

**SOUTHERN NEVADA HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF CARE MEMBERSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
July 16, 2026**

Agenda Item 1. Call to Order.

The meeting of the Southern Nevada Homelessness Continuum of Care Board was called to order at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 14th, 2026, at United Way of Southern Nevada.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of May 14th, 2026 SNHCoc Membership Meeting Minutes. for possible action.

Item was approved.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Agenda with the inclusion of any emergency items and deletion of any items. for possible action.

Agenda was approved.

Agenda Item 4. Receive a report on activities of the Collaborative Applicant; for possible action.

Monique Cardenas, Collaborative Applicant Team, provided an update on the current CoC competition. The competition opened on July 22, followed by a mandatory bidders conference. Renewal applicants were required to submit their renewal applications by the previous week and were evaluated against the minimum threshold established by the Board. Renewal projects receiving a score of at least 70 and meeting eligibility requirements will be considered for Tier 1 funding, with final decisions to be made by the Scoring and Ranking Team. New applicants submitted pre-applications and were notified whether they met the minimum threshold to proceed to the full application stage. Full applications are due tomorrow at 12:00 p.m. through the ZoomGrants platform. Applicants were reminded that this deadline is firm and that applications submitted after noon will not be reviewed and will be considered ineligible. Because staff will not be working Friday, applicants were encouraged to contact staff with any questions by the end of the day. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) remain available on the website, and the FAQ period will close today.

Oprah Dean, Collaborative Applicant Team, provided an update on the Scoring and Ranking Team. The Scoring and Ranking Team (SRT) will begin reviewing applications on July 23 and continue through August 3, with training provided to SRT members during the review period. E-SNAPS office hours were also made available; however, HUD has not yet released the E-SNAPS application instructions. If HUD does not release the materials by the scheduled office-hour dates, applicants will be notified of the updated schedule. The Collaborative Applicant application has also not yet been released in E-SNAPS. Applicants are expected to receive their preliminary ratings and scores on August 6. An appeal period will follow, after which the final recommended funding list will be presented to the CoC Board for approval on August 19. The Collaborative Applicant thanked the community for its participation, patience, responsiveness, and hard work throughout the competition process and expressed appreciation for the effort applicants have put into completing their applications. The Scoring and Ranking Team recruitment process was discussed. Oprah Dean reported that she is leading recruitment efforts and that, at this time, seven individuals have expressed interest in serving on the team. Multiple outreach efforts have been conducted, including a Listserv message and emails to the community, but additional participation is needed due to the significant workload associated with reviewing and scoring applications. Community members were encouraged to reach out to individuals who may be interested, particularly those who do not have a conflict of interest. Although the initial recruitment deadline was the previous day, additional names would still be accepted through the end of the day. Interested individuals will receive information regarding the Scoring and Ranking Team's responsibilities, along with required documents, including a survey and conflict-of-interest form. Once the team is finalized, a training session is tentatively scheduled for the following week. Individuals interested in participating were asked to email Help Hope Home, and their information will be forwarded to Oprah Dean for follow-up and next steps.

Brenda Herbstman, Senior Grants Coordinator with Clark County Social Services, provided an update on the CoC Builds application. HUD released the CoC Builds opportunity concurrently with the local CoC solicitation and provided approximately 30 days for communities to submit applications. The Southern Nevada community is eligible to apply for approximately \$11 million to increase permanent supportive housing (PSH). Of this amount, approximately \$8 million may be used for construction or rehabilitation, \$2.2 million may be used for ongoing supportive services and rental assistance, and up to \$1 million may be used for administrative costs. HUD encourages communities to identify other funding sources over time to support ongoing service costs. Due to the abbreviated application timeline, a competitive local process was not conducted. Instead, organizations interested in participating were invited to meet and discuss the CoC Builds requirements and potential project. The City of North Las Vegas, Family Promise, US Vets, and New Foundation participated in the discussion. Applicants were required to have site control of a property and commit to developing permanent supportive housing. Following the discussion, the group agreed that US Vets would move forward with the proposed project using property currently controlled by the City of North Las Vegas. The proposed project would prioritize veterans and older adults, which would provide additional points under the CoC Builds scoring criteria and strengthen the community's competitiveness for funding. US Vets is currently working with its national organization to identify additional funding sources. Although the CoC Builds award would provide approximately \$11 million, the total estimated cost of developing the proposed 30-unit PSH project is approximately \$28–\$30 million. Community partners were encouraged to support US Vets' efforts to secure additional funding and

resources if the project is awarded. HUD is expected to make approximately eight awards nationally, and the community expressed optimism about the competitiveness of the proposed project.

Angela Ranck, HMIS Lead, provided an update on the Governance Charter. The Charter update process was discussed, including the requirement for an annual review and update of the Charter. The Charter has been undergoing a comprehensive review and update process since December 2020, which has included reviewing community comments, resolving and distributing responses to those comments, receiving additional feedback, and awaiting federal clarification on certain requirements before finalizing the updates. Those outstanding matters have now been resolved, and the updated Charter and all related appendices are ready to be distributed to voting members for approval. The Charter and supporting documents will be distributed electronically via email to all voting members, along with information and context regarding the approval process. The materials are expected to be sent out shortly. Voting members were encouraged to monitor their email for the forthcoming materials. An update on the status of the Charter, including whether it has been approved in full or in part, is expected to be provided at the next Membership meeting.

Agenda Item 5. Receive a report on activities of the HMIS Lead; for possible action.

Angela Ranck, HMIS Lead, provided an update The quarterly review period for additional HMIS license requests is beginning. An email with instructions and request information will be sent to agency data leads this week. Agencies currently using HMIS that need additional licenses due to new staff, organizational expansion, or other changes should monitor their agency data lead's email for the request materials. Agencies with multiple data leads are asked to submit one consolidated request per agency to avoid duplicate or fragmented requests and to assist the committee in reviewing requests and making timely decisions. An update was also provided regarding the transition to the new HMIS user interface. The new interface was introduced to the community in 2024 and became the default interface in 2025. The previous interface will be retired effective October 1, 2026. While the HMIS team continues to transition and build out functionality, certain modules may temporarily remain accessible through the legacy interface while development is completed. The new interface offers additional functionality and usability improvements, and agencies are encouraged to begin becoming familiar with the system now rather than waiting until the transition deadline. Several resources are available to support implementation, including agency communications, HMIS Help Center resources, how-to guides, self-paced training through the Learning Management System, and live community training sessions. From July through October, the community's office hours and training sessions held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month will focus specifically on the new interface. Agencies are encouraged to have staff participate in these trainings and complete the available self-paced resources to ensure they are comfortable navigating the system before the October 1 transition. Agencies were also encouraged to support implementation by communicating the upcoming changes internally, providing staff with time to complete training, and actively using the new interface. Users should report any issues or functionality concerns to Nevada Bitfocus rather than assuming an issue has already been identified. Users are also encouraged to retry functions after reporting an issue, as some problems may be resolved quickly while development continues. Feedback regarding additional support needs is also encouraged, as recurring concerns may result in additional training or individualized assistance. The overall goal is to ensure agencies have the resources and support necessary to successfully transition to the new HMIS interface and avoid disruptions to their work.

Agenda Item 8. Receive a report on the activities of the Continuum of Care Committees, Youth Action Board, and Lived X; for possible action.

Co-Chair Kelly Rupp, Veterans Administration, The RISE Assessment training has begun, with the RISE Assessment scheduled to launch on July 20. Housing Problem-Solving trainings are also being conducted monthly, with the next sessions scheduled for the following week. The Coordinated Entry team will begin developing policies and procedures (P&P) for Coordinated Entry and will continue monitoring data following the RISE Assessment launch while providing ongoing support to the community. A survey will also be distributed in the coming months to gather feedback from assessors and Agency Data Leads regarding the implementation and overall experience with the new assessment. The in-person RISE Assessment trainings have been going well, with participants actively engaging, asking questions, and demonstrating enthusiasm about learning and implementing the new assessment across the community.

Celeste Williama, Co-chair, Programs Committee, The current NOFO process is underway, with all applications due the following day. It was reported that Tier 1 has received approximately \$18.6 million in requests, while only \$15.4 million in funding is available, making the next step the scoring and ranking process. A strong scoring and ranking team is needed to thoroughly review the applications and ensure the community's Collaborative Application is as competitive and comprehensive as possible. The Programs Committee continues to discuss emerging NOFO requirements and terminology, address community concerns, and work toward ensuring a shared understanding and consistent approach throughout the community. Following the completion of the NOFO process, the next major focus will be the Point-in-Time (PIT) Count. The community will begin analyzing this year's PIT Count data and survey responses, while also beginning planning for next year's count. Additional information and planning activities are expected to begin in the fall.

Angela Ranck, HMIS Steering Committee, The HMIS Steering Committee welcomed two new members in June and has spent the past month and a half completing its annual self-evaluation. The evaluation included reviewing committee member engagement, participation in meetings, and opportunities for learning and skill development, as well as updating the committee's work plan and activities related to HMIS access and license approvals. Over the past year, the committee approved 11 new agency applications, resulting in 28 initial HMIS licenses, and approved 93 additional licenses through the additional license request process. This continues the trend of approximately 100 or more HMIS licenses being processed annually, with approximately 120 licenses approved through

initial and additional requests this year. The committee also completed and approved its 2026–2027 work plan. As part of the work plan, the committee will continue supporting further analysis of the Point-in-Time (PIT) and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data, with plans to provide additional analysis and reporting to the Board, the broader community, and other committees.

Bailey Washington, Vice President of the Youth Action Board (YAB), provided an update on the group’s recent activities. YAB members have continued expanding their knowledge and skills through HMIS education, Youth Coordinated Entry Assessor Training, upcoming Housing Problem-Solving (HPS) training, and recently completed training with RTA. The group is also continuing to update its bylaws and strengthen members’ presentation and facilitation skills in preparation for potentially facilitating future trainings for the CoC. YAB is working closely with Lived X to prepare focus groups with partner organizations to gather feedback on what is working well within the community and identify challenges and opportunities for improvement. YAB has also expanded its membership, welcoming nine new members over the past month, and continues outreach efforts to increase awareness and participation.

Martin Castro, Lived X Consultants, Martin provided an update on behalf of the Lived X Team, highlighting several projects and activities undertaken during the past few months. The team has been working to identify gaps within the homelessness response system and is collaborating on focus groups designed to create youth-centered spaces and gather community feedback. The team is also developing a homeless voter engagement campaign for the upcoming election and working on senior-specific surveys and services. Several trainings are now available or in development, including topics related to homelessness and stigma, HIV stigma, community outreach, and engagement with businesses. Members of the Lived X Team recently attended the National Alliance to End Homelessness conference in Washington, D.C., where team members participated in presentations and plenary discussions on homelessness issues at the national level. Members are also preparing to attend the National Lived Experience Conference in San Jose and the statewide NHA conference in November, continuing to elevate lived experience perspectives at the local, state, and national levels. The team is also working to establish peer support groups within partner agencies and has begun discussions with the BETterment program to provide support groups for clients transitioning out of homelessness. These groups will focus on navigating the transition into housing and the experiences and challenges that may arise during the next stage of an individual’s journey. Team members are also participating on the Housing Problem-Solving (HPS) training team and helping provide monthly trainings within the community. Additional initiatives include continued work on the “Next Step” survey. The team has gathered community feedback and plans to develop both a one-page summary and a more comprehensive analysis outlining the definition of “next steps,” identified challenges, and potential solutions. The Lived X Team is also recruiting for two temporary positions through October 31, with an emphasis on increasing representation from seniors and other populations currently underrepresented on the team. Additionally, a Lived Experience Specialist is developing a homelessness-focused community publication project that will include workshops at local libraries, providing individuals with opportunities to share their experiences and perspectives for publication. The team also recently participated in a memorial at the Rio Wash, in partnership with HELP of Southern Nevada, to honor an individual who passed away.

Agenda Item 9. Receive a report on the activities of the SNHCoC Board; for possible action.

Ashley Brown, CoC Team, provided an update on the recent activities of the Board. The Board held a special meeting to discuss and review the 2025 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). The Board approved the NOFO policies and procedures, The SRT scoring factor, and timeline with the addition of a special meeting that will be held on August 19th.

Agenda Item 10. Identify emerging issues to be addressed by staff or by the Membership at future meetings and direct staff accordingly.

Elizabeth Jarman, Veterans Administration, requested that the PIT team present the PIT data at the next Membership meeting.

Agenda Item 11. Public comment

The Nevada Homeless Alliance announced that the Request for Proposals (RFP) for its fifth annual Nevada Statewide Conference is now open. This year’s theme, “Flipping the Script: What Happens Here Changes Here,” encourages bold and thought-provoking presentations that challenge the status quo, introduce creative approaches, and highlight innovative work occurring within agencies and communities. Members were encouraged to share the RFP with contacts throughout Nevada, particularly those in rural and Northern Nevada communities, to support broad statewide participation.

Early bird tickets for the conference are now on sale. The conference will be held at City Hall on October 1–2. Community members are also encouraged to share ideas for topics, discussions, or issues they believe should be incorporated into the conference, regardless of whether they serve on the planning committee. Additional information and the RFP link are available through the Nevada Homeless Alliance newsletter or by contacting the organization directly.

Agenda Item 12. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.