

MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS

SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

December 10, 2009

In attendance:

Maryann Ustick, Chair, City of North Las Vegas
Adrienne Cox, Adrienne Cox Consulting
Stuart Ghertner, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services
Gary Schofield, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
Rose Ann Miele, City of Boulder City
Tim Burch, Alternate, Clark County
Scott Adams, Alternate, City of Las Vegas
Skeet Fitzgerald, City of Henderson
Mark Smasal, Veterans Administration
Gina Gavan, Nevada Homeless Alliance

Absent:

Nancy McLane, Clark County
Orlando Sanchez, City of Las Vegas
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 2:05 p.m., on Thursday, December 10, 2009, in Commission Chambers in the Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada.

The agenda for the December 10, 2009, meeting was duly posted in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law requirements.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of the Agenda for December 10, 2009.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the December 10, 2009, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of Minutes from the Meetings on October 8, 2009, and November 24, 2009.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the October 8, 2009, and November 24, 2009, meetings. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Continuum of Care Coordinator, gave a progress update including: Winter Inclement Weather Shelter reports including HMIS generated reports; overflow shelter beds have been available since December 3rd because of excessively cold temperatures although none of these beds have been utilized; and a Candlelight Vigil honoring deceased homeless individuals is scheduled for December 17

at HELP of Southern Nevada beginning at 3:30 p.m.

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 outcomes of the local Continuum of Care. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Continuum of Care Coordinator, gave an update on outcomes of the local 2009 Continuum of Care application and process via a PowerPoint presentation titled "2009 CoC Outcomes". She reported that the final application had been submitted to HUD on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving (November 24, 2009).

There was discussion by the Committee about comparisons to last year's application and objectives; national goals set by HUD; whether housing is available to accommodate HUD's goals; expected future objectives/requirements by HUD; gaps in current needs; and potential state involvement in future applications.

Maryann Ustick, City of North Las Vegas, recommended continuing to stress goals and objectives with local service providers.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 6. Receive an update on the November 10, 2009, Southern Nevada Project Homeless Connect. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Continuum of Care Coordinator, gave an update on the November 10, 2009, Southern Nevada Project Homeless Connect and summarized statistics and numbers of people assisted via a PowerPoint presentation titled "Southern Nevada Project Homeless Connect 2009".

There was discussion by the Committee about appreciation of volunteers and staff; local efforts; and the overall event illustrates incredible partnerships and should be a model.

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.

Maryann Ustick, City of North Las Vegas, reported that the current budget (FY 2009-2010) had not been approved until July 1, 2009, and ultimately had been reduced by 5%. She recommended beginning discussions now for the budget for FY 2010-2011.

Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Continuum of Care Coordinator, presented the current budget (FY 2009-2010) for discussion and gave a general description of each section.

There was lengthy discussion by the Committee about the contract renewal timeline for BitFocus; reductions should be taken from all four main budgeted areas (Staff, Services, IT and Census) and not just IT and/or staff reductions; possible reductions to the Homeless Census amount since it is required by HUD; renegotiating the existing BitFocus HMIS contract; whether HUD could supplement any of the HMIS funding; better communication of need for donations from private groups and/or businesses; capitalizing on the success of Project Homeless Connect during the remaining part of the year; further development of the Homeless Trust Fund; including a corporate presence on the Committee; and increase communication with

UNLV, the Convention Authority, etc.

Ms. Ustick directed staff to prepare a FY 2010-2011 budget with both 5% and 10% reductions for presentation and further discussion at the next Committee on Homelessness meeting.

A recommendation was also made to research passing some of the overall costs to the service providers and to renegotiate license contracts where possible (i.e. BitFocus' HMIS contract).

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 8. Receive resignation and accept nomination for committee membership. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

There was no discussion by the Committee; and a motion was made and seconded to receive the resignations of Orlando Sanchez, City of Las Vegas, and Danielle Turner, Alternate, City of Henderson, and accept the nominations of Scott Adams, City of Las Vegas, and Barbara Geach, Alternate, City of Henderson. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 9. Public Comment.

Bridgette Clarity, Women's Development Center, stated that replacing BitFocus as the HMIS administrator would be a mistake; and she commented on non-profits being hard pressed to absorb any additional fees. She asked if there were any grant opportunities available; and she stated "...it would be difficult to mandate that non-profits have to participate in HMIS then charge them for it."

Phillip Hollon, Catholic Charities, commented on the success of their Thanksgiving Benefit on November 21st as well as the upcoming Phone Home For the Holidays program beginning on Saturday, December 12. He also stated that the Christmas Celebration would be held on Sunday, December 20th.

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