

SOUTHERN NEVADA HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
September 23, 2026

In attendance:

Dr. Annie Wilson, Vice Chair, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
Alyson Martinez, Las Vegas Rescue Mission
Angela Ranck, HMIS Lead
Arcelia Barajas, City of Las Vegas
Bailey Washington, Youth Action Board
Brenda Barnes, Clark County, NV
Casandra Diaz, City of Las Vegas Municipal Court
Donica Martinez, Lived X Consultants
Hayley Jarolimek, City of Henderson
Karla Amezcua, Collaborative Applicant
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

Absent:

Maurice Cloutier, Nevada Behavioral Health Systems
Wilson Ramos, Chair, City of North Las Vegas

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, September 23rd, 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. Public Comment.

Melissa Jacobowitz with Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth (NPHY) provided public comment regarding the FY26 CoC project priority list. She expressed appreciation for the work of the Scoring and Ranking Team and the Board, acknowledging the challenges of balancing competing priorities during a difficult and complex funding year. Melissa Jacobowitz raised concern that no youth-specific projects were included in Tier 1. While acknowledging the community's receipt of Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) funding, she noted that YHDP supports new projects and cannot fund the continuation of existing youth housing projects. As a result, existing youth housing projects that have operated in the community for several years are either placed in Tier 2 or were not included on the priority list. Melissa Jacobowitz also expressed concern regarding the community's hold-harmless policy for newer projects, noting that several projects with only one year of operation were placed in Tier 1 without being scored, while some longer-standing, high-performing and high-scoring projects were placed in Tier 2 or excluded from the priority list. She specifically highlighted NPHY's transitional housing renewal project, which was placed in Tier 2, and stated that HUD had indicated it did not intend to fund transitional housing renewals in Tier 2 despite prioritizing transitional housing more broadly. She suggested that moving the established transitional housing project into Tier 1 could strengthen the community's overall application. Jacobowitz emphasized the importance of maintaining youth housing infrastructure to support vulnerable young people and the broader homelessness response system, including newly funded YHDP projects.

Agenda Item 4. Approval of July 22nd and August 19th, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes; For Possible Action.

A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 5. Receive a report on activities of the Collaborative Applicant; For Possible Action.

The Collaborative Applicant provided an update on the FY26 NOFO and project priority list. The Board was informed that funding previously awarded to The Cupcake Girls could no longer be included in the local competition because the program had dissolved. As a result, the community's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) will decrease by approximately \$140,000. HUD identified a potential process for recovering the funding for the community; however, the process cannot be completed during the current local competition and is not guaranteed. The Collaborative Applicant indicated that it intends to pursue the available strategy. The local competition, which initially began in July and was subsequently paused, reopened on September 21. Appeals were due September 22, with an appeals hearing held the same day. Project applications were due in e-snaps on September 23, and the Collaborative Applicant planned to review and finalize

applications through September 28, with submission of the consolidated FY26 application to HUD anticipated by September 29, ahead of the September 30 deadline. Elaine de Coligny reviewed the proposed project priority list and explained that minor budget adjustments would be necessary due to the approximately \$140,000 reduction in ARD. The adjustment would not change the proposed project rankings or the strategy of ensuring that projects placed in Tier 1 are fully contained within Tier 1 rather than straddling Tiers 1 and 2. Approximately \$84,000 would need to be reduced from one or more Tier 1 grants. The Board was asked to approve the projects and their ranking while authorizing the Collaborative Applicant to make the necessary final grant adjustments. The Board was also asked to authorize submission of the full consolidated application, including the CoC application and individual project applications, and to direct the Collaborative Applicant to publicly post the application prior to submission. The priority list was developed in accordance with policies and strategies previously established by the Board. Tier 1 was composed entirely of renewal projects, including Coordinated Entry and HMIS system-level projects, which were placed at the top of Tier 1 in accordance with prior policy. Projects without a full year of performance data were held harmless and were not scored. Scored Tier 1 projects received between 79 and 92 points, exceeding the Board-established minimum threshold of 70 points. Some projects meeting the 70-point threshold could not be included in Tier 1 because of the amount of Tier 1 funding made available by HUD. The Board's earlier prioritization of Permanent Supportive Housing was also reflected in the list, recognizing CoC funding as an important ongoing source of housing subsidy for people experiencing chronic homelessness and people with disabilities. Tier 2 was structured to respond to HUD's emphasis on new Transitional Housing (TH) and Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects. Five projects transitioning from permanent housing to transitional housing were included, and the Board had previously established a 60-point quality threshold for Tier 2 projects. The Scoring and Ranking Team (SRT) also recommended including two high-scoring renewal projects in Tier 2 rather than replacing them with lower-scoring new proposals, recognizing the possibility that renewal projects could receive funding if resources remained available. One City of Las Vegas project that scored below the 60-point threshold was recommended for inclusion because the SRT determined that it served a unique niche for individuals experiencing homelessness who are involved with the criminal justice system. No eligible DV Bonus projects were received for the competition. Although one applicant identified its proposal as a DV Bonus project, it did not exclusively serve survivors of domestic violence as required by HUD. The priority list did include the Hope for Survivors project in Tier 1, which targets domestic violence survivors. The SRT also encouraged continued efforts to strengthen partnerships between victim service providers and housing providers to support competitive DV Bonus applications in future funding cycles. Additionally, available bonus funding was distributed proportionately among eligible new projects, with potential increases of approximately 15% for SSO projects and 20% for TH projects when applicants could demonstrate increased services or participants served. Finally, the SRT reported that two projects, one renewal and one new project were denied based on their scores. The renewal project scored below the 70-point threshold, while the new project received 50 points and was the second-lowest-scoring proposal. Both applicants appealed the decisions; however, the appeals panel determined that neither appeal demonstrated a scoring error, failure to follow the local process, or a review process inconsistent with HUD requirements. Both appeals were therefore denied, and the priority list presented to the Board remained unchanged from the list previously published. The Board voted to approve the priority list and authorize the collaborative applicant to submit the application on behalf of the Continuum of Care.

Agenda Item 6. Presentation by the HMIS Steering Committee on the 2026 Point In-Time Count (PIT) Data; For Possible Action.

The HMIS Steering Committee provided an overview of the 2026 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count data and its role in understanding homelessness in Southern Nevada. The Committee emphasized that PIT data represents a single point in time and should be considered alongside other available data sources, including the Housing Inventory Count, Longitudinal Systems Analysis, and System Performance Measures, to provide a more comprehensive understanding of the region's homelessness response system. The presentation also emphasized that the data represents individuals with the ability to make their own choices and that those choices can affect system outcomes. For purposes of the PIT Count, the presentation focused on HUD's Category 1 definition of literal homelessness, specifically individuals staying in places not meant for human habitation and those residing in emergency shelters or transitional housing.

Agenda Item 7. Presentation by Keishmer Cardoso, CCSS, on the 2027 PIT Methodology; For Possible Action

Point-in-Time (PIT) Count, which builds upon prior years while incorporating additional data quality and deduplication procedures. The PIT Count will measure both sheltered and unsheltered homelessness. For the sheltered count, HMIS will serve as the primary data source for individuals residing in eligible emergency shelters, transitional housing, and safe havens on the Night of the Count. Proposed PIT Count Methodology The 2027 unsheltered count is scheduled for January 28, 2027, and will use a combination of complete geographic coverage and known-location approaches throughout Southern Nevada. Approximately 500 census tracts will be covered through 13 deployment sites, with approximately 600 volunteers anticipated to participate. Volunteers will survey eligible individuals who are willing to participate, while approved observation procedures will be used when an individual is unable or unwilling to complete a survey. Enhanced data-quality measures will include the use of ArcGIS location data to identify potential duplicate records, with records collected within five meters of one another flagged for further review rather than automatically considered duplicates. Planning will continue in partnership with the Programs Committee, including volunteer recruitment, survey development, finalizing deployment locations and supplies, training, and other preparations leading up to the count. Following the count, data will be cleaned, deduplicated, reviewed by the CoC, and prepared for HUD submission. The proposed 2027 PIT Count methodology was presented to the Board for formal approval.

Agenda Item 8. Identify emerging issues to be addressed by staff or by the Board at future meetings, and direct staff accordingly: Brenda Barnes; For Possible Action.

No Update was provided.

Agenda Item 9. Public Comment.

Liz Jarman, Veteran's Administration, expressed concern regarding the timing of Board meeting information being posted on the Help Hope Home website, noting that earlier posting would assist community members with planning and could support greater community participation. Staff clarified that Board meeting information is posted on the Monday preceding each meeting and that meeting information is also available through the Help Hope Home calendar. Clarification was also requested regarding the roles of the CoC's technical assistance providers. It was confirmed that both HUD technical assistance and National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) technical assistance remain in place but serve different purposes. HUD TA, including support from Manuela Molina Pineda, has primarily supported the Collaborative Applicant and CoC-related activities, while NAEH technical assistance was requested by the Board to provide additional support to the Board and strengthen its relationship and engagement with the broader community.

Agenda Item 10. Adjournment.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.