

MEETING MINUTES
SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION'S
COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS

Thursday, February 17, 2005

In Attendance: Thom Reilly, Chair, Clark County
Rose Ann Miele, Boulder City
Susan Wright, Clark County School District
Keith Willoughby, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health
Gustano Ramos, Southern Nevada Homeless Committee
Kenny Young, City of North Las Vegas
Betsy Fretwell, City of Las Vegas

Agenda Item 1. Call to order, notice of agenda conformance with the Open Meeting Law requirements.

The SNRPC's Committee on Homelessness meeting was called to order by Thom Reilly, Chair, at 2:04 p.m., Thursday, February 17, 2005, in the North Las Vegas City Council Chambers, 2200 Civic Center Drive, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030.

The Agenda for the February 17, 2005, meeting was duly posted in compliance with the open meeting law requirements.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of the Agenda for February 17, 2005.

A motion was made to approve the agenda for February 17, 2005. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of Minutes from the November 18, 2004 meeting.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2004 meeting. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 4. Approval of the Minutes from the January 20, 2005 meeting.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2005 meeting. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 5. Receive an update on the Southern Nevada Regional Homeless Trust.

Paula Haynes-Green, Regional Homelessness Coordinator gave an update on the Southern Nevada Regional Homeless Trust. Paula announced that all signatures on the Trust Agreement are secure. United Way Compensation and Expenses were clarified as compensation for its services here after. The Trustee will be paid the sum of one percent (1%) per annum of the interest earned on Trust assets and the Trustee shall not be entitled to any other compensation except as provided by the Trust Committee. In the event that interest earned on Trust assets is insufficient to reimburse the Trustee, the Trustee shall be entitled to be reimbursed from the Trust fund upon the prior written authorization of the Trust Committee. The Trustee must submit an itemized statement to the Trust Committee with all expenses that the Trustee seeks reimbursement for. The Trustee shall not be entitled to incur any other expenses to be reimbursed by the Trust Fund. Rosemary West of the United has commenced the formation of the trust administration team. The draft of the Marketing for Brown and Partners was handed out. Paula states they are still making progress and the final version would be completed in the next few weeks and the actually proposal would go to Brown and Partners by March. Thom Reilly wanted to clarify that the agreement with Brown and Partners is pro-bono work.

Talks with potential donors are still in the works and Paula will be reporting on any potential donors in the future as they come forward.

Introduction of Las Vegas Walk of Stars, Thom Reilly states Item 5 & 6 can be taking together.

Agenda Item 6. Receive a report on the Las Vegas Walk of Stars.

Paula Haynes-Green, Regional Homelessness Coordinator gave the report on the Las Vegas Walk of Stars. Paula met with Robert Alexander, President of the Las Vegas Walk of Stars on February 1, 2005 and he stated that the issue of homeless people is an issue very near and dear to his heart and he was very excited to be a part of the contribution. Robert Alexander was not able to attend the meeting but Danny Pharmer, Vice President of the Las Vegas Walk of Stars was present. Each star unveiled shines a light on the honoree and the battle to end homelessness throughout the Las Vegas Valley. Walk of Stars has pledged \$750.00 for each star to the Trust. A presentation of oversized check was given and photos were taken with Committee members.

Thom Reilly thanks for Walk of Stars for the first check and states that this is a historic moment.

A motion was made to approve the acceptance of the check to the Trust. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 7. Receive a report on the HUD 2004 Continuum of Care Award.

Paula Haynes-Green, Regional Homelessness Coordinator gave report on the HUD 2004 Continuum of Care Award. An unprecedented amount was given from the COC for 2004 in the amount of \$5,964,776. Award includes funding for new permanent housing for chronically homeless women and families and new transitional housing for victims of domestic violence. Also includes renewing funding for nine agencies which provide an array of homeless services including, but not limited to: Emergency shelter, Permanent and transitional housing and Supportive services. Patricia Carlile, HUD's Deputy Assistant Secretary of Special Needs will be in Las Vegas to present the Award Check on February 23, 2004 at the Salvation Army Pathway's Dining Hall at 9am.

Kenny Young wanted to commend all efforts to everyone in involved. Thom Reilly also gives thanks to all cities, counties, school districts and all providers for efforts.

No motion needed for this item.

Agenda Item 8. Receive a report on the HUD 2005 Continuum of Care Application Process.

Paula Haynes-Green, Regional Homelessness Coordinator and Shawna Parker-Brody gave report on the HUD 2005 Continuum of Care Application Process. In 2004, Paula's position was a new position. She is focusing in on the new capacity; focus on the Regional Plan and the Trust and Fundraising. Request to disband the RCHHS – Committee size. Shawna states they would like to go back to a smaller group of representatives, with a larger advisory group. In 2005, they will use a CoCAC (CoC Allocations Committee) to prioritize the applications, and then a committee made up of subject matter experts CoCAB (CoC Technical Assistance Board). A hand out given to committee members with the proposal of the Southern Nevada Continuum of Care 2005 Local Process. Membership of the CoCAC will be comprised of a representative from each major stakeholder in supporting and funding homeless services in Southern Nevada: Casino, Local Business, Civic Organization, Financial Institution, Housing Developer, SNRPC Committee on Homelessness, and the grant monitoring arm of each local government. The CoCTAB will be comprised of two representative or advocates for each of the primary subpopulations of the homeless as well as one representative of various governmental services that have frequent contact with the homeless. The COCAC will be appointed by the SNRPC Committee on Homelessness. Five of the eleven slots will be filled by candidates nominated by member agencies for the Southern Nevada Homeless Coalition (SNHC). The balance of the CoCAC will consist of a member of the SNRPC Committee on Homelessness, and the managers of senior planners of Community Development departments of each of the local governments. The CoCTAB will be nominated by members of the Southern Nevada Homeless Coalition and approved by the Steering Committee of the SNHC.

Thom Reilly asked with given proposed budget put forth at federal level are these funds targeted for reduction as well. Response from Shawna is no, at the moment the discription funds are not targeted for major change.

Betsy Fretwell would like to make the recommendation that a list of nominations to be brought to the

committee in March.

A motion was made to approve with staff recommendations to recompose the Continuum of Care membership outlined in report. The motioned was seconded and approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 9. Receive a progress report on the Southern Nevada Regional Homeless and Housing Plan – Gap Analysis.

Paula Haynes-Green, Regional Homelessness Coordinator gave report on the Southern Nevada Regional Homeless and Housing Plan. Slide Presentation of the Gap Analysis presented to Committee members. Focus was on second slide; Gap Analysis Summary, Services (existing Services), and Housing (existing services).

Rose Ann Miele requesting for Paula to come out to Boulder City and give a more detail information report to Boulder City. Rose Ann will get everyone together and set up a time and date. She would like to see everyone together in this matter to get feedback and comments.

Policy Areas covered in slide show: Performance Measures, Intergovernmental Coordination/Cooperation, Service Providers Coordination/Cooperation, Capacity Building (Service Provider Focused) and Regulatory Barriers (Governmental Focus).

Paula notes that it is presented today as a “working document”, not as the ultimate treaties of all services and housing available to homeless people or unmet needs. As a “working document” it is essential that the entire community have an opportunity to review this document, reflect upon it and comment. This is not only of this document, but also the Strategies and Priorities that will be presented to this Committee in future meetings.

Betsy Fretwell states that with all the “paperwork” we stay mission driven. Also notes that in the future they want to consider the whole spectrum of low income 30% to 120% level.

A motion was made to approve the progress report on the Gap Analysis with staff recommendations; 1) A “final” Gap Analysis version given at the next Committee meeting for acceptance; 2) An Implementation plan that is prioritized or has a series of recommended priorities; and 3) Including Boulder City and other providers giving comment about the Gap Analysis. Deadline for public comments will be March 10, 2005. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 10. Receive a report on funding needs for the 2005/2006 Inclement Weather Program and Regional Homeless Coordination Project.

A motion was made to hold this item for more time for presentation until the next Committee on Homelessness meeting. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 11. Public Comment.

Frank Perna, Southern Nevada Advocate for Homeless People. Mr. Perna states he is disappointed in the Humanitarian Crisis, Ward 5. Feels as though people were just moved to Wilson Street, F Street, and Grand Central Parkway. Mr. Perna also feels that the government is not taking into consideration the Constitution. Mr. Perna states that there are 5,000 homeless people in our region that are not talked about. Frank overheard, no proof available, that North Las Vegas took some action on Owens Street across from Salvation Army. Believes this helped 45 people. Also, touches on the 1998 Land Management Act that changed April 2004.

Kenny Young is not aware of any action taken by North Las Vegas on Owens Street. Mr. Young mentions that he believes Mr. Perna is asking questions in reference to Section 7, of Land Management Act.

Thom Reilly recommends that that should be added to an agenda as an Item to be discussed at a future meeting.

Charles Bowker, Clergyman, Volunteer Chair Southern Nevada Coalition. Has not personally have verification about the action taken by North Las Vegas, but received a phone call from Thomas, coordinator at the Salvation Army who stated he received 75 people in result of the action. Mr. Bowker wanted to make two points; 1) still is requesting an Alert system, at least 72 hours prior to sweeps so they may prevent. Need more communication given, and the regional coordinator be notified, 2) Also notes that the sweeps taking place only dig a deeper hole for the homeless people. They become resistant and burnt out. The “refugees” are only being moved around to one neighborhood to another. Mr. Bowker requests maybe if 10 acres were donated to create a supervised camp so that they are able to bring in a triage center. Mr. Bowker plans on speaking with Major Rail with Salvation Army to find possibilities of setting up a supervised camp area.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:21 p.m.