

MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS

SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

January 18, 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
Adrienne Cox, Focus Property Group
Stephen Harsin, Alternate, 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)

Absent:

Orlando Sanchez, City of Las Vegas
John Thedinga, Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce
Marcia Evans, Veterans Administration
Susan Wright, 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, January 18, 2007, in Commission Chambers in the Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada.

The agenda for the January 18, 2007, meeting was duly posted in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law requirements.

Darryl Martin, Chair, Clark County, announced that public comments would only be permitted on individual agenda items having action and requiring a vote by the Committee.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of the Agenda for January 18, 2007.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the January 18, 2007, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of Minutes from the Meeting on December 21, 2006.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for the December 21, 2006, 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: an update on the statewide Interagency Council on Homelessness; a summary of the Discharge Planning Summit; an overview of the Legislative Awareness Event for Homelessness; an update on the anticipated local Law Enforcement Forum; and an introduction of the timeline for the proposed 2007-2008 budget.

There was discussion on the events planned in Carson City, including participation in the tent city on February 18, 2007.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 5. Receive a report on the status of the AB580 funded "Transition from Homelessness" Programs. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Monique Harris, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth (NPHY), presented a summary report for NPHY for October through December, 2006. She also indicated a need for a 24-hour crisis center.

Pat Lau, OUTREACH Evaluator, presented the monthly OUTREACH report for December, 2006, including summaries of administrative issues, a case management overview, outcome indicators (client assistance) and a housing overview. Myrna Pili, HELP of Southern Nevada Program Manager for Homeless Services, also discussed client outcomes in the program and gave examples of specific client situations.

There was discussion on specifics contained within the report and requests for additional information such as numbers of clients in stable housing; lengths of stay in long-term housing; etc.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 6. 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 December, 2006. She also explained how the provision of services during the freezing weather the previous weekend was a good example of participation in planning for emergency shelter. Ms. West reemphasized that protocols for emergency sheltering situations would be developed that were similar to the ones created for encampment procedures.

There was discussion on methods of getting the word out to the homeless on the expanded services offered during times of extreme temperatures and on the opportunities to provide case management services.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 7. Receive a status report on the 2007 Point in Time Count. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Southern Nevada Continuum of Care (CoC) Coordinator, presented a status report on the 2007 Point-in-Time Count via a PowerPoint presentation titled "2007 Southern Nevada Winter Homeless Census." She stated that the Southern Nevada rural and outlying areas would be counted on January 30, 2007, and the Southern Nevada urban areas would be counted on January 31, 2007. The count would be

happening statewide, including Northern Nevada, at the same time on January 31. She concluded by stating that the census and survey data would be presented at the March 15 Committee on Homelessness meeting.

There was discussion on specifics of the count including volunteer needs and ages; how the panhandling portion of the telephone survey would be handled; local involvement by law enforcement, animal control, code enforcement; and training sessions offered.

George McCabe, Brown & Partners, stated that the local media had assisted in spreading the word on needing volunteers as well as continued airing of the PSA's.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 8. Receive a report on Continuum of Care. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Southern Nevada Continuum of Care (CoC) Coordinator, gave a brief history and overview of the Continuum of Care process and stated that the 2006 award allocations had not been announced by HUD as of today. She also gave specifics on some upcoming 2007 local policy changes (i.e. supplemental applications instead of letters of intent).

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

Agenda Item 9. Public Comment.

Joe Maviglia, H & E Training Schools, praised Committee members but stated he didn't necessarily agree with them. He commented on dropout youth, the job market and current economic instability; and he discussed low income housing, employment needs and restructuring the mobile home market to provide opportunities to build equity with low mortgages.

Carol Beinhorn, citizen, presented a DVD copy of her completed film "Fractured"; and she expressed additional concerns on the panhandling study. She also expressed concern on the total cost of the homeless count and suggested an alternate method.

Amanda Haymond and Simone Simpson, *Forgotten Voice*, introduced a newspaper they were developing for the homeless, formerly homeless and homeless advocates. They asked for donations and anticipate their first issue will be distributed in March; and their e-mail address is forgottenvoice@gmail.com.

Frank Perna, Homeless Advocate, commented on troop numbers being increased via the National Guard and Reserves, and as a result this will increase the number of returning vets in the homeless population and significantly increase the numbers vying for benefits that aren't there. He stated there was also an increase in undiagnosed illnesses, mental illnesses and mental damage in returning veterans, and they were being prioritized last. He expressed continued disgust at the treatment of the homeless by Mayor Goodman and other City employees, especially regarding sweeps.

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