

**SOUTHERN NEVADA HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
July 22, 2026**

In attendance:

Alletha Muzorewa, Anthem Workforce Development
Alyson Martinez, Las Vegas Rescue Mission
Angela Ranck, HMIS Lead
Dr. Annie Wilson, Vice- chair, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
Arcelia Barajas, City of Las Vegas
Brenda Barnes, Clark County, NV
Casandra Diaz, City of Las Vegas Municipal Court
Damarion Hicks, Youth Action Board
Donica Martinez, Lived X Consultants
Hayley Jarolimek, City of Henderson
Kevin Murray, Silver Summit Health
Kim Jefferies, Campus for Hope
Martin Castro, Lived X Consultants
Maurice Cloutier, Nevada Behavioral Health Systems
Nicole Anderson, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada
Wilson Ramos, Chair, City of North Las Vegas

Absent:

Karla Amezcua, Collaborative Applicant
PJ Moore, Coordinated Entry Lead Entity

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, July 22nd 2026, at the Clark County Government Center.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of the minutes from the June 17th, 2026, SNHCoC Board meeting; for possible action.

A motion was made 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. Public Comment

Liz Jarman, Veterans Administration (VA) emphasized the longstanding and foundational role that veteran-serving agencies, particularly the VA, have played in the community's homelessness response system. They explained that the VA's goal is to connect veterans to veteran-specific programs, which helps reduce demand on community resources and increases availability for non-veteran households. she noted that, while they advocate for veterans, they view homelessness as a shared community responsibility that requires collaboration among all partners. As the Board considers updates to the Governance Charter, she requested that the Board consider establishing a dedicated veteran agency representative seat, similar to the designated Lived X and Youth Action Board (YAB) positions, to recognize the unique role veteran-serving agencies play within the Continuum of Care.

Agenda Item 5. NOFO Update; for possible action.

Monique Cardenas, Collaborative Applicant Team, provided an update on the 2026 Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) competition. Community providers were recognized for their collaboration and communication throughout the local competition process, with several agencies submitting both renewal and transition project applications. The Board's local ranking process resulted in sufficient high-scoring and held harmless projects to maximize Tier 1 funding, with Permanent Supportive Housing projects comprising the majority of top-ranked applications alongside two high-scoring Rapid Rehousing projects. Recruitment efforts also produced a strong Scoring and Ranking Team (SRT), including members designated to review any potential appeals. The SRT received applications and began the review process, which includes both new and transition projects. It was noted that requests for reallocated and CoC Bonus funding are expected to exceed the community's available allocation, demonstrating strong demand for new project funding. Staff also announced that HUD had released e-snaps office hours for applicants. While attendance is not mandatory, new applicants are strongly encouraged to participate to become familiar with the application system before submitting applications following the release of the priority ranking. The Collaborative Applicant application instructions remain pending from HUD, and additional guidance is expected. A national update was also provided regarding ongoing litigation related to the 2026 CoC NOFO, with multiple states challenging portions of the funding and scoring criteria. Communities have been advised to continue following current

HUD guidance while monitoring court decisions that could affect the competition. An additional update referenced developments involving the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LASA), noting ongoing appeals related to federal funding. In light of these national developments, providers were encouraged to maintain strong documentation, accurate data, and compliance with all grant requirements to ensure continued program integrity and funding readiness.

Agenda Item 6. Governance Charter Review and Board Composition Discussion; for possible action.

Angela Ranck, HMIS Lead, presented a timeline outlining the development and revision of the Governance Charter in response to questions raised during the Board's previous discussion regarding the charter revision process, stakeholder involvement, and overall timeline. The presentation reviewed the charter's history beginning in 2023, when HUD Technical Assistance supported a governance restructuring that resulted in the community selecting the current Board composition from two proposed models. Staff explained that the 2024 Governance Charter was developed to reflect those recommendations and approved by the membership; however, the document remained incomplete until the Board structure, bylaws, and committee appendices were finalized during the summer and fall of 2024. Following completion of the appendices, the draft charter was released for community review and comment. Staff reported that substantial feedback received during the initial review resulted in the formation of an ad hoc committee, representing the governance bodies outlined in the charter, to evaluate comments and recommend revisions. The updated draft was subsequently released for a second public review in March and April 2026, during which only limited feedback was received and incorporated where appropriate. Staff noted that final action on the charter was intentionally delayed until after HUD released the 2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to ensure any required federal language updates could be included. With those revisions completed, staff indicated the Governance Charter was ready to move forward for membership consideration and voting. The Board continued its in-depth review of the Governance Charter, with discussion focused on Board composition and seat representation. The primary topic was a request to designate a Board seat specifically for veteran representation. During the discussion, one Board member expressed support for ensuring diverse voices are represented but emphasized the importance of considering the extensive governance work that previously shaped the current Board structure. The member noted that the Board was intentionally reduced in size following a lengthy process involving consultants, the Board, membership, and the broader community, which concluded that a smaller Board would be more effective. They cautioned against revisiting the Board's composition each time membership changes occur, stating that repeatedly restructuring the Board could hinder its effectiveness and distract from advancing the Continuum's work. The member also emphasized that the current Board makeup was approved through that collaborative process and encouraged the Board to keep that historical context in mind. Other Board members noted that several marginalized populations could similarly request designated representation. They expressed concern that creating a reserved seat for one group could establish a precedent for additional requests from other communities seeking dedicated representation. Following discussion, the Board voted to approve the proposed Governance Charter revisions and forward them to the Membership for consideration and approval. The Board also acknowledged that the Governance Charter is a living document and may be amended in the future as the needs of the Continuum evolve.

Agenda Item 7. Identify emerging issues to be addressed by staff or by the Board at future meetings, and direct staff accordingly: Brenda Barnes; for possible action.

Brenda Barnes, Board Member, CCSS, provided several federal and administrative updates for the Board. An overview was given of recent action by HUD involving the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), noting that HUD has suspended future federal funding pending investigations into allegations related to financial management, internal controls, conflicts of interest, and false certifications. It was also noted that LAHSA disputes aspects of HUD's actions and that legal proceedings remain ongoing. While recognizing that each Continuum of Care operates under different circumstances, staff emphasized the importance of maintaining strong governance, sound financial oversight, conflict-of-interest compliance, and accurate documentation within the Southern Nevada CoC. Staff also provided an update on the ongoing litigation surrounding HUD's FY 2026 Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). Multiple states continue to challenge portions of the FY 2026 NOFO, and communities were advised to continue following current HUD guidance while monitoring future court decisions. Finally, Board members were reminded to submit their biographies to staff for inclusion on the Help Hope Home website.

Agenda Item 8. Public Comment

Liz Jarman, Veterans Administration (VA), expressed concerns regarding the Board's recent election process, stating their belief that the Governance Charter was not followed as written. Specifically, they questioned whether the Board's requirement to present a slate of nominees was implemented as intended and noted that they had previously supported reducing the size of the Board based on the understanding that the slate process would help ensure representation from key stakeholder groups, including veteran-serving organizations and other historically underrepresented populations. The commenter also expressed concern that the current Governance Charter does not include a formal appeals process to address potential governance or procedural concerns. They encouraged the Board to prioritize adherence to the existing Governance Charter while continuing discussions on future revisions, emphasizing the importance of collaboration, equitable representation, and established governance processes.

Jamie Sorrenson, Clark County Social Services, Congratulated Kim Jefferies, Board Member, Campus for hope on the recent naming of the collaborative contract departments that are going to be making up the comprehensive wraparound model for Southern Nevada and adding one hundred beds into the community.

Agenda Item 8. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.