

MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS

SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

October 8, 2009

In attendance:

Nancy McLane, Alternate Chair, Clark County
Jodie Gerson, Alternate, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services
Rose Ann Miele, City of Boulder City
Adrienne Cox, Adrienne Cox Consulting
Annie Wilson, Alternate, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
Orlando Sanchez, City of Las Vegas
Gina Gavan, Nevada Homeless Alliance

Absent:

Stuart Ghertner, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services
Gary Schofield, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
Maryann Ustick, Chair, City of North Las Vegas
Skeet Fitzgerald, City of Henderson
Myra Berkovits, Clark County School District
Mark Smasal, Veterans Administration

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 Nancy McLane, Alternate Chair, Clark County, at 2:04 p.m., on Thursday, October 8, 2009, in City Council Chambers, City of North Las Vegas City Hall, 2200 Civic Center Drive, North Las Vegas, Nevada.

The agenda for the October 8, 2009, meeting was duly posted in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law requirements.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of the Agenda for October 8, 2009.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the October 8, 2009, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Orlando Sanchez, City of Las Vegas, had not arrived yet although quorum was met without him.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of Minutes from the Meeting on September 10, 2009.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2009, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Orlando Sanchez, City of Las Vegas, had not arrived yet.

Agenda Item 4. Receive an update from the Regional Homeless Services Coordinator. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Continuum of Care Coordinator, gave a progress update including: September's Inclement Weather Shelter reports including HMIS generated reports; the Salvation Army's new hours of operation are from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and they had to drop their morning shelter program because of budget cuts; the Summer Day Shelter program officially ended on September 30, 2009, but staff is

evaluating how to continue services since an increased number of people continue to be seen; a Faith Based Summit will be held on November 6, 2009, at Trinity Life Center from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; and Project Homeless Connect will be held on November 10, 2009, at Cashman Field from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and volunteers are requested to call 455-5188 or go to www.helphopehome.org.

Sue Markham, Salvation Army, stated that their courtyard was open although people could not enter the building until 11:00; and she commented that there was a significant shortage in restroom facilities because of only one port-a-potty and no water or other refreshments were available.

There was discussion by the Committee about where people are going since Salvation Army closed in the morning; people having nowhere to go between 5:30 and 10:30 a.m. when Catholic Charities begins offering breakfast; costs to reopen during the morning at Salvation Army; and options for providing additional port-a-potties and/or water.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

Nancy McLane, Clark County, recommended cancelling the November Committee on Homelessness meeting as it conflicted with Project Homeless Connect.

There was no discussion by the Committee; and a motion was made and seconded to cancel November's Committee on Homelessness meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 5. Approve recommendations for the 2009 Continuum of Care application and receive an update on the process. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Continuum of Care Coordinator, gave an update on the 2009 Continuum of Care application process and funding recommendations via a PowerPoint presentation titled "CoC Evaluation Working Group". She reported that the final application was due to HUD by November 9, 2009; and the total amount of funding requested before evaluation was \$8.8 million and the total amount requested in the final application packet after evaluation was \$6.2 million.

There was discussion by the Committee about the differences in costs for various programs; whether the price differences reflected differences in levels of provided service; increased numbers of funding options reflected (i.e. veterans, families including young children, mentally ill, etc.); shift in funding to reflect the changing local demographics (i.e. more families, youth, veterans, etc.) in addition to matching HUD's requirements; and this year's application seems especially strong and competitive.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the funding recommendations for the 2009 Continuum of Care application. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 6. Receive an update from Clark County Social Services on the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Program (HPRP) funding. Recommended action - Take any necessary action.

Nancy McLane, Clark County, gave an update from Clark County Social Services on the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Program including: Clark County Social Services became the lead funding agency at the September 15, 2009, Board of County Commissioners (BCC) meeting; a revised RFP would be released on October 14 with hearings held on October 21 and a closing date of October 28, 2009; final recommendations would be presented at the November 17, 2009, BCC meeting; and HMIS would be required of all applicants so the No Wrong Door policy would be implemented.

There was discussion by the Committee about avoiding redundancies; what happened with the original

recommendation to have Lutheran Social Services and HELP of Southern Nevada co-lead the program; and the funding ultimately being awarded to Clark County Social Services to ensure the money stayed in the community.

No motion or action was required on this agenda item.

Agenda Item 7. Public Comment.

Angela Quinn, St. Jude's Ranch, presented backup from St. Jude's Ranch that was included in their Continuum of Care submittal; and she commented on the overall evaluation process, required meetings and attendance qualifications.

Terry Lindeman, Family Promise, and Phillip Hollon, Catholic Charities, announced that the Call Home for the Holidays Program would begin on December 12, 2009. They also announced a "God Lives In Glass" benefit on October 24 and 25, 2009, at the Nicholas J. Horn Theatre.

Danielle Dreitzer, HopeLink, announced a "Truly Duly Musical" benefit by U.S. Vets on November 19, 21 and 22, 2009. She asked if the BCC would have to vote again on the new recommendations on November 17; and Nancy McLane, Clark County, responded that they would.

Tina Prieto, Women's Development Center, commented on their program.

Phillip Hollon, Catholic Charities, stated that their Summer Day Shelter had been extended by a week, and they were seeing approximately 150 people per day. He also announced that United Way had to cut some of their provided services including meals.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.