment Fund and expected implementation effects; programs will be rated based on how federal funds are being paired with other resources to end homelessness not on individual programs’ results; collective funding will be more important than separate program funding; the CoC will need to be more involved on the front-end as well as in the back-end development; monitoring progress via HMIS; increasing communication among providers; and increasing collaboration between providers so referrals provide immediate assistance.

Ms. Fuller-Hallauer stated that new CoC responsibilities will include annual fiscal evaluation and monitoring will be required on every program every year; and she reported that HUD was currently accepting comments and would be making recommendations to Congress by May for expected implementation on next year’s CoC application process.

A recommendation was made to establish and formalize a relationship with the new regional Housing Authority and discuss inviting them to be an official member on the SNRPC Committee on Homelessness.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 6. Receive an update on the local Homeless Prevention Rapid Rehousing Program (HPRP). Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Tim Burch, Clark County, gave an update on the local Homeless Prevention Rapid Rehousing Program (HPRP), and he stated that the focus was on the newly homeless as well as those who were imminently in danger of becoming homeless. Mr. Burch reported that there were currently 19 agencies providing 23 “No Wrong Doors” (any agency, regardless of where a client lives, will either provide direct assistance or refer and assist with the correct agency).

The three lead agencies to contact are as follows:

HELP of Southern Nevada – (702) 217-2445

HopeLink in Henderson – (702) 566-0576

Lutheran Social Services – (702) 629-3539

Tyrone Thompson, City of Las Vegas, reported on the Corridor of Hope Assistance Center (1581 North Main Street, Las Vegas, Nevada – (702) 229-4273 – www.lasvegasnevada.gov).

A recommendation was made to contact city and county staff about broadcasting PSA’s advertising these services on the public access television channels.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 7. 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 an Additional 5% Reduction”. She stated that additional cuts would include: Reducing HMIS funding by 5%; reducing overall summer and winter Inclement Weather Shelter Program funding by \$129,339; reductions for each of the jurisdictions; and an additional 15% reduction to Clark County’s supplemental contribution to the Inclement Weather Shelter Program.

Ms. West stated that the Regional Homeless Budget needed to approved and submitted to the SNRPC Board at their May, 2010, meeting.

There was discussion by the Committee about the HMIS contract; and expected support by each of the jurisdictions.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the recommended Regional Homeless Budget with 5% reductions contingent upon budget support by each of the jurisdictions. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 8. Receive an update on the Nevada Homeless Alliance. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Gina Gavan, Nevada Homeless Alliance (NHA), gave an update on the NHA including their mission to Advocate, Educate and Coordinate; and she stated that the main goal has been to seek and leverage funding for Project Homeless Connect.

Ms. Gavan announced that the Spring Project Homeless Connect was tentatively scheduled for June 29, 2010, at Thomas & Mack with a focus on families and prevention. She reported that the Fall Project Homeless Connect would be held at Cashman Field on November 10, 2010.

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

Agenda Item 9. Receive an agency presentation from the Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Larry Lovelett, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth (NPHY), gave an update on program services via a PowerPoint presentation titled “Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth”. Mr. Lovelett stated that there were currently no emergency shelter beds available in Southern Nevada dedicated specifically for minors.

There was discussion by the Committee about pregnant teens; liability issues; and an estimated 100 total beds were available for youth but none were dedicated exclusively as emergency shelter beds.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 10. Public Comment.

Annie Wilson, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD), recognized several Clark County Detention Center jail officers who were present to learn more about providers and services; and she announced that Lt. Dave Lewis was the new LVMPD contact and her new supervisor.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.