### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF

# THE NEVADA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS LEGISLATIVE STANDING COMMITTEE

## August 24,2022

The Nevada Interagency Council on Homelessness Legislative Standing Committee was called to order by Chair Bailey Bortolin at 10:02 a.m. on Wednesday August 24, 2022. This meeting is being conducted virtually. This meeting was noticed in accordance with Nevada Open Meeting Law and posted on <a href="https://dwss.nv.gov/Home/Features/Public-Information/">https://dwss.nv.gov/Home/Features/Public-Information/</a> the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services website.

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chair Bailey Bortolin, Deputy Chief of Staff to Governor Sisolak, Nevada

Christine Saunders, Policy Director of Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada, Nevada

Lilith Baran, Policy Associate at the ACLU of Nevada, Nevada

Christine Hess, Executive Director Nevada Housing Coalition, Nevada

Jonathan Norman, Advocacy Outreach Policy Director for the Nevada Coalition of Legal Service Providers, Nevada

Pastor Phillip Washington, Vice Chair of Nevada Faith Health Coalition; Founder of Urban Community Project, Nevada

Arash Ghafoori, Executive Director of Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, Nevada

Andre Wade, Nevada State Director of Silver State Equality Institute, Nevada

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Serafin Calvo Arreola, Nevada Manager of Parking Enforcement, Nevada

Erik Jimenez, Nevada State Treasurer's Office Chief Deputy, Nevada

Catrina Grigsby-Thedford, Executive Director Nevada Homeless Alliance, Nevada

## **OTHERS PRESENT:**

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

Debbie Robinson Program Coordinator, Homeless to Housing, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Nevada

Twlanie Long, Homeless to Housing, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Nevada

Lenamarie Alaimo, Social Service Manager I, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Nevada

Ryan Sunga, DAG, Nevada

Sarah Adler, National Alliance on Mental Health Illness, Nevada

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

## Niani Cooper:

Good morning and welcome to the Legislative Standing Committee for the Governor's Interagency Council on Homelessness to Housing. This meeting has been publicly noticed in compliance with Nevada's Open Meeting Law. The Legislative Standing Committee Chair Bailey Bortolin will call the meeting to order.

## **Chair Bortolin:**

Good afternoon, it's 10:02am p.m. and I'd like to call the August 24th meeting of the Legislative Standing Committee to order. Will Niani please call roll?

## Niani Cooper:

[Roll Call. We have quorum.]

## Agenda Item II. Public Comment

### **Chair Bortolin:**

We will go to item number II. on the agenda, which 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.

## [Public Comment]

## Sarah Adler:

Madam Chair, I will proceed. My name is Sarah Adler. I am with bells and case government affairs. Longtime advocate with Nami Nevada. And I wanted to share with you all that I have presented to you before about the idea of creating a revenue stream for supportive housing and extremely low-income targeted subsidy. And I'm just wanted to share with you that the Southern Regional behavioral health. Policy board and I are working together on a BDR on that topic, so if anyone would want to get in touch with us and have a conversation or put forward ideas, here my E-mail address and my contact information Sarah Adler, Sa@belzcase.com, 775.742.3222. Thank you very much.

Agenda Item III. Discussion and possible approval of minutes from June 23rd, 2022, Legislative standing committee.

Arash Ghafoori:

Motion

Johnathan Norman:

Seconded

[Motion Passes]

Agenda Item IV. Presentation on Youth Homeless and Policy- Arash Ghafoori: (Executive Director of Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth Government) arash@nphy.org (702) 778-8366

Agenda Item V. Presentation on Behalf of Nevada Housing Justice Alliance Tenant Protection- Lilith Baran (Policy associate at the ACLU of Nevada) <a href="mailto:baran@aclunv.org">baran@aclunv.org</a> (702) 670-8599 &

Christine Saunders Christine Saunders (Policy Director of Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada) <u>csaunders@planevada.org</u> (775) 348-7557

### **Chair Bortolin:**

https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=341301

Agenda Item VII. Public Comment.

### **Chair Bortolin:**

Nevada Housing Coalition (question) Remember those bills. Well, that have already passed. So, thank you for your work on that. Any future proposals that you are looking at. The DAG will correct me if I'm wrong, but I think because you have briefed us on those, if you want to come back as those land with a legislator or if you have questions and ways that we can support you and your efforts to develop those, we would then be able to agenize recommending to the Commission to formally support. That work before the next session.

Interim Judiciary Committee Summary evictions as a priority as a suggestion: Had a conversation with Clark County Social Services recently about how.

Much this is exasperating homelessness right now, particularly because.

There is money in rapid rehousing, but there is nowhere to rapidly rehouse people right now, so.

Uh, with the blunt of the timelines that is contributing greatly to the problems that we are all working on.

Appreciate those updates. I'm very familiar with the issues you are trying to move forward, so if you want to come back as well as things land in legislation, we can move forward on opportunity to best support your efforts.

Any other comments or questions before we move on?

Well then thank you guys, both of those were great today. The next item on our agenda is discussion of agenda items for next meeting. So, as I mentioned at the top, I would like to invite Sarah Alders group at our next meeting to present so that we have that through the formal process for consideration. Sarah, I see you're back on, does that work for you?

All right, then, item number 7 is public comment. No action may be taken upon a matter race until the matter has been specifically added to an agenda. Comments are limited to three meetings or three minutes. We are now open for public comment. Please unmute yourself and state your name for the Council.

There is no public comment at the end of the meeting. I appreciate everyone's time and the presentations today. It sounds like we are headed towards a great legislative session to do some interesting and important work in this area. So, we will follow up. Please keep in touch with us as we can re agenize you for future action and updates on what everyone is working on or other suggestions that you may have as you think of the best ways that we can utilize this group.

## [No Public Comment]

## **Chair Bortolin:**

Great. Thank you. Hearing no other comments, this meeting is adjourned.

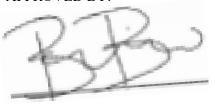
Adjourned August 24,2022 11:02 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Niani Cooper, Committee Moderator

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## APPROVED BY:



Bailey Bortolin, Chair

Date: March 25, 2022