

MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS

SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

March 15, 2007

In attendance:

Darryl Martin, CHAIR, Clark County
Mark Stets, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services
Rose Ann Miele, City of Boulder City
Marc Joseph, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
Orlando Sanchez, City of Las Vegas
Kenny Young, City of North Las Vegas
Danielle Turner, Alternate, City of Henderson
Kathleen Boutin, Nevada Homeless Alliance (formerly the Southern Nevada Homeless Coalition)

Absent:

Adrienne Cox, Focus Property Group
Skeet Fitzgerald, City of Henderson
Marcia Evans, Veterans Administration
John Thedinga, Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce
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 Darryl Martin, Chair, Clark County, at 2:05 p.m., on Thursday, March 15, 2007, in Commission Chambers in the Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada.

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

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

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the March 15, 2007, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of Minutes from the Meeting on February 15, 2007.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for the February 15, 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: the Homeless Awareness Event on February 18; Assembly Bill 126 for \$20 million over two years for statewide transitional housing and supportive care for the homeless; the local Law Enforcement Summit scheduled immediately after next

month's regular Committee on Homelessness meeting on April 19; and the 10-Point Plan benchmark kick-off meeting scheduled for April 10 from 2:00-4:00 in Clark County Commission Chambers.

There was discussion on the Homeless Awareness Event successes and turnout.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 5. Approval of the 2007-2008 Regional Homeless Budget. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Shannon West, Regional Homeless Coordinator, presented the proposed 2007/2008 Regional Homeless Budget in the amount of \$1,470,924. She stated it was an approximate increase of five percent over last year's budget and included money for continuing regional coordination; HMIS and system maintenance; the Inclement Weather Shelter Program; and the Evaluation/Census Count for the summer of 2007.

Kathleen Boutin, Nevada Homeless Alliance, asked if there was any duplication in the budget for dollars covered by the Outside Agency Grant Program offered by Clark County; and Ms. West and Shawna Parker Brody, Clark County, responded that there was no duplication, and coordination efforts were ongoing regarding targeting specific efforts and the outside agency grant application procedures and delivery.

Darryl Martin, Clark County, recommended that workshop dates for the outside agency grants be posted on the HelpHopeHome website as soon as they are available.

Orlando Sanchez, City of Las Vegas, asked about the population estimates used toward the budget percentages; and Mr. Martin and Ms. West confirmed they were from the 2000 census numbers but that next year's budget would be revised to reflect the updated numbers.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2007/2008 Regional Homeless Budget contingent on the acceptance by individual jurisdictional governing boards. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 6. Receive a report on the Continuum of Care. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Management Analyst, gave a report on the Continuum of Care via a PowerPoint presentation titled "Update on the Continuum of Care-2006 Continuum of Care Awards."

She stated that \$5.7 million had been requested in 2006, and \$4.6 million had been received with two individual projects receiving no funding at all. She also stated that HUD released the 2007 SuperNOFA which is due back by June 8, 2007; and she discussed the 2007 Continuum of Care timeline.

There was discussion on when feedback was expected by HUD regarding the 2006 funding allocations as well as on the two new projects that received no funding.

Darryl Martin, Clark County, recommended bringing the feedback from HUD to next month's Committee on Homelessness meeting in April.

Frank Perna, Homeless Advocate, asked about the target for building housing and whether it included 30% and below the median income or just 65%; and Mr. Martin responded that it would have to include 30% and below.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Continuum of Care Technical Advisory Board to review the Letters of Intent for 2007 and create new projects, as needed, to strengthen the overall 2007 application. The motion was approved unanimously except for Kathleen Boutin, Nevada Homeless Alliance, who abstained from voting as her agency may be receiving some of these funds.

Agenda Item 7. Receive a report on the CDAC recommended allocations for County Federal funds for homeless services. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Shawna Parker Brody, Clark County, and Mary Ann Salmon, Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC), presented a report on the CDAC recommended allocations for CDBG funds and emergency shelter grant funds for homeless services that the Board of County Commissioners approved on February 20.

There was discussion on participation in HMIS; and a recommendation was made to coordinate with all jurisdictions so a simultaneous presentation can be made and not just Clark County's portion.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 8. 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, discussed two RFP's being released on March 21 (one for Intensive Case Management Services for Chronically Homeless Individuals and one for Mobile Crisis Intervention Services for Homeless Youth and Young Adults).

Larry Lovelett, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth (NPHY), presented a summary report for NPHY for February, 2007.

There was discussion on whether there were number increases seen during the NBA weekend.

Myrna Pili, HELP of Southern Nevada Program Manager for Homeless Services, presented an overall OUTREACH program report for November, 2005, through February, 2007, and stated that a column titled "Drug of Choice" had been added to assist with tracking.

Pat Lau, OUTREACH Evaluator, presented the monthly OUTREACH report for February, 2007, and discussed survey feedback results.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 9. 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 February, 2007, for Catholic Charities, The Salvation Army and Emergency Aid of Boulder City. She stated the end of the Winter Shelter Program would be extended though Sunday, April 1. She also discussed the Inclement Weather Shelter Program Contract renewals and RFP, especially for females and individuals with alcohol dependency issues, as well as an RFP for HMIS.

There was discussion on the criteria and timeline for the Summer Shelter Program; hydration stations similar to those used in Phoenix; drop-in centers; and the mobile showers.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 10. Receive a report on the 2007 Winter Point in Time Count. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Management Analyst, gave a status report on the 2007 Winter Point-in-Time Count via a PowerPoint presentation titled "SNRPC Census Survey and Panhandling Study Status Report." She stated a full report would be available at April's Committee on Homelessness meeting.

There was discussion on counting individuals in the tunnels in advance (i.e. during the annual New Year's Eve sweeps) and how HUD would not accept those figures but they would be helpful for local planning purposes.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 11. Public Comment.

Amanda Haymond, *Forgotten Voice*, distributed the first issue of *Forgotten Voice* and announced the website at www.forgottenvoice.org.

Michael Lee, citizen, commented on *Forgotten Voice*, transitional housing success and 40 homeless women at Catholic Charities who would like outreach options presented to them. He stated that "peer outreach works."

Frank Perna, Homeless Advocate, stated that he skipped last month's meeting intentionally as he felt he was being repetitious and that he didn't feel that the homeless advocates were being listened to. He commented on the Walter Reed situation, the VA being overwhelmed especially with mental health issues and would never catch up because of inadequate facilities. He also commented on the inability of veterans to get comprehensive care because of scattered facilities and many don't have transportation of their own. Mr. Perna discussed the local health care facility that was supposed to open before the costs increased to over \$600,000 and how the VA needs to bid the project out immediately and include veteran housing domiciliaries. He concluded with comments about an article in *Forgotten Voice* regarding police action moving homeless individuals in front of shelters at 4:30 a.m.

Jaime Weller-Lafavor, Lutheran Social Service, discussed their lease termination notification and asked for assistance.

George McCabe, Brown & Partners, introduced the United Way newsletter for December, 2006/January, 2007 which mentioned HelpHopeHome.

Phillip Hollon, Catholic Charities, announced a change in the opening hours of operation at the Fertitta Center from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. seven days a week.

Annie Wilson, Metro Homeless Liaison, commented on police action beginning at 6:00 a.m., not 4:00 a.m., and she gave examples of assistance that officers provide individuals at that time.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.