SOUTHERN NEVADA HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
April 9, 2025

In attendance:

Amy Jones, Community Provider
Angela Ranck, HMIS Lead
Dr. Albert D. Chavez, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada
Arcelia Barajas, City of Las Vegas
Brenda Barnes, CoC Director, Collaborative Applicant
Donica Martinez, Lived X Consultants
Elizabeth Jarman, Veterans Administration
Jamie Sorenson, Clark County, NV
Kevin Murray, SilverSummit Healthplan
Lauren Boitel, ImpactNV
Lisa Corrado, City of Henderson
Martin Castro, Lived X Consultants
Miguel Davila Uzcategui, Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada
PJ Moore, Coordinated Entry Lead Entity
Sally Moore, City of North Las Vegas

Absent: Davion Smith, Youth Action Board

Agenda Item 1. Call to Order.
The meeting of the Southern Nevada Homelessness Continuum of Care Board was called to order at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9th 2025, at the Clark County Government Center.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of the minutes from the April 2nd , 2025 SNHCoC Board meeting; for possible action.
Liz Jarman made a motion to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Agenda with the inclusion of any emergency items and deletion of any items; for possible action
A motion was made to approve the agenda. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 4. Receive a report on the Continuum of Care Core Committee, Youth Action Board, and the Lived X Team; for possible action.
Donica Martinez, Board Member, Lived X Consultants, provided an update on the activities of the Lived X Team. Lived X is continuing to move forward with the Safe Comping Ordinance surveys, The team will continue surveying folks through the weekend.

Agenda Item 5. Receive a report on the activities of the Collaborative Applicant; for possible action.
Brenda Barnes, Collaborative Applicant provided an update on the 2025 grant agreements and new exaecutive orders. The Collaborative Applicant has received the first grant award agreement for HMIS. The CoC grant award agreements contain new conditions and requirements, not present in prior awards. As recommended by the national stakeholders the CoC team has connected with legal council to review these changes. In addition to compliance with the normal laws and requirements, the agreement required adherence to all current federal executive orders.
Angela Ranck, HMIS Lead, provided information on how the new grant award agreement will impact HMIS. In January, discussions focused on the HMIS budget, with 65% of grant funding allocated to licenses. Accepting the new award has major implications for HMIS access and use, especially in ensuring compliance to avoid funding loss, which would impact data processes like the HMIS system. The award includes several executive order-related requirements such as the Hyde Amendment (funds not for elective abortions), No real impact; Mission American & energy policy, No real impact; Gender ideology policy requires cautious handling of sex and gender data. Although Nevada law mandates reporting of gender and sexual orientation annually, this information can still be collected/stored in HMIS, but not used for program eligibility or fund allocation; Immigration-related order more impactful. Prohibits use of funds for undocumented individuals and requires verification through the federal SAVE (Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements) database before providing housing or financial assistance. Initial plans include adding compliance language to agency agreements and engaging the community to finalize how these changes are implemented.

Board members expressed concern that by complying with this executive order, the perception would be that we are enforcing this administration's immigration policy.
Lauren Boitel, Board Member, ImpactNV, asked "Where does the liability fall?"
Angela Ranck, HMIS lead, responded "We will be adding this as a requirement to our agency agreement which every agency has to sign on and agree to and then each agency does need to monitor their users and their staff."
Arcelia Barajas, Board Member, stated "If we start doing this, I think that we should have some kind of disclaimer that people that are undocumented know that this information will be shared."
Lauren Boitel, Board Member, ImpactNV, stated "I would recommend that we accept the funds, but I think there should be a public statement from the board saying that we understand our mission is to provide housing and to make homelessness brief,a one time rare for all residents of Southern Nevada and that we are very concerned about this executive order. But we feel the need to accept the federal funds to ensure that we can fulfill our mission and we will direct staff and our committees and support them to be as effective as possible in creating a more flexible routing system for non federal funds."
The Board voted in favor of accepting the funds, and making the recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners.
Brenda Barnes, Collaborative Applicant, discussed the SNHCoC planning grant. As requested at the last Board meeting, the CoC team shared a breakdown of the 2022, 2023, and SNOFO planning grant. The team is in planning stages of increasing the Lived X Team by expanding the number of full time Lived X team members as well as support for HPS. The balance of the planning grant will also be used to fund the Youth Action Board (YAB) as they are losing funding in September. The community may be losing SNOFO planning grant funds if the grant isn't renewed and some of the needs will need to be absorbed in the general planning grant. When asked by Board members Sally Moore, Arcelia Barajas, and Lisa Corrado, if recommendations could be made to planning grant spending, Brenda Barnes, Collaborative Applicant, provided the clarification that recommendations may be considered however, planning grant spenditures are the responsibility of the Collaborative Applicant while NOFO project funding priorities are the responsibility of the Board. The Board requested to review the planning grant quarterly in a non-excel format.

Agenda Item 6. Discuss the SNHCoC Monitoring Plan; for possible action.
The CoC team sent out a one page memorandum that contained an overview of the SNHCoC Monitoring plan. Board members reviewed the plan prior to the April 9th Board meeting.
Kevin Murray, Board Member, Silver Summit Health, asked "Are there performance metrics for high performing agencies that meet quality indicators.So that we have a scale for the monitoring plan, is there any performance or value based metrics for implementing a monitoring plan out of funding?"
Hayley Jarolimek, Alternate Board Member, City of Henderson, asked "How do you make it fair for new sub grantees who may have a shorter performance period."
Stacey Murphy, Consultant, Elaine de Coligny Consulting, responded "There is no review and rank process this year, so if your program or any other programs are new in starting up, if somehow that is reflected in any aspect of the monitoring, it will not be a punitive thing."
The Board voted to approve the Monitoring Plan.

Agenda Item 7. Planning and Implementation steps for upcoming Meet and Greet; for possible action.
Board members discussed the planning for the upcoming Meet and Greet. The City of Henderson (COH) staff shared the agenda for the upcomg meet and greet and the Board discussed meeting design and logistics. CoC staff will update the Bios on HelpHopeHome.org.

Agenda Item 8. Identify emerging issues to be addressed by staff or by the Board at future meetings, and direct staff accordingly; for possible action.
Board members discussed the membership spotlight survey. Due to the lack of participation, the CoC team will send out a reminder email about the survey to the community. The Board also addressed how to support new agencies or organizations that are new to the CoC. The Board will identify a group of individuals within the membership to serve on a leadership team and act as a mentor to those new to the CoC.

Agenda Item 9. Adjournment
Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.