

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF

THE NEVADA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS SUBCOMMITTEE
FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

March 17, 2021

The Nevada Interagency Council on Homelessness Subcommittee for Technical Assistance was called to order by Chair Cassandra McNeil at 2:36 p.m. on Wednesday, March 17, 2021. The meeting was video conferenced via WebEx. In accordance with Nevada Governor Sisolak's Declaration of Emergency Directive 006, there was no physical location for this public hearing. Exhibit A is the Agenda. Exhibit B is the Attendance Roster. All exhibits are available on <https://dwss.nv.gov/Home/Features/Public-Information/>

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lisa Lee, Chairwoman, Nevada Interagency Council on Homelessness, Reno, Nevada

Fred Wagar, Deputy Director, Nevada Department of Veterans Services

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

Cassandra McNeil, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services Representative, Nevada

Stephen Aichroth, Administrator of Housing, Nevada

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Greg Herrera, Chief Deputy, Washoe County, Nevada

OTHERS PRESENT:

Danielle Berno, Private Citizen, Nevada

Crystal Griffith, Community Counseling Center of Southern Nevada, Nevada

Agenda Item IV. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Chair McNeil:

Moving on to agenda item IV. Do we have any suggestions for the next meeting?

[Suggestions noted]

Agenda Item VI. Public Comment

Chair McNeil:

Agenda Item VI. is public comment. No action may be taken upon a matter raised until the matter is specifically added to an agenda. Comments are limited to three minutes. We are now open for public comment, please unmute yourself and state your name for the council.

Danielle Berno:

Hi, I'm Danielle Berno, for the record. I have been homeless before and Lisa introduced me to you guys' subcommittee. I just wanted to point out a couple of things. Just on the last thing these guys are talking about like the little huts and the houses I think I don't know if like this side committee that you're gonna do, I was thinking you know if we could have something where you have our neighbors helping neighbors where your neighbors who are dealing with homelessness build their own places to live. Where you know it helps to give them confidence and you know some kind of stability, 'cause they're doing something day to day. And it gives pride to you know, to be able to be a part of a place that they're going to have, like you know permanent housing for a certain time. And then I also want to point out at the beginning of the conversation, about the note that was made, about you know, the tiny houses and the huts, this and that. You know deputy Wagar pointed out you know, it just says such as of an example, but we all know that cramming everybody into these buildings is not working, right. Is that the point of these committees is trying to figure out how to make it safer for everybody. And, you know having anything else is better than putting everybody into you know a building. And you know, and hoping that they disappear, they die kind of a thing. That's how it feels you know. I've been off the streets for 24 months now. And so it's something that I can definitely recognize relate to so. And then I also wanted to also say that there's nothing that was spoken about trauma. You know we talk about drug addiction, criminal records, and everything that leads to that is trauma. You know what I'm saying, and I think that the heart of it is knowing that a lot of these people have dealt with a lot of trauma, in their lives. And I feel like nothing that was spoken about, there was a lot of good points but none, nothing was spoken about trauma. That's all I wanted to say.

Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

We would love to have your input. My thought when you mentioned trauma, was maybe in the wrap around services section. We should include that. Then also as we start reviewing thinking about that, trauma informed care, thought process as we are reading through those other sections as well. So again Danielle, thank you very much I really appreciate your input.

Lisa Lee:

Danielle, thank you for being here. You haven't seen the last of her because sneak peak into our May ICH meeting, we'll be hosting a panel of speakers. You know people either formally or currently experiencing homelessness. So, you can see Danielle again, subject matter expert on the topic. I appreciate you being here. I totally agree. Danielle texted me during that, for all transparency and she's like where is the trauma? It was right after the protective factors part. It was early on in the document. You said that and I was like that is the only place it mentions about and it doesn't explicitly reference trauma. That definitely needs to be there, its so very obvious so, thank you.

Chair McNeil:

Thank you, Lisa. And thank you, Danielle for coming and sharing your insight today. Michelle, I'm in agreement with you that the trauma, what constitutes trauma and all of that, would be in the wrap around service. That's where you would incorporate, to me. That's where that piece would fit in naturally. But, Danielle, please continue to show for these meetings. We value you insight and input and thank you. Was there any further public comment on agenda item V.?

Crystal:

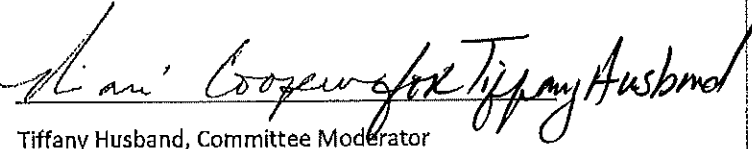
Madame Chair, this is Crystal. This is my first meeting. I understand the trauma and behavior health system. We also deal with a lot of those clients. Absolutely trauma would fall under mental and behavioral health and that would be under that policy.

Chair McNeil:

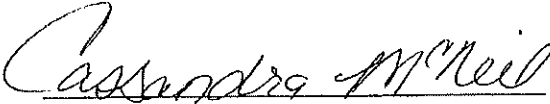
Alright Crystal well thank you. I encourage you to attend more of these meetings and share your insight with us. Because that is really great to have, so welcome.

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


Tiffany Husband, Committee Moderator

APPROVED BY:



Cassandra McNeil, Chair

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