

MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS

SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

March 13, 2008

In attendance:

Maryann Ustick, ALTERNATE CHAIR, City of North Las Vegas
Adrienne Cox, Focus Property Group
Stuart Ghertner, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services
Rose Ann Miele, City of Boulder City
Valerie Juick, Alternate, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
Darryl Martin, Clark County
Skeet Fitzgerald, City of Henderson
Stephen Harsin, Alternate, City of Las Vegas
Gina Jackson, Nevada Homeless Alliance
Mark Smasal, Alternate, Veterans Administration

Absent:

Orlando Sanchez, City of Las Vegas
Gary Schofield, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
John Bright, Veterans Administration
Myra Berkovits, Clark County School District
John Thedinga, Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce

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, Alternate Chair, City of North Las Vegas, at approximately 2:00 p.m., on Thursday, March 13, 2008, in Commission Chambers in the Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada.

The agenda for the March 13, 2008, meeting was duly posted in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law requirements.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of the Agenda for March 13, 2008.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the March 13, 2008, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of Minutes from the Meeting on February 14, 2008.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for the February 14, 2008, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Tara Ulmer, City of Las Vegas, gave a progress update including: the Continuum of Care (CoC) supplemental application deadline has been extended to April 11 and an additional Technical Assistance training session will be held on March 28 from 1:00-5:00 p.m.; and Project Homeless Connect will be held on April 10 from 9:00-4:00 at Cashman Field.

There was discussion by the Committee about when CoC applications were due back to HUD and what was needed most in the way of volunteers at Project Homeless Connect.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 5. Approve cancellation of April 10, 2008 Committee on Homelessness meeting. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Tara Ulmer, City of Las Vegas, recommended that the April 10, 2008, Committee on Homelessness meeting be cancelled because of direct conflict with Project Homeless Connect.

There was no discussion by the Committee; and a motion was made and seconded to cancel the April 10, 2008, Committee on Homelessness meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 6. Approve recommendations for Clark County on homeless related projects as they consider funding for Clark County Outside Agency Grants. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Management Analyst, presented the Continuum of Care Evaluation Working Group Funding Recommendations for 2008 Outside Agency Grants totaling \$2,169,982.

There was no discussion by the Committee; and a motion was made and seconded to approve the recommendations. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 7. Approve recommendations for funding available through Assembly Bill 126. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Management Analyst, presented the Southern Nevada AB 126 Allocation Recommendations totaling \$600,000.

There was discussion by the Committee about the Master Lodging Program for Clark County Social Service and when these projects would be completed.

Darryl Martin, Clark County, explained that these funds still were in jeopardy of being part of the Governor's budget cuts and hadn't been officially approved yet.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the recommendations and forward them to the SNRPC Board. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 8. Receive an update on Inclement Weather Shelter. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Management Analyst, gave an update on the Inclement Weather Shelter Program for

February 2008, and she presented agency summaries of beds used.

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

Agenda Item 9. Receive a presentation from HopeLink (formerly Henderson Allied Community Advocates) on agency services. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Danielle Dreitzer, HopeLink, gave a summary presentation on agency services and programs via a PowerPoint presentation titled “HopeLink” (formerly HACA – Henderson Allied Community Advocates).

There was discussion by the Committee on utility and rental assistance funding sources; outcome measurements and follow-up; agency capacities; and HopeLink is a prime example of a grassroots nonprofit service provider success story.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 10. Public Comment.

Frank Perna, Homeless Advocate, commented about his comments and suggestions being disregarded and asked about the survey comparing services and beds between 2001 and 2007/2008. He spoke about using housing near the airport, domiciliaries at the new health complex and needing programs for returning veterans for TBI, PTSD and alcohol and drug use. He also asked about Arnold Stalk’s shipping container conversion suggestion or the BLM land program for homeless housing. Mr. Perna recommended measuring progress, especially regarding housing built for the homeless since the 2001 HUD/SNRPC Summit, and looking into private foundation funding sources since the economy is drying up the way it is.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00 p.m.