MEETING MINUTES
SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION'S TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS
Thursday, March 11, 2004

In Attendance:

Virginia Valentine, Alternate, Clark County
Betsy Fretwell, City of Las Vegas
Bonnie Rinaldi, City of Henderson
Rose Ann Miele, Boulder City
Gus Ramos Jr., Southern Nevada Homeless Coalition
Chelsea Szklany, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health

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

The SNRPC's Technical Committee on Homelessness meeting was called to order by Virginia Valentine, Alternate for Clark County, at 2:46 p.m., Thursday, March 11, 2004, in the Las Vegas Valley Water District's Mead 2 Conference Room.

The Agenda for the March 11, 2004, meeting was duly posted in compliance with the open meeting law requirements.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of the Agenda for March 11, 2004.

A motion was made to approve the agenda for March 11, 2004. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the February 28, 2004, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 4. <u>Discuss changing the name of the Homeless Technical Committee to the Committee on Homelessness; take any necessary action.</u>

Each member received a copy of the Overview of SNRPC w/Renamed Committees sheet (Exhibit A). Paula Haynes-Green, Clark County, informed the members that there has been quite a bit of confusion with the names of the current committees under the SNRPC; therefore, it is proposed that the Technical Committee on Homelessness' name be changed to the Committee on Homelessness. Also, regarding the new Continuum of Care Committee, at Ms. Rinaldi's suggestion, the Committee's name is proposed to be the Regional Committee on Housing and Human Services to encompass the types of issues the committee will address.

A motion was made to approve the name changes. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 5. <u>Receive a report on the proposed interim and comprehensive plans for regional homelessness; take any necessary action.</u>

Each member received a copy of the 2004 Continuum of Care Process and Regulatory Requirements (Exhibit B); The Nominees for the Regional Committee on Housing and Human Services and Committee Policies and Procedures (Exhibit C); The 2004 Southern Nevada Process for the Federal Continuum of Care Competition Applicant Preference Point Self-Scoring Worksheet (Exhibit D); and The Regional Homeless Services Funding Needs (Exhibit E). Ms. Haynes-Green stated that one of the main challenges with the Continuum of Care was that the cities did not meet a number of the threshold and statutory requirements. One of the requirements is that an effective continuum of care be established. In order to do this an overall planning process must be established that is well coordinated with clear leadership. Referring to Exhibit C, Ms. Haynes-Green stated that the nominees are proposed to be selected to be the permanent committee that would comply with HUD's guidelines. Included in the committee's policies and procedures, is the authority to establish subcommittees and to meet regularly during the year. It also allows for continued work through the Regional Coordinator and other governmental entities to make sure that items that are adopted by the committee will be within HUD guidelines. Staff is requesting that the Technical Committee approve the categories for the Regional Committee on Housing and Human Services and if there are any changes to the nominees, provided that the changes are within the approved category, that staff be allowed to make the change without coming before the Technical Committee for approval. Referring to Exhibit C, Ms. Haynes Green stated that she was informed today that the representative for Boulder City would be Joyce Brozovich, the Director of the Homestead of Boulder City. Referring to Exhibit B, Ms. Haynes Green presented the 2004 Continuum of Care Process and Regulatory Requirements. The presentation included: Regulatory Requirements; Threshold: Effective Community Process; Gap Analysis; Project Selection Process; Mainstream Resources; Other Goals of the CoC; and the Continuum of Care Application Deadline. After her presentation, Ms. Haynes Green requested approval of the categories of the nominees and the general policies and procedures (Exhibit C), approval of the continuum of care scoring worksheet (Exhibit D), and funding of the Regional Homeless Services Funding Needs (Exhibit E).

Ms. Fretwell suggested adding a decentralized intake facility as part of the mainstream resource access method. Also, Ms. Fretwell requested that discussion be held, at a future Technical Committee meeting, on what the Technical Committee envision their role is in regards to support of the efforts of the Committee on Housing and Committee Services. Ms. Haynes Green stated that meeting dates will also have to be

coordinated between each committee. Answering a question regarding identifying the areas of duplication of services, Ms. Haynes Green stated that the Committee on Housing and Committee Services would be tasked with the project. Mr. Ramos suggested using the SNHC as the forum to bring services providers together to discuss topics such as duplication of services.

A motion was made and seconded to make the above presentation the mandate and mission of the Committee on Housing and Human Services. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 6. Appoint representatives to the Regional Committee on Housing and Human Services, and discuss committee policies and procedures; take any necessary action.

Ms. Haynes Green stated that agenda items 5 and 6 are interrelated.

A motion was made and seconded to create the 22 position Housing and Human Services Committee with the individuals that are specified in Exhibit C, stipulating that the members listed can name an alternate in their place and that membership be limited to individuals who are not applicants through the Continuum of Care Process. Regarding HACA (Henderson Allied Community Advocates), it was suggested that this agency's nomination be held until an alternative nomination could be determined. Therefore, the motion was amended that staff, in the bylaw development, create a "firewall" so that members of the committee disclose and abstain based on their competition for funding. Ms. Fretwell also requested that the issue be revisited in 6 months. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 7. Select date, time and location for the next Committee on Homelessness meeting.

A suggestion was made to tentatively schedule the next meeting for the 2nd Thursday in April, 2004 at 2:30 p.m., at the Las Vegas Valley Water District (LVVWD). If the LVVWD is not available the members will be notified of the location.

Agenda Item 8. Public Comment.

Mr. Ramos supplied each member with a copy of a letter that will be submitted to the Nevada Congressional Delegation on March 16, 2004, in Washington in conjunction with the National Association of Housing. Mr. Ramos informed the members that five housing authorities of Nevada will attend the meeting to provide a position paper regarding the Housing Authority's perspective. The SNHC stated their position regarding their perspective of the proposed 2005 budget. The SNHC believes that it is "taking from Peter to pay Paul" and is specifically concerned with the extent of the effect on the Section-8 voucher program.

Agenda Item 9. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.