

## MEETING MINUTES

### COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS

#### SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

December 11, 2008

**In attendance:**

Orlando Sanchez, Chair, City of Las Vegas  
Maryann Ustick, Vice Chair, City of North Las Vegas  
Annie Wilson, Alternate, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department  
Rose Ann Miele, City of Boulder City  
Nancy McLane, Alternate, Clark County  
Danielle Turner, Alternate, City of Henderson  
Gina Jackson, Nevada Homeless Alliance  
Mark Smasal, Veterans Administration

**Absent:**

Gary Schofield, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department  
Darryl Martin, Clark County  
Skeet Fitzgerald, City of Henderson  
Stuart Ghertner, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services  
Adrienne Cox, Focus Property Group  
Myra Berkovits, Clark County School District  
Mike Darley, Fitzgeralds Casino and Hotel

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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 Orlando Sanchez, Chair, City of Las Vegas, at 2:03 p.m., on Thursday, December 11, 2008, in Commission Chambers in the Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada.

The agenda for the December 11, 2008, meeting was duly posted in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law requirements.

**Agenda Item 2. Approval of the Agenda for December 11, 2008.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the December 11, 2008, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Maryann Ustick, City of North Las Vegas, had not arrived yet although quorum was met without her.

**Agenda Item 3. Approval of Minutes from the Meeting on November 13, 2008.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for the November 13, 2008, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Maryann Ustick, City of North Las Vegas, had not arrived yet.

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

Shannon West, Regional Homeless Services Coordinator, gave a progress update including the Neighborhood

Stabilization Program Project and the National HMIS Conference.

There was discussion by the Committee about RFP development, application submittals and project approval timelines.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item. Maryann Ustick, City of North Las Vegas, had not arrived yet.

**Agenda Item 5. Receive an update on the 2009 Winter Census/Count. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.**

Shannon West, Regional Homeless Services Coordinator, gave an update on the 2009 Winter Census Count; and she stated that the Las Vegas urban core would be counted on January 29, and the rural and outlying areas, as well as Laughlin, would be counted on January 28. Ms. West also stated that Northern Nevada would be conducting counts using the same criteria on the same dates for consistency.

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

**Agenda Item 6. Receive an update on the Inclement Weather Shelter Program. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.**

Shannon West, Regional Homeless Services Coordinator, gave an update on the Inclement Weather Shelter Program; and she stated that the Winter Weather Program had been open since November 15 and was completely full over the past weekend. She also stated that overflow beds were available as needed.

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

**Agenda Item 7. Receive an update on Holiday activities and programs. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.**

Delayna Tonogan, Office of the Regional Homeless Coordinator, presented a summary of Holiday activities and programs titled "Holiday Activities". Shannon West, Regional Homeless Services Coordinator, discussed the "Phone Home for the Holidays" program.

Terry Lindemann, Family Promise, added comments on the "Phone Home for the Holidays" program, and she thanked Paradise Elementary students for the scarves they made.

Phillip Hollon, Catholic Charities, discussed programs offered by Catholic Charities.

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

**Agenda Item 8. Public Comment.**

Phillip Hollon, Catholic Charities, stated that 3057 Thanksgiving turkeys had been handed out this year (compared to 2000 given out last year), and he stated that 2200 homeless individuals and families had been seen at the November 25 "Thanksgiving Extravaganza". Mr. Holloman commented that their toy drive was ongoing, and he presented a flyer on the "Christmas Celebration" to be held on December 20 at St. Vincent Lied Dining Facility.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.