SOUTHERN NEVADA HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF CARE MEMBERSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
September 10, 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, September 10th, 2026, at United Way of Southern Nevada.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of July 16th, 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.
Brenda Barnes, Collaborative Applicant, provided an update on the recent activities of the collaborative applicant. Agencies were encouraged to ensure that ADLs are actively supporting accurate and timely data entry, responding to data cleanup requests, and maintaining regular communication with the HMIS Lead and Data Support teams. This will be especially important as the community prepares for the upcoming LSA reporting period. Significant progress has been made in improving CoC data quality, and agencies were encouraged to continue these efforts to maintain accurate and reliable data. An initial review of RISE assessment data indicates that some assessments are being completed without documented diversion, prevention, or housing problem-solving conversations. Assessors and agencies may receive follow-up communication regarding this issue. Staff were reminded of the importance of exploring potential diversion and prevention options before or during the assessment process, when appropriate, and ensuring that those conversations are accurately documented in HMIS. Members were also encouraged to promote participation in the Frontline Learning Collaborative, which currently draws approximately 20–30 participants each month. The collaborative provides frontline staff with an opportunity to network, share resources, troubleshoot challenging cases, learn about community programs, and better understand referral and access processes across agencies. Agencies are encouraged to use the collaborative as an opportunity to share information about their programs and available resources, helping frontline staff better connect individuals and families with appropriate services.

Agenda Item 5. Receive a report on activities of the HMIS Lead; for possible action.
Angela Ranck, HMIS Lead, provided an update regarding privacy and security training, federal reporting, and the transition to the new HMIS user interface. All current HMIS users are required to complete the Privacy and Security Training by October 1. Users who have not completed the training by the deadline will be exited from HMIS until the requirement is fulfilled. Agency Data Leads have received lists of users with outstanding training and are asked to work with their respective agencies to ensure completion. Updated lists will also be distributed as the deadline approaches. More than half of the 5,571 HMIS users statewide have completed the training. The requirement is intended to ensure continued compliance with privacy and security standards and the protection of client information. The Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA), an annual federal report examining the number of individuals served and their movement throughout the homeless response system, is anticipated to open in October. Data review and correction reports will be distributed to Agency Data Leads for review and necessary corrections, with additional information to be discussed during the October 6 Agency Data Lead meeting. Accurate reporting is critical because the LSA provides the federal government with information reflecting Southern Nevada's response to homelessness and the work occurring throughout the community. The HMIS team also reminded users that the old HMIS interface will officially retire on October 1. Users are encouraged to transition fully to the new interface and take advantage of available training resources, including refresher trainings offered during office hours on the second and fourth Thursdays, Help Center guides, and self-paced training available through the Learning Management System. Users are encouraged to report any issues they encounter while using the new interface.

Agenda Item 6. Presentation by the Lived X Team on the Stigma of HIV; for possible action.
The *From Stigma to Support* presentation introduced a community training designed to increase HIV awareness and help providers engage individuals living with HIV with dignity, respect, and care. The training focuses on increasing participants' understanding of HIV stigma, recognizing the different ways stigma can occur, using respectful and person-centered language, applying trauma-informed and consent-based approaches, and connecting individuals with resources without pressure or judgment. Foundational HIV education is also incorporated to address fear and misinformation, including information on treatment, prevention, U=U (Undetectable = Untransmittable), and PrEP. The training emphasizes that stigma can create significant barriers to HIV testing, disclosure, prevention, treatment, and continued engagement in care. Participants are introduced to five layers of stigma: internalized, anticipated, enacted, community/perceived, and structural stigma. The training explores how these forms of stigma can overlap and reinforce one another and provides examples and strategies for responding in supportive ways. A trauma-informed approach to engagement is emphasized, including examining personal assumptions, respecting privacy, asking permission before discussing resources, listening to an individual's needs and priorities, and offering choices rather than directing or pressuring someone. The training also emphasizes the importance of replacing stigmatizing or shame-based terminology with person-first, science-based language. Through interactive

scenarios, participants have opportunities to identify different forms of stigma and practice supportive responses to situations that may arise in outreach, healthcare, shelter, and other community settings. Overall, the presentation reinforces that reducing stigma can strengthen connection and improve engagement in HIV prevention and care. Participants are encouraged to identify at least one behavior or practice they can change in their own work to help create a more respectful, welcoming, and supportive environment.

Agenda Item 7. Presentation by the Coordinated Services Committee on Housing Problem Solving (HPS) and its importance in the community as it relates to Coordinated Entry; for possible action.

The presentation focused on Housing Problem Solving (HPS) as a first and primary response to housing instability and homelessness, emphasizing prevention, diversion, and rapid exit. HPS was described as a person-centered, strengths-based approach that helps individuals identify safe housing options using their existing resources, relationships, and choices, with flexible assistance provided when necessary. The presentation emphasized that HPS should not be treated as a separate specialty program, but rather as a core practice used throughout the CoC, from street outreach and shelter entry through transitional housing, rapid rehousing, and permanent housing. The presentation highlighted the increasing pressure on Southern Nevada's homeless response system, including a larger homeless population, continued eviction filings, limited affordable housing, and shrinking housing resources. It stressed that the community cannot rely solely on permanent housing placements to address homelessness and must also reduce the number of people entering the system and shorten the amount of time people experience homelessness. The presentation also discussed how HPS can complement the Coordinated Entry prioritization process by ensuring that individuals receive a housing problem-solving conversation and an actionable plan rather than simply being placed on a community queue while waiting for a housing resource. The briefing also emphasized that effective HPS requires trained and supported staff, including skills in motivational interviewing, trauma-informed practice, negotiation and mediation, safety and risk assessment, cultural humility, and knowledge of available community resources. Staff should receive ongoing training, coaching, supervision, and opportunities to practice these skills. Resource knowledge was also identified as critical so that housing problem-solving conversations can translate into realistic, timely housing plans. Finally, the presentation identified a significant opportunity to strengthen HPS implementation across the CoC. A September 2026 HMIS snapshot showed 2,431 households on the Community Queue, with 1,170 (48.1%) having no documented HPS conversation. The presentation called for HPS to be implemented consistently across agencies, for households on the Community Queue to receive documented HPS conversations, for staff to receive appropriate training and coaching, and for the CoC to establish shared HPS standards and incorporate HPS outcomes into system performance monitoring.

Agenda Item 8. Receive a report on the activities of the SNHCoC Board; for possible action.

Wilson Ramos, Board Chair, City of North Las Vegas provided an update on its recent activities, with significant focus on reviewing governance, Board composition, committee structures, and the overall organizational framework of the CoC. The Board has been conducting a deeper assessment of these areas and compiling information and data from its initial reviews, which will inform discussions at future Board meetings. The Board also continues to monitor the 2026 NOFO; however, there were no new updates available to share at this time. As part of its governance review, the Board is examining how the Board, core committees, Lived X team, Youth Action Board, steering committees, Coordinated Services Committee, and other CoC bodies can be better aligned and leveraged. There is a shared priority among the Board and Collaborative Applicant to ensure the CoC's structure and representation are purposeful and that meetings lead to meaningful outcomes and promising practices that can strengthen the homeless response system. The Board emphasized the importance of increased collaboration, communication, and resource sharing across committees and community partners, with a focus on reducing disconnects and creating stronger connections among the various components of the CoC. Members and partners were encouraged to continue engaging with one another and identifying opportunities to work cohesively to improve services and outcomes throughout the community.

Agenda Item 9. Identify emerging issues to be addressed by staff or by the Membership at future meetings and direct staff accordingly.

No Updates were provided.

Agenda Item 10. Public comment.

Angela Cook, founder of St. Anne's Place for Women, introduced the newly established 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and its mission to provide a safe and compassionate daytime service program for women experiencing homelessness, displacement, and other life transitions. The organization is currently in the early stages of development and has not yet begun serving clients as it works to secure an appropriate location, partnerships, and resources necessary to operate effectively and responsibly. Ms. Cook emphasized that St. Anne's Place does not intend to duplicate or compete with existing community services, but rather to collaborate with established organizations and help address gaps within the community's homeless response system. Once operational, St. Anne's Place plans to offer women access to services and resources including showers, meals, clothing, hygiene supplies, laundry assistance, transportation, supportive referrals, case management, and spiritual and emotional support. The organization also intends to help women connect with longer-term resources such as housing, employment, benefits, healthcare, transportation, and other community services that support stability and independence. Ms. Cook expressed interest in CoC membership to learn from experienced organizations, develop meaningful partnerships, participate in the community's coordinated response to homelessness, and better understand how the organization can appropriately engage with systems such as HMIS and Coordinated Services as its program develops. The organization's overall goal is to serve as a bridge between homelessness and stability while providing women with dignity, compassion, support, and opportunities to rebuild their lives.

A community member shared their experience providing affordable housing for the past six years through two rental properties and discussed some of the challenges they have encountered while attempting to support tenants experiencing housing instability. They expressed a desire to avoid evictions whenever possible but noted difficulties when tenants are unable to maintain rental payments or when circumstances arise that may impact the safety of other residents and the financial sustainability of the properties. The community member attended the meeting seeking information about available resources, assistance, and potential partnerships that could help both housing providers and tenants navigate these challenges. The community member also shared plans to expand beyond providing housing by incorporating workforce development, life-skills training, and employment opportunities for residents. The goal would be to provide individuals with hands-on training and employment experience over approximately 12 months, after which participants could potentially remain employed through the program or be connected with other community employers. The community member expressed interest in partnering with established organizations and identifying potential financial resources, including grant opportunities, to help develop and sustain this broader housing and workforce development model.

Dr. Catrina Grigsby-Thedford, Nevada Homeless Alliance, shared information regarding the upcoming Statewide Conference on Ending Homelessness. The Conference will take place on October 1st and 2nd at Las Vegas City Hall.

Agenda Item 12. Adjournment
Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.