

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF

THE NEVADA INTERAGENCY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON

HOMELESSNESS

May 17, 2022

The Nevada Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness was called to order by Chair Lisa Lee at 1:02 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2022. The meeting was video conferenced via Microsoft Teams. This meeting is being conducted virtually. This meeting was noticed in accordance with Nevada Open Meeting Law and posted at the locations listed on the agenda, as well as on <https://dwss.nv.gov/Home/Features/Public-Information/> the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services website.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lisa Lee, Chairwoman, Nevada Interagency Council on Homelessness, Owner/Manager Roots to Wings Consulting Reno, Nevada

Stephen Aichroth, Administrator, Nevada Housing Division

Robert Thompson, Administrator, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of welfare and Supportive Services

Brian Williams, Deputy Director, Nevada Department of Corrections

Fred Wagar, Director, Nevada Department of Veterans Services

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Judge Mike Montero, 6th District, Nevada

Bea Duran, Assemblywoman, Nevada

Greg Herrera, Chief Deputy, Washoe County, Nevada

Bailey Bortolin, Government Affairs Manager, State of Nevada

Sheriff Jerry Allen, Pershing County, Nevada

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Moises Denis, Senator, Nevada

Judge Christy Craig, 8th District, Nevada

Christopher Gorrell, Police Lieutenant, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department

OTHERS PRESENT:

Niani Cooper, Manager, Homeless to Housing, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Welfare and Supportive Services

Gabriel Del Castillo Woods, Administrative Assistant II, Nevada Department of Health and Human
Services Division of Welfare and Supportive Services

Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Manager, Clark County Social Services, Nevada

Dr. Pamela M Juniel, McKinney- Vento State Coordinator, Nevada Department of Education

Joe Cylc, Strategic Sales Director, Unite US

Lynda Hascheff, Nevada State Network Director, Unite US

Ryan Sunga, DAG, Nevada

Agenda Item I. Welcome, Call to Order and Roll Call

Niani Cooper:

Good morning and welcome to the Governor's Interagency Council on Homelessness to Housing established by Assembly Bill 174. This meeting has been publicly noticed in compliance with Nevada's Open Meeting Law. Chair Lisa Lee will call the meeting to order.

Chair Lee:

Good afternoon, I'd like to call the May 17, 2022, meeting to order. Will Niani Cooper please call roll?

Niani Cooper:

[Roll was conducted] Madame Chair, we have Quorum.

Agenda Item II. Public Comment

Chair Lee:

We will move on the agenda item II. Which is public comment. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken. Comments will be limited to three minutes.

[No public comment]

Chair Lee:

Agenda Item III. Approval of minutes from, January 25, 2022

Chair Lee:

We will move on the agenda item number III. which is approval of minutes from January 25, 2022, Nevada Interagency Council on Homelessness meeting.

Robert Thompson:

Motion

Fred Wagar:

Second

[Motion Carried]

Agenda Item IV. Updates on the Interagency Council on the Homelessness (ICH) standing committees and the ICH Technical Assistance committee.

Chair Lee:

We will move on the agenda item number IV. which are Updates on the Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) standing committees and the ICH Technical Assistance committee.

Chair Lee:

This is an update on the Interagency Council on Homelessness to housing standing committees, and Boy, do we have a lot of updates as well as the Interagency Council on Homelessness Technical Assistance Committee. Chair Cassandra McNeil has retired from the Department of Welfare and Supportive Services. And I have all kinds of feelings on this. I miss her already. I am all in my feelings today and I wanted to update you that we do not currently have a chair for that Technical Assistance Committee. Umm, which will be looking at that and reviewing it in Agenda item number 8 in today's agenda. I probably overstepped a little bit to just update those 1st 20 pages that just needed some assistance with updating who the current players are and all of that and we are awaiting feedback. I think they're sending that to the homelessness to housing and administrative support team, and then we'll bring all that feedback to our next technical assistance meeting. And after we have a chair. Uh, and then I'd also like to give an update on our

communications committee. Director Wager has received a promotion and has, I'm sure, an absurd number of new responsibilities on his plate. And so first, I'd like to congratulate him on that promotion. That's a huge honor to serve as the director of the Nevada Department of Veteran Services. So please join me in congratulating Director Wager

Fred Wagar:

Thank you.

Chair Lee:

But we will miss you, and because of your very full plate you are stepping down from the secretary position as well as the Chair of the Communications Committee. Again, we'll be looking at those items later on the agenda. Just want to give an update for this agenda item for informational purposes and then. Chair Bortolin. I'm probably not saying that correctly. Please, please correct me and Bailey, would you mind giving an update on the legislative committee?

Bailey Bortolin:

Next Tuesday the 24th, if anyone would like to join us will be our next meeting and we've gone through a range of possible topics to explore and to find out what the strengths and weaknesses are in terms of pursuing legislation at the upcoming session. So next Tuesday, the 24th, I believe we're going to dig into both youth homelessness and what services are available with the assistance of DWSS there and eviction prevention work; And how those ties into it. So those will be the two topics at our upcoming meeting and then I intend to at following meeting sort of set topics like that as we look at what to explore.

Chair lee:

Wonderful work and thank you so much for the update and very curious on how that pans out.

Administrator Steven Aichroth. Do you have an update from the regular regulatory committee?

Steven Aichroth:

Pardon me. Yeah, thank you. We did have one meeting to go over, sort of the responsibilities and expectations of the committee and I, I apologize, I'm at home, so I'm trying to do the best that I can from memory. That was pretty much about it.

Chair Lee:

Wonderful. Thank you for the update. And we'll just keep this hopefully as a standing agenda item to get that feedback from what the committees are doing, if that's OK. And we will move on. We have an exciting presentation on agenda item number five. We have Joe here. Joe, do you have a Co presenter?

Joe Cylc:

Yes, I am bringing Linda Hascheff with me as well.

Chair Lee:

OH, wonderful. So, Joe and Linda will be presenting on this platform called Unite US. Joe and Linda presented for our agency at Washoe County Human Services. And so, I'd love to have them present for you on this new platform. The floor is yours.

Agenda item number V.

Presentation- Unite US

Joe Cylc, Strategic Sales Director,

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Agenda item VI. Nomination and vote for secretary of the ICH council.

Chair Lee:

We will move on the agenda item number VI. which is Nomination and vote for secretary of the ICH council.

Robert Thompson:

Robert Thompson, for the record of Madam Chair, could we possibly take these out of order and vote on suspending the Communications Standing Committee before?

Chair Lee:

I am in favor. I would agree that that would increase my comfort level if I was thinking about nominating myself and do we have a DAG on with us today? Are we able to go out of order?

Ryan Sunga:

This is Ryan. Yeah. You can take items out of order.

Chair Lee:

Perfect. So, we will go ahead and take an item out of order and move on to agenda item number 7, which is an actionable item, and we will be looking to suspend the activities of the Communications Standing Committee at this time. Again, just a reminder, we also have regulations, legislative and the Technical Assistance Committee.

Fred Wagar:

Director wagar for the record, is there any length of time you were looking at doing this or, Regulation on how long you can suspend.

Chair Lee:

Thank you for the Question, Director Wager. It is my understanding that in our bylaws, there is no such mention of any provisions on whether we have to stand it up or anything to that effect. So, I'm assuming that we would do check-ins with this body on kind of how you know how we're feeling, how we're doing with the other standing committees and then bring it to a vote to put that back as needed. We can revisit that as often or as frequently as we need to.

Agenda Item VII. Which is to vote on suspending the Communications Standing committee.

Chair Lee:

We will move to agenda item number VII. Which is to vote on suspending the Communications Standing Committee.

Fred Wagar:

Motion to suspend the Standing Committee

Judge Montero:

Seconded.

[Motion Carried Unanimously]

Agenda Item VI: Nominate and vote for secretary for the ICH Council.

Chair Lee:

We will move back to agenda item VI Which is to nominate and vote for secretary of the ICH Council.

Robert Thompson:

Robert Thompson, for the record, I will nominate myself.

Fred Wagar:

Seconded.

[Motion Carried Unanimously]

Agenda item VIII. Nomination and vote on a chair for the ICH Technical Assistance Subcommittee.

Chair Lee:

We will move on the agenda item number VIII. which Nomination and Vote on a Chair for the ICH Technical Assistance Subcommittee.

Robert Thompson:

Robert Thompson. For the record, Cassie McNeil was part of the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services I could offer to fill Cassie's spot from my division, that is not a formal committee member.

Chair Lee:

I would also like to propose a nomination for Michelle Fuller-Hallauer; And who I believe is the subject matter expert and has been doing this work for decades, and she's also involved in the Southern Nevada Regional COC and is in conversation with the other two COC's in the state. So that is my nomination.

Robert Thompson:

Robert Thompson, for the record, I waited for discussion. I would support your nomination.

Judge Montero:

Seconded.

[Motion Carried Unanimously]

Agenda Item IX. Discussion on the agenda items for the next meeting.

Chair Lee:

We will move on the agenda item IX. Which is Discussion on Agenda Items for next meeting.

Judge Montero:

It is nice when we have these presentations like we had today where we, as Council members can learn about either new or be reinforced of services like this that are available in the state of Nevada. I really appreciate those and when we can have presentations like that. So, I don't have any suggestions today, but I do look forward to more of those.

Greg Herrera:

I believe it's been about a year since we've had presentations of law enforcement efforts and as far as outreach and a lot has developed since that time, and we're providing community presentations, including next month to our faith-based community and be happy to, uhm, organized that for an update or if wed like to see that.

Brian Williams:

Suggest possible. I met a young lady today, I can't remember her name and I don't have her paperwork in front of me, but they provide Homes for those being released back into the community, and I'm not in my office today, but once I get back, I'll be able to get all that information. I would like to share that with the committee if I could.

Robert Thompson:

This is Robert Thompson for the record administrator for the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services. Our agency has outreach in the community, and if you would ever like a presentation for the committee to be agendize and have our outreach specialist come on and show how we target the Community, specifically the homeless population, to get Medicaid, snap and TANF out in the community.

Fred Wagar:

A while back, it but a couple of years before the pandemic, but we had a great report from the continuums of care and maybe in in our next meeting's August. I don't know if they'd be prepared then or in November, but at some point, I would love to see them come back and talk about their programs again, if we could.

Chair Lee:

In addition, one other item that I feel like it's a population that we don't talk enough about we do have doctor Juniell from, I hope I'm saying that correctly from the Nevada Department of Education. She is working specifically on McKinney Vento. Everybody's familiar with McKinney Vento and how that differs from the HUD definition of Homelessness, which focuses on chronicity. And so, I would love to have a presentation on that piece because I feel like we have so many children in transition in this state and those numbers are quite staggering, especially in relation to post pandemic era. And if we're really going to talk about ending homelessness, we need to get upstream and think about families, which we don't talk. We focus on single individuals quite frequently in this system. So, I would really love a conversation around what families are doing and how they're experiencing homelessness in Nevada.

And I'm sorry to speak again, but umm, one more thing. Since we're rolling out 988 in just two short months, two months from yesterday actually, we will be rolling out 988 across the country including our rollout in Nevada. Everybody knows what 988 is. Hopefully it's the number that you would call if you're experiencing a behavioral health crisis or looking for substance use treatment. As opposed to calling 911. So that is rolling out. I'm on several different work groups around this and what it's going to look like as far as creating a crisis stabilization system across the state from that call center piece to crisis stabilization centers to the aftercare piece. We are looking at adults and adolescents because our kids are not doing OK in this state. And I would love to have in the future, we're probably not anywhere near hearing from

anyone on that system, but in a future meeting I would love for us to focus on what that looks like and how that intersects with the issue of homelessness.

Agenda Item X. Public comment.

Chair Lee:

Perfection. We're moving on to agenda item number 10, general public comment and just a reminder that no action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken. And if you are interested in speaking in public comment, please raise your hand. It's in the top feature and then when called upon, go ahead and unmute yourself when you have 3 minutes.

Michelle Fuller-Hallauer:

Thank you, Madam Chair. Michelle Fuller-Hallauer, Clark County Social Service and recently now voted in the ICH TA chair. Thank you for that for the voting me into that that position, I'm very honored. I was on the previous ICH, and I've been on the Technical Assistance Subcommittee since the formation of this this technical subcommittee. So, I'm honored to continue to, to serve and to serve in this new role. But that's not what I wanted to say during public comments. So, what I wanted to say is that I'm really excited that chair lee you brought up the McKinny Vento and have it brought to the table, and I would encourage you all as a Council to consider the families that are doubled up, whether they are being captured in McKinney Vento. Numbers or not, right? And I think that there are some that are not, even though our school district does a very good job of capturing those families, I'm afraid that the that those numbers are undercounted. I think that there are families that even that are not Self identifying or being captured in that, but I think as a state that is really our next wave of homeless folks. And I really don't think that families that are doubled up really Want to be doubled up and I think that the pandemic has really caused a tremendous strain and strife on relationships and the safety network that families have been able to lean

on historically, and I think it's important for us collectively as homeless service providers As a state as government entities, as NGO's, that we really need to identify, how do we go upstream and find a way to identify those folks that are doubled up, precariously housed and get them out of that. That doubled up situation and I recognize that we don't have enough housing stock. We don't have enough available affordable, safe housing. We don't have enough for that for the folks that are literally homeless right now, let alone for those that are in a double up situation. So that means that we need to. You know, exorbitantly increase the number of available affordable safe units that are available that we have across the state for folks to move into. But I don't know that that's something that is being considered as we are talking about the number of units that we need. So, I think that that those conversations need to be had at all levels within our communities. Starting at our local COC's, but all the way up to the ICH and to the legislation. So, I just wanted to bring that forward during the public comment as you all move forward with presentations and further discussion. Thank you.

Pamela Juniel:

Yes, thank you. Doctor. Janelle, Pamela. Janelle here. For the record, Nevada Department of Education, State coordinator for McKinney-Vento. Thank you, Michelle, for your comments. I really do appreciate that and congratulations on your new position. There were a lot of great points that were brought up in the meeting today and I'm really excited about it. I'm glad to know about the Unite US platform that the ICH each Council may or may not be considering, and one of the questions I had that, I hope the Council will be able to pose is with this type of wrap around services. What are the ages and the reason I ask is because those students who are identified as McKinney-Vento students who are also part of families who are experiencing homelessness. I didn't know if everyone was aware of AB 197 that was voted in the legislation which allows Children and youth experiencing homelessness to access health care. Prior to the age of 18 without the parents' consent. So that was one of the reasons why I was present at this meeting today, other than also being invited to be a part and to be a voice here as part of the Council and helping with bringing voice to those who are not typically represented; additionally to Michelle's point, we are in

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a position where we can be innovative in our approaches and I do hope that we invite additional community based organizations as well as other organizations to provide wrap around services. And I do remember mention of Miss Evette Colin, who I am working with regards to the division of Health and Human services, the welfare side, because that is one of our goals is to create a wraparound service. I don't know if this Council will partner with and have a role with that. If so, please inform in the NDE so that we can also continue to corrupt, collaborate and with the wrap around services that we are hoping to achieve to help our families experiencing homelessness. Please keep in communication with in NDE because there are specific age groups and age levels whom we do need to address. As well as find out what community services are available that we are partnered with and those who we need to partner with in the future. Thank you so much for your time.

Adjourned 2:11 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Administrator Robert Thompson, Secretary

APPROVED BY:



Lisa Lee, Chair

Date: May 19, 2022