

## MEETING MINUTES

### COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS

#### SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

May 18, 2006

**In attendance:**

Thom Reilly, CHAIR, Clark County  
Kendall Wiley, Alternate, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department  
Adrienne Cox, Focus Las Vegas  
Keith Willoughby, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services  
Rose Ann Miele, City of Boulder City  
Orlando Sanchez, City of Las Vegas  
Maryann Ustick, City of North Las Vegas  
Skeet Fitzgerald, City of Henderson  
Frank Butterfield, Southern Nevada Homeless Coalition  
Marcia Evans, Veteran's Administration  
Susan Wright, 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 Thom Reilly, Chair, Clark County, at 2:00 p.m., on Thursday, May 18, 2006, in the North Las Vegas City Council Chambers, 2200 Civic Center Drive, North Las Vegas, Nevada.

The agenda for the May 18, 2006, meeting was duly posted in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law requirements.

**Agenda Item 2. Approval of the Agenda for May 18, 2006.**

A motion was made and seconded to move agenda item 8 (Receive an update on the 2006 Continuum of Care competition...) before agenda item 4 (Receive a report on the Southern Nevada Homeless Coalition Stand Down for the Homeless) and approve the agenda for the May 18, 2006, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Orlando Sanchez, City of Las Vegas, had not arrived yet.

**Agenda Item 3. Approval of Minutes from the Meeting on April 20, 2006.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for the April 20, 2006, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Orlando Sanchez, City of Las Vegas, had not arrived yet.

**Agenda Item 8. Receive an update on the 2006 Continuum of Care competition process including recommendations from the Technical Advisory Board. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.**

Shannon West, Regional Homeless Coordinator, introduced Annette Scott, Safe House, and Chris Miller, Nevada Partners, as the Continuum of Care (CoC) Technical Advisory Board (TAB) co-chairs.

Michelle Fuller-Hallauer, Clark County Social Service, summarized the CoC process via a PowerPoint presentation titled "Continuum of Care Competition."

Thom Reilly, Clark County, asked if compliance was met with the addition of the permanent housing project from HELP of Southern Nevada; and Ms. Fuller-Hallauer agreed that it was and stated that it gave the total application a 37% priority toward permanent housing.

Annette Scott and Chris Miller, CoCTAB co-chairs, summarized the ranking and outcomes process and the recommendations of the TAB via a PowerPoint presentation titled "CoCTAB Process and Findings."

Ms. Fuller-Hallauer presented the "2006 Continuum of Care Final Application Priorities" totaling \$4,826,261 for approval.

Rose Ann Miele, City of Boulder City, asked if there was a "Plan B"; and Ms. Fuller-Hallauer responded that this is what the TAB felt was the best plan and use of funds.

Ms. Miele asked if any of these respondents had been approached about next year's needs/requirements; and Ms. Fuller-Hallauer responded that the current CoCTAB would continue to meet either every other month or quarterly to stay on top of known projects for next year's CoC application.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2006 Continuum of Care recommendations and priorities totaling \$4,826,261. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 4. Receive a report on the Southern Nevada Homeless Coalition Stand Down for the Homeless. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.**

Nancy Downey, Downey Research Associates, gave a PowerPoint presentation and presented a demographic summary report titled "Southern Nevada Homeless Coalition Stand Down for the Homeless Survey: 1999-2005-Seven Years at the Stand Down for the Homeless."

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 Public Awareness Campaign. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.**

Shannon West, Regional Homeless Coordinator, gave a PowerPoint presentation titled "Regional Approach to Homelessness-Public Awareness Campaign" and presented a summary report of a public input forum held on May 4, 2006, titled "Public Awareness Campaign Input Forum-May 4, 2006, 3:00-5:00 pm."

Ms. West also presented the "Denver's Road Home" website ([www.denversroadhome.org](http://www.denversroadhome.org)) as an example of a successful website and branding effort.

Frank Butterfield, Southern Nevada Homeless Coalition, discussed the upcoming Stand Down that will happen in November, 2006.

Ms. West added comments on the importance of volunteerism and motivation for future and on-going contributions. She also encouraged attendance in future Project Homeless Connect events in San Francisco, California, on Friday, June 9 and/or one in August.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

**Agenda Item 6. Receive a report on and funding recommendations for the Inclement Weather Shelter Program. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.**

Shannon West, Regional Homeless Coordinator, presented the updated “Inclement Weather Shelter Award Recommendations FY2006-2007” totaling \$610,642 which requires an award adjustment of \$163,642 to be covered by Clark County Social Service. She also presented the approved “SNRPC Committee on Homelessness Budget for FY2006/2007” totaling \$1,162,000.

There was no discussion by the Committee; and a motion was made and seconded to approve the updated Inclement Weather Shelter recommendations and forward them to the SNRPC Board. The motion was approved unanimously.

Thom Reilly, Clark County, asked if the inclement weather shelter beds could be used early if temperatures got too hot; and Ms. West responded that contracts for this year had not begun yet, but Clark County Social Service had agreed to step in to assist as needed until contracts began. She added that this would not be a problem in the future as the RFP’s would be written for year-round service.

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

Shannon West, Regional Homeless Coordinator, presented a letter written to Assemblyman Morse Arberry, Vice Chairman, Interim Finance Committee, detailing the allocation of the \$4 million awarded by the State. She also presented the “State Homeless Project-Budget vs. Actual FY05/06” which detailed projected budget amounts versus what had actually been spent to-date and how.

Pat Lau, OUTREACH Management Analyst, presented the “OUTREACH Monthly Report:April 2006.”

Ms. West suggested, in the final report, including trending seen in the chronically homeless in the pilot with those that are also addicted to crystal meth because of the marked tracking difference in success rates.

Terrie Stanfill, HELP of Southern Nevada, commented on the increasing number of families seen in the chronic homeless population.

Thom Reilly, Clark County, commented on documenting trends, including those for crystal meth users, in preparation for presentations and reporting to the Legislature.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

**Agenda Item 9. Public Comment.**

Linda Lera-Randle El, Straight From the Streets, commented on the differences, both in characteristics and treatment/assistance plans, between “...people who are involved in the street life (i.e. prostitutes, drug dealers and users, etc.) and people who are street people (i.e. chronic homeless).”

Orlando Sanchez, City of Las Vegas, introduced Amanda Haven, a UNLV student, and Annie Wilson, the new Las Vegas Metro representative.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.