

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS

SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL PLANNING COALITION

November 24, 2009

In attendance:

Nancy McLane, Alternate Chair, Clark County
Jodie Gerson, Alternate, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services
Gina Gavan, Nevada Homeless Alliance
Mike Husted, Alternate, City of Henderson
Kenny Young, Alternate, City of North Las Vegas
Rose Ann Miele, City of Boulder City
Adrienne Cox, Adrienne Cox Consulting
Myra Berkovits, Clark County School District
Annie Wilson, Alternate, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department

Absent:

Stuart Ghertner, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services
Skeet Fitzgerald, City of Henderson
Maryann Ustick, Chair, City of North Las Vegas
Gary Schofield, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
Orlando Sanchez, City of Las Vegas
Mark Smasal, Veterans Administration

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

The special meeting of the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition Committee on Homelessness was called to order by Nancy McLane, Alternate Chair, Clark County, at 2:01 p.m., on Tuesday, November 24, 2009, in Commission Chambers in the Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada.

The agenda for the special November 24, 2009, meeting was duly posted in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law requirements.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of the Agenda for November 24, 2009.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the special November 24, 2009, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 3. Approve revised recommendations for the 2009 Continuum of Care local 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 (CoC) local application process and reported that Caminar submitted a renewal project proposal after the CoC application deadline (that was not included in the original application packet), and they (Caminar) requested to be included in the final application submittal to HUD. Ms. Fuller-Hallauer stated that the Technical Working Group's recommendation was that Caminar not be included in the final application submittal to HUD and that their original funding recommendations be upheld as approved at the October 8, 2009, Committee on Homelessness meeting.

Charles Huggins and James Stamper, Caminar, reiterated their request that Caminar be included in the final application to HUD, and they explained that a loss in funding would mean they could no longer serve their existing clients.

There was discussion by the Committee about other providers expressing their willingness to absorb all clients who would lose Caminar's services; the importance of adhering to existing application processes and upholding established deadlines especially since no clients would be displaced; and whether the overall application to HUD would be strengthened if Caminar was included.

The Committee questioned Mr. Huggins and Mr. Stamper about why they missed all application deadlines especially if funding was critical; and what Caminar intended to do if their request was not granted.

A motion was made and seconded to approve and uphold the original funding recommendations from October 8, 2009, for the 2009 Continuum of Care (CoC) application and to approve Nancy McLane, Clark County, sign a letter of explanation (of why Caminar was not recommended) to be included in the CoC application to HUD. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 4. Public Comment.

Adrienne Cox, Adrienne Cox Consulting, commented on how she has first-hand experience with assisting a friend avoid homelessness and how the collaborative efforts are working toward keeping people away from homelessness.

Tina Prieto, Women's Development Center, stated her approval of the Committee's decision to uphold the original Continuum of Care recommendations.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.