

**SOUTHERN NEVADA HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
August 19, 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
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
Nicole Anderson, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada
PJ Moore, Coordinated Entry Lead Entity
Wilson Ramos, Chair, City of North Las Vegas

Absent:

Arcelia Barajas, City of Las Vegas
Karla Amezcua, Collaborative Applicant
Maurice Cloutier, Nevada Behavioral Health Systems

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, August 19th 2026, at the Clark County Government Center.

Agenda Item 2. 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 3. NAEH Technical Assistance Providers; Welcome and Introductions.

Marquetta Abadi, Senior Technical Assistance Specialist with the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH), introduced herself and shared that she has approximately 13 years of experience in homeless response, including prior experience as a CoC lead in Akron/Summit County. Her background includes system development, compliance, monitoring, stakeholder collaboration, and governance. Marquetta expressed enthusiasm about the work already taking place in the Southern Nevada community, particularly the collaboration among organizations and the integration of individuals with lived experience into staff and leadership roles. She emphasized the importance of incorporating lived-experience perspectives into system development and decision-making. She shared that NAEH will return in October to conduct a two-day System Design Clinic on October 13th and 14th. The training will bring together a broad range of stakeholders, including CoC partners, program providers, community members, and individuals with lived experience. Marquetta emphasized that the clinic will be interactive and collaborative rather than lecture-based, with participants actively working through exercises, data, and community feedback.

Agenda Item 5. NOFO Update; for possible action.

Brenda Barnes, CCSS provided an update regarding the 2026 CoC NOFO litigation and the status of the local competition. The Board meeting had originally been scheduled as the final step of the local competition, including a vote to approve the final project priority list. However, following a federal court ruling that the 2026 NOFO was legally flawed, HUD suspended the NOFO and stopped accepting applications. As a result, the Board did not proceed with the planned vote and instead received an update regarding the lawsuit, the status of the local competition, and potential next steps. In early July, a group of organizations, including the National Alliance to End Homelessness, cities, states, and nonprofit organizations, filed a federal lawsuit challenging implementation of the NOFO. On August 7, 2026, a federal judge issued a preliminary injunction stopping the NOFO, finding that HUD had introduced significant changes, including a large set-aside for transitional housing and SSO projects, without completing the required public comment process. The judge determined that the NOFO violated provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act but did not rule on the other arguments raised in the lawsuit. HUD subsequently appealed and sought a stay of the injunction, arguing that it needed to complete the NOFO process by August 31 in order to meet the congressional deadline to issue awards by December 1. The request for a stay was denied, and HUD has indicated that it intends to appeal to the First Circuit Court of Appeals. The local competition was nearly complete when the injunction was issued. The competition opened June 22nd, with renewal applications due July 2nd and new, and transition applications

due July 17th. The CoC received 29 renewal applications, five transition grant applications, and 15 new grant applications. The Scoring and Ranking Team evaluated new and transitional projects from July 23rd through August 3rd, followed by deliberations on August 5th. The project priority listing was announced publicly on August 6th but was subsequently removed from the website due to the ongoing litigation. At the time the NOFO was halted, the local competition was in the appeals period, and applicants were instructed to pause work on their applications, including work in e-snaps. The preliminary priority listing included 11 permanent housing projects in Tier 1, consisting of eight PSH projects and three RRH projects, along with HMIS and Coordinated Entry. Tier 2 included 19 projects, including 12 new projects, 4 projects transitioning from RRH to transitional housing, one project transitioning from an SSO Other project to an SSO Outreach project, and two renewal projects included based on performance measures, portfolio considerations, and identified community needs. The CoC team recognized the work of the Scoring and Ranking Team for facilitating the deliberations and navigating the Board's priorities. The CoC team acknowledged that there are mixed feelings throughout the community regarding the current developments but emphasized that the injunction prevents potential harm that could have resulted from the NOFO, including the potential loss of funding for permanent supportive housing. The local competition also provided an opportunity for stakeholders to have important discussions about expanding transitional housing, potentially winding down some PSH, restructuring existing programs, and considering how the community may need to respond to similar HUD requirements in future NOFOs. The presenter recognized the significant compromises and adjustments made by providers in an effort to preserve permanent housing projects in Tier 1, as well as the disappointment of applicants who's new or transition projects had been selected and were preparing to move forward before the process was halted. Several potential next steps were discussed. HUD could successfully appeal the injunction, which could result in the NOFO process restarting, although additional legal challenges could remain. HUD could also issue a new NOFO addressing the concerns raised by the court; however, a new NOFO would likely require a public comment period that could take several months and make the December 1 award deadline difficult to meet. In addition, the National Alliance to End Homelessness and other advocates are working to include language in the next continuing resolution requiring HUD to provide another year of automatic renewals, potentially with limited opportunities for reallocations and new projects. Concerns were also raised regarding the potential continuation of Tier 2 set-asides for transitional housing and SSO projects, the potential long-term impact on PSH funding, HUD's proposed campus model, and HUD's discretion to reject projects or expand opportunities for solo applications. For the immediate future, the CoC will continue monitoring the litigation and developments from HUD while maintaining communication with community partners. The CoC support team and consultants will also begin preparing responses to the SNAPS NOFO questions in anticipation of a potential future NOFO. The team will work on anticipated requirements, including MOUs and other documentation, and may seek feedback from community partners to strengthen the CoC's responses. Although the NOFO process is currently paused, the work completed by applicants, the Scoring and Ranking Team, the Board, Social Services staff, and consultants remains valuable and may be needed if the NOFO is renewed, revised, or reopened.

Agenda Item 8. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.