

MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS

SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

September 21, 2006

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
Kathleen Boutin, Nevada Homeless Alliance (formerly the Southern Nevada Homeless Coalition)
John Thedinga, Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce
Susan Wright, Clark County School District

Absent:

Marcia Evans, Veteran's Administration
Theodore Moody, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department

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, September 21, 2006, in Commission Chambers in the Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada.

The agenda for the September 21, 2006, meeting was duly posted in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law requirements.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of the Agenda for September 21, 2006.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the September 21, 2006, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of Minutes from the Meeting on August 17, 2006.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for the August 17, 2006, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 4. Receive an update on the development and implementation of the Public Awareness Campaign. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Shannon West, Regional Homeless Coordinator, gave an update on the Public Awareness Campaign via a PowerPoint presentation titled "Regional Approach to Homelessness – Public Awareness Campaign Update, September 21, 2006."

Kim Sherwood, Clark County Channel 4, presented four examples of public service announcements (PSA's).

Rose Ann Miele, City of Boulder City, stated that Boulder City Channel 2 would also begin airing the PSA's.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 5. 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 summary reports for August 2006 for Catholic Charities, the Salvation Army and HACA/TSA. She also stated that the Winter Shelter Program was expected to begin in the middle of November unless there was unexpected inclement weather before then.

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

Agenda Item 6. Receive a report on the Homeless/In Shelter Count and Panhandling Study RFP and accept recommendation on provider. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Shannon West, Regional Homeless Coordinator, gave a report on the Homeless/In Shelter Count and Panhandling Study RFP via a PowerPoint presentation titled "Homeless/In-Shelter Count and Panhandling Study RFP – Overview and Bid Recommendation." She stated that the Scope of Work included a HUD mandated winter count that would be conducted in January 2007, and a summer count that would be conducted in July/August 2007; and the total contract period would be from October 3, 2006, through December 31, 2007.

Ms. West also stated that the RFP Evaluation Working Group recommended Applied Survey Research as the consultant for this project contract, and Clark County Social Service would contribute an additional \$50,000 to cover the remaining money needed.

Kathleen Boutin, Nevada Homeless Alliance, asked if the count would include unaccompanied minors; and Ms. West responded it would also include families. Ms. Boutin asked when results would be expected; and Ms. West responded that the contract ran through the end of 2007, but the winter count (conducted in January) report was expected by March or April.

Adrienne Cox, Focus Property Group, asked about the cost difference between the two consultant bids and whether there was a consensus or unanimous recommendation by the working group; and Ms. West responded it was unanimous.

There was discussion by the Committee about the Panhandling Study portion of the count, and they also discussed the overall cost of the entire contract as well as the contribution by Clark County Social Service.

Darryl Martin, Clark County, asked whether the consultant knew the extent of the size of Clark County and whether there would be penalties if they were late with deliverables; and Ms. West responded they knew how large the County was and their proposed timeline was what would be followed. Mr. Martin asked if this was only a headcount; and Ms. West responded that demographics would be included, too.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the RFP and negotiate a contract with Applied Survey Research as the consultant. The motion was approved unanimously.

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, gave a year-end report of the AB580 funded “Transition from Homelessness” Programs for fiscal year 2005-2006, including some specifics on how the \$2 million awarded by the state had been spent.

Monique Harris, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth (NPHY) Operations Manager, gave a year-end report for NPHY, including specific summaries on numbers of clients assisted and other performance outcomes.

Pat Lau, OUTREACH Management Analyst, presented a year-end OUTREACH report via a PowerPoint presentation titled “Transition From Homelessness:OUTREACH Project Update November 2005 to June 2006.”

Orlando Sanchez, City of Las Vegas, asked about lobbying for additional funds from Legislature and whether there were mechanisms in place to continue the existing programs; and Ms. West responded about continuing the successes of the existing programs by transitioning them to Clark County Social Service as needed. She also commented on additional recommendations by the Evaluation Working Group (i.e. rework the performance measurements of HELP of Southern Nevada to more realistic numbers and projections, etc.), transitions and future goals and strategies of the programs.

Ms. Lau introduced Kelly Tetley who shared his personal anecdotal story about his success and assistance.

There was discussion by the Committee on the definition of a contact within the various programs and in the grant itself.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the report and the recommendations to: rework the outcome performance measurements of HELP of Southern Nevada; start working on the transition plan with Clark County Social Service; bring the proposed transition plan back to the Committee on Homelessness for approval before submission to the Legislative Council Bureau (LCB); begin working on the LCB’s status report; and direct the Continuum of Care to work on their permanent housing projects. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 8. Receive a progress report (FY05/06) on the implementation of the regional 10 Point Plan. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Shannon West, Regional Homeless Coordinator, gave a progress report for FY05/06 on the implementation of the regional 10 Point Plan via a PowerPoint presentation titled “Ten Point Plan – Southern Nevada Regional Homeless and Housing Plan Implementation Update July 2005-June 2006.” She also gave a second PowerPoint presentation titled “Ten Point Plan – Southern Nevada Regional Homeless and Housing Plan Year 2 Implementation Plan.”

There was no discussion by the Committee; and a motion was made and seconded to accept the report as well as the goals and priorities for the upcoming year. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 9. Receive an update on Continuum of Care projects. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Michelle Fuller-Hallauer, Clark County Social Service Continuum of Care (CoC) Coordinator, stated that EOB Community Action Partnership had dissolved and Lutheran Social Services had taken over their outstanding HUD CoC grant (funded project) totaling \$315,000.

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

Agenda Item 10. Public Comment.

Frank Perna, Homeless Advocate, commented about having to wait until Public Comment at the end of the meeting and requested going back to the previous procedure of allowing public comments after each agenda item. He expressed disappointment that the Veteran's Administration was not present at the meeting since they were supposed to represent 26-30 percent of the homeless population. He also commented about the fractured healthcare system for veterans, slogans for veterans in addition to "Support Our Troops", poor conditions facing returning veterans, the shortage of mental health beds because of staff shortages, and the lack of veterans' housing. Mr. Perna submitted a rally flyer for the Circle of Friends for American Veterans and a meeting flyer for the Southern Nevada Advocates for Homeless People.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.