

# MEETING MINUTES

## COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS

### SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

June 15, 2006

**In attendance:**

Thom Reilly, CHAIR, Clark County  
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  
Maryann Ustick, City of North Las Vegas  
Skeet Fitzgerald, City of Henderson  
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 Thom Reilly, Chair, Clark County, at 2:03 p.m., on Thursday, June 15, 2006, in the North Las Vegas City Council Chambers, 2200 Civic Center Drive, North Las Vegas, Nevada.

The agenda for the June 15, 2006, meeting was duly posted in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law requirements.

**Agenda Item 2. Approval of the Agenda for June 15, 2006.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the June 15, 2006, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 3. Approval of Minutes from the Meeting on May 18, 2006.**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for the May 18, 2006, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 4. Receive an update on the development of the Public Awareness Campaign. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.**

Shannon West, Regional Homeless Coordinator, Jason Gray, Strategic Solutions, and George McCabe, Brown & Partners, gave an update on the Public Awareness Campaign via a PowerPoint presentation titled "Regional Approach to Homelessness – Public Awareness Campaign, June 15, 2006."

There was discussion by Adrienne Cox, Focus Las Vegas, Skeet Fitzgerald, City of Henderson, and Mr. Gray about specifics related to the e-mail/online survey for business owners (i.e. what it will involve, number of expected responses, how long to complete it, etc.). A recommendation was made to e-mail a copy of the survey to each of the Committee members.

There was discussion by Thom Reilly, Clark County, Ms. West and Mr. McCabe about branding and using the five key messages as slogans.

There was discussion by the Committee on developing statistics to show progress, the importance of identifying someone to “champion the cause” and the status of donations to-date to the Homeless Trust Fund.

There was discussion by the Committee on the possibility of either changing meeting locations to facilitate television taping and broadcast on Clark County or the City of Las Vegas’ public access channels or continue having the meetings in North Las Vegas and having a remote crew tape and broadcast from there.

A motion was made and seconded to direct Shannon West to investigate which venues might be feasible to conduct future Committee on Homelessness meetings for airing on one of the local public access television stations. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 5. Receive a report on and funding recommendations for the Inclement Weather Shelter Program. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.**

Shannon West, Regional Homeless Coordinator, gave an update on the Inclement Weather Shelter Program, including funding and contract provider approval by the SNRPC Board. She also discussed the overall expansion of the number of program beds and presented initial numbers of people served, to-date, at several shelters (i.e. Catholic Charities).

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

**Agenda Item 6. Receive a report on the status of the AB580 funded “Transition from Homelessness” Programs. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.**

Shannon West, Regional Homeless Coordinator, reminded the Committee that all money would be spent by the end of the month, and the new fiscal year would begin as of July 1.

Pat Lau, OUTREACH Management Analyst, presented the “OUTREACH Monthly Report: May 2006” and summarized efforts (i.e. new community relationships) thus far. She also agreed that AB580 information, especially some of the outcome indicators, should be included in the public relations plan.

Linda Lera-Randle El, Straight From the Streets, shared anecdotal information on behalf of Edward Christiansen. She also stated she approved of Annie Wilson, the new Metro liaison, and commented on the importance of discharge planning from jail.

There was discussion by the Committee on handicap accessibility for the homeless in the shelters, the possibility of press coverage to show the complexity and importance of case management, and the continuing multijurisdictional success of interventions related to encampments.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

**Agenda Item 7. Receive an update on the 2006 Continuum of Care competition process. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.**

Michelle Fuller-Hallauer, Clark County Social Service Continuum of Care (CoC) Coordinator, presented the final completed CoC application packet, including all supplemental information used toward prioritization, and summarized the application status via a PowerPoint presentation titled “2006 Continuum of Care Application.”

Shannon West, Regional Homeless Coordinator, commented on the importance of an accurate homeless count and discussed an RFP being developed for conducting a regional homeless and shelter count with appropriate

methodology recommendations and community inputs as well as inclusion of a panhandling survey.

A motion was made and seconded to direct Shannon West to pull together existing legislative packages from all municipalities as relates to homelessness and/or social service relating to the population, as well as any other ideas to support, and present them at July's meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Agenda Item 8. Public Comment.**

There were no public comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.