

## MEETING MINUTES

### COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS

#### SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

April 20, 2006

**In attendance:**

Thom Reilly, CHAIR, Clark County  
Theodore Moody, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department  
Adrienne Cox, Focus Las Vegas  
Keith Willoughby, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services  
Rose Ann Miele, City of Boulder City  
Orlando Sanchez, City of Las Vegas  
Kenny Young, City of North Las Vegas  
Danielle Turner, Alternate, City of Henderson  
Frank Butterfield, Southern Nevada Homeless Coalition  
Marcia Evans, Veteran's Administration

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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 Kenny Young, City of North Las Vegas, at 2:09 p.m., on Thursday, April 20, 2006, in the North Las Vegas City Council Chambers, 2200 Civic Center Drive, North Las Vegas, Nevada.

The agenda for the April 20, 2006, meeting was duly posted in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law requirements.

**Agenda Item 2. Approval of the Agenda for April 20, 2006.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the April 20, 2006, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Thom Reilly, Clark County, had not arrived yet.

**Agenda Item 3. Approval of Minutes from the Meeting on March 16, 2006.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for the March 16, 2006, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Thom Reilly, Clark County, had not arrived yet.

**Agenda Item 4. Accept the resignation of committee members and the appointment of new committee members. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.**

Shannon West, Regional Homeless Coordinator, stated that Gregory Rose, City of North Las Vegas, had resigned and would be replaced by Maryann Ustick; Betsy Fretwell, City of Las Vegas, had resigned and would be replaced by Orlando Sanchez; and Reverend Charles Bowker, Southern Nevada Homeless Coalition, had resigned and would be replaced by Frank Butterfield.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the three resignations and new appointments. The motion was approved unanimously. Thom Reilly, Clark County, had not arrived yet.

**Agenda Item 8. Receive a report on the status of the AB580 funded “Transition from Homelessness” Programs. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.**

A motion was made and seconded to move agenda item 8 (AB580 funded “Transition from Homelessness”) before agenda item 5 (Homeless Management Information System). The motion was approved unanimously. Thom Reilly, Clark County, had not arrived yet.

Shannon West, Regional Homeless Coordinator, introduced Kathleen Boutin, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth (NPHY), and Terrie Stanfill, HELP of Southern Nevada (representing the OUTREACH consortium), who presented the first quarterly reports on the two AB580 funded “Transition from Homelessness” programs.

Ms. Boutin summarized the progress made thus far by NPHY; and Ms. Stanfill summarized the progress made by OUTREACH and presented an OUTREACH Resource for Homeless Clients that summarized contact information, locations, etc. for many of the service programs Valley-wide.

Pat Lau, OUTREACH Management Analyst and Evaluator, presented a “Comprehensive Coordinated Homeless Services” report, covering November 2005 through March 2006, which reported various client outcomes and illustrated some early trends.

Thom Reilly, Clark County, recommended including a breakdown of the noncompliant, etc. clients totaling 33% in the report, and he recommended looking into and comparing this program with other similar programs nationwide. Mr. Reilly asked for a detailed report of exactly how the \$2 million had been spent and suggested that an interim report could be given to the Legislative Council Bureau after June 30.

Adrienne Cox, Focus Las Vegas, recommended getting a collective assessment from some of the primary workers within the programs on how the money is being spent and whether it is being allocated properly. Mr. Reilly added a recommendation to begin looking into perpetuating funding and continuing it on a local level.

Ms. Lau responded that an external relations area had been added to expand domains from only healthcare and social service to local media, private businesses, etc. via a press kit that was being developed.

Frank Butterfield, Southern Nevada Homeless Coalition, asked for a comparison of the cost per person per contact versus the cost per person for success.

There was discussion on getting the word out on encampments and interventions and the continuing successes on handling them multijurisdictionally with all the different agencies.

Linda Lera-Randle El, Straight From the Streets, introduced James Walker, private citizen, who shared anecdotal stories on his background and successes.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

Dr. Leroy Pelton, Homeless Advocate, asked about specific outcomes on the report tables and about tracking people once they’ve left the encampments; and Mr. Reilly recommended he meet with Ms. Lau and Ms. West after the meeting.

**Agenda Item 5. Receive an update on the Homeless Management Information System. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.**

Shannon West, Regional Homeless Coordinator, presented the “Regional Response to Homelessness” flowchart and introduced Rob Herzdig who presented several HMIS Data Export utilization and demographic reports.

There was discussion on the importance of providers inputting information correctly and the effects on the quality of data and its utilization.

Ms. West discussed how many providers have to input data into multiple programs that don’t currently interface with each other, and she presented the “HMIS Working Group Strategic Plan-April 2006.”

A motion was made and seconded to have the Evaluation Group develop legislative recommendations and have the legislative liaisons from the jurisdictions join in on their development. The motion also included approving the HMIS Strategic Plan. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 6. Receive a report on the development of the Public Awareness Campaign. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.**

Shannon West, Regional Homeless Coordinator, and George McCabe, Brown & Partners, gave a PowerPoint presentation titled “Regional Approach to Homelessness-Public Awareness Campaign.”

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

**Agenda Item 7. Receive a report on and funding recommendations for the Inclement Weather Shelter Program. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.**

Shannon West, Regional Homeless Coordinator, presented an “Inclement Weather Shelter RFP Overview” and the “Inclement Weather Shelter Award Recommendations FY2006-2007” totaling \$482,360 which requires an award adjustment of \$36,860 to be covered by Clark County Social Service.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the current Inclement Weather Shelter recommendations and authorize Shannon West, Regional Homeless Coordinator, to explore additional women’s beds to be brought back for consideration at a future date. The motion was approved unanimously. Orlando Sanchez, City of Las Vegas; Theodore Moody, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department; and Marcia Evans, Veteran’s Administration, had left already, but a majority was still present.

Dr. Leroy Pelton, Homeless Advocate, commented on the low number of men’s beds and alternate women’s beds at Salvation Army and on Catholic Charities’ facilities. He also asked how the motel bed program worked; and Thom Reilly and Ms. West responded on the flexibility of the program and on the providers. Dr. Pelton asked if there were more or less beds than last year; and Ms. West responded there were fewer at this time, but there were more locations (i.e. Henderson and Boulder City), and she would be looking into getting more women’s beds.

Thomas, Salvation Army, clarified that of the 76 beds, 46 were for men and 30 were for women, and there were an additional 110 free mats on the floor year-round.

**Agenda Item 9. Receive an update on the 2006 Continuum of Care competition process.**  
**Recommended action - Take any necessary action.**

Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Clark County Social Service, gave an update on the 2006 Continuum of Care (CoC) competition process, including current concerns and the timeline.

There was discussion on meeting the concerns, especially on programs for new Permanent Housing and for the Chronically Homeless.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

**Agenda Item 10. Public Comment.**

Gina Middleton, private citizen, commented on a talk show she hosted on KLAV radio and about public awareness.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.