

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF

THE NEVADA INTERAGENCY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS TO HOUSING

March 21, 2024

The Nevada Interagency Council on Homelessness was called to order by Chair Tim Robb at 1:01 p.m. on Thursday, March 21, 2024. 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:

Tim Robb, Chair, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Office of the Governor

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

Stephen Aichroth, Administrator, Nevada Housing Division

Mary Devine, Director, Nevada Department of Veterans Services

Emily Testwuide, Deputy Director, Nevada Department of Corrections

Dina Neal, Senator, Nevada

Max Carter, Assemblyman, Nevada

Sheriff Jerry Allen, Pershing County, Nevada

Dr. Catrina Grigsby-Thedford, Governor appointed member who has experienced homelessness

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Brandon Zirkle, Lieutenant, Washoe County

Mike Montero, Judge, Nevada District Court 8

Kevin McMahill, Sheriff, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department

Judge Christy Craig, 8th District, Nevada

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

Samantha D'Ambrosio, Homeless to Housing Coordinator, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Welfare and Supportive Services

Abigail Bagolor, Homeless to Housing, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Welfare and Supportive Services

Jonet Anderson, Homeless to Housing, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Welfare and Supportive Services

Ryan Sunga, DAG, Nevada

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

Niani Cooper:

Good afternoon and welcome to the Governor's Interagency Council on Homelessness to Housing. This meeting has been publicly noticed in compliance with Nevada's Open Meeting Law. Chair Tim Robb will call the meeting to order.

Chair Tim Robb:

Good afternoon, it is 1:01 p.m. and I would like to call the March 21st, 2024, meeting of the Nevada Interagency Council on Homelessness to order. Niani, will you please call roll?

[Roll Call. We Have Quorum.]

Chair Tim Robb:

Fantastic. We can move onto item number two on the agenda.

Agenda Item II. [General Public Comments.]

Chair Tim Robb:

Item number two on our agenda 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 the agenda as an item upon which action may be taken. Comments will be limited to three minutes. If you are making a

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public comment via phone, please call 1-775-321-6111 ID: 870 635 876#. Please unmute yourself and state your name for the council. Ms. Cooper, do we have any written public comments that's been submitted?

Niani Cooper:

No, we do not.

Chair Tim Robb:

Before we close our agenda item number two, do any of the members wish to make an introduction of yourself? We have four new folks on the line. I want to see if you want to take this opportunity to say hello and give us a little background on who you are.

Mary Devine:

I'm Mary Devine. I am the new Director of Veteran Services. I've been on the job for four days. I am very excited to be here. I look forward to what we do in our communities around this area of homelessness. I am excited about this assignment. Thank you.

Catrina Grigsby-Thedford:

This is Dr. Katrina Grigsby. I was accepted a few months ago. I sit on the lived experience seat. I am the Executive Director of Nevada Homeless Alliance. I am grateful to be here. To be involved in conversations and learn more from all of you. As well as share my perspective from a person who has lived experience coupled with my education and professional knowledge as it relates to homelessness. Thank you for having me.

Emily Testwuide:

My name is Emily Testwuide. I am the new Deputy Director of Programs for the Department of Correction. I'm sitting in for Director Dzurenda today. I started in January and I'm looking forward to working with all of you. Our efforts are focused on re-entry at this point. There's a lot of overlap but I'm excited.

Max Carter:

I am Assemblyman Max Carter. I represent the east side of Las Vegas. I love my marginalized communities and want to help make our communities better.

Dina Neal:

I am Senator Dina Neal. I've been in the Senate since 2020. I've been in the Legislature on the assembly side since 2011.

Chair Tim Robb:

Thank you for all that you do. We are happy to have you on the team. We will move on to agenda item number three.

Agenda Item III. [Discussion and Possible Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 30, 2023, Interagency Council on Homelessness.]

Chair Tim Robb:

Item number three – discussion and possible approval of the minutes from the previous council meeting on November 30th, 2023. Is there any discussion on the meeting minutes? Hearing none, I will entertain a motion to approve them.

Stephen Aichroth:

I move to approve the minutes.

Chair Tim Robb:

Thank you very much, Administrator. May I have a second?

Robert Thompson:

I'll second.

Chair Tim Robb:

We have a motion and a second. All those in favor of approving the meeting minutes from November 30th, 2023, please indicate by unmuting yourself and saying "aye".

Robert Thompson, Mary Devine, Stephen Aichroth, Emily Testwuide, Catrina Grigsby-Thedford, Dina Neal, Max Carter, Jerry Allen:

Aye.

Chair Tim Robb:

Any opposed, please unmute yourself and indicate by saying "nay". Any abstentions? Please unmute yourself and indicate by stating you abstain. Motion passes. We can move on to agenda item number four.

Agenda Item IV. [Update Discussion on the Progress of AB 310.]

Chair Tim Robb:

Item number four – update discussion on the progress of AB 310. Go ahead Administrator Aichroth.

Stephen Aichroth:

Thank you, Chair Robb. Since there are many new members, I will give a recap of what AB 310 is. It was passed in the last legislative session. Effectively, it provides the division funding for a program. I will read the bill verbatim. To develop and implement a supportive housing grant program for the purpose of awarding grants. For the development of supportive housing and the provision of supportive housing services. They've identified four ways on how it's done. To procure and develop supportive housing. Train and build a capacity of supportive housing. Partnerships and fund the operation of that partnership. Analyze the progress of supportive housing in the state. The intersection of this group with that law is that the division will consult with the membership of the Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness to Housing before approving any application for a grant. You guys will have a voice as we move forward in this process. To opine the grants that will be

submitted. Supportive housing means subsidized housing that reduces barriers to retaining housing. These are caused by a person's rental history, criminal history, and income through the provision of onsite and off-site supportive services. These are designed to assist a person who has a disabling behavioral or physical health condition. Who has experienced homelessness or been at imminent risk of homelessness or has been unnecessarily institutionalized. Supportive services are defined as social services, community support services, case management services, employment services, healthcare, and behavioral health treatment. The division will be provided \$32.2 million dollars of general funds. It's a one stop shop for the division to work with brick and stick developers and the supportive services folks who are looking for this funding. We are working on drafting regulations. Once we get those back from the Legislative Council Bureau (LCB), the division will release these regulations in the program designed for a public workshop. The division will make necessary revisions and submit the regulations to LCB for drafting. Then, submission to the Legislative Commission. The goal of the division is to be able to open applications by July 2024 and make awards by September. The division is in the final submission stages to create the new positions that were approved as part of AB 310. We hope to hire later in the spring. Each year the division awards Housing and Urban Development's National Housing Trust Funds to projects serving 30% AMI and below individuals and families. The selection criteria include offering supportive services. We hope to intersect those two funds. Which would allow developers to apply for trust funds for their projects. And to apply for supportive housing funds. The division is working to potentially fold Section 811 grants as part of the application process for supportive housing services. Section 811 funds provide rental assistance for individuals with disabilities. These funds are a bit of a challenge to disperse. But we hope to deploy these funds alongside the items that would be provided through the applications in AB 310. We will notify this group and our other partners as to when public workshops will be held for the adoption of the regulations.

Chair Tim Robb:

Thank you, Administrator. Does anybody have questions?

Stephen Aichroth:

As discussed previously in another meeting, with the new members, it's worth a refresher. This will be a continual standing item on the agenda for the Interagency Council. Moving forward as we work through this process.

Chair Tim Robb:

We appreciate it. We can move on to agenda item number five.

Agenda Item V. [Update on the Interagency Council on Homelessness Technical Assistance Subcommittee – Michele Fuller-Hallauer ICHTA Chair.]

Chair Tim Robb:

Item number five – update on the Interagency Council on Homelessness Technical Assistance Subcommittee – Michele Fuller-Hallauer ICHTA Chair. Michele, I'll pass it on to you.

Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Thank you, Chair Robb. Council members, I appreciate the opportunity to present to you today. I am Michele Fuller-Hallauer. I am the owner, CEO and Chief Strategist for Winged Wolf Innovations. I am the Chair of the Technical Assistance Committee for this board. I would like to give an update on the activities of the Technical Assistance Committee. We continue to meet monthly. We are actively working on creating the action plan to accompany the statewide strategic plan. We work in teams that involve stakeholders from across the state. All the CoC's are service providers and the people that we serve. The first draft will be compiled by the end of this month. We are anticipating a solid working draft for you by August. You and our legislators will be able to use that action plan and the state strategic plan as you start bill drafting for the next legislative session. We believe that the action plan will be very informative and helpful. There may be some slight adjustments to the actual strategic plan as we are gathering vital information across the state. We are excited about the work. We hope that you are pleased with the work that's taking place throughout the state and in collaboration with the three Continuums of Care. That ends my report. I am open to questions.

Chair Tim Robb:

Thank you. Can you define Continuum of Care? What that work looks like on the ground for some of our newer folks?

Michele Fuller Hallauer:

Absolutely. The Continuum of Care or CoC is defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and is a geographic area. We have three geographic areas defined within the State of Nevada. The Northern Nevada CoC is the boundaries of Washoe County. It's considered the Reno, Sparks, Washoe County Continuum of Care. But we call it the Northern Nevada CoC. The Southern Nevada CoC is the geographic area of the boundaries of Clark County and all jurisdictions therein. Legally it is called the Las Vegas Clark County CoC. The other fourteen counties and Carson City is the Rural Nevada CoC. The CoCs' are responsible for planning all home service delivery within their geographic area. For designating and operating their Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) or our Community Management Information System (CMIS). We use Clarity. All three Continuums of Care within the State of Nevada used the same system. We have an open shared system. That helps us to gather statewide data as long as you're entering the data within HMIS. We don't have access to data that is entered to another system like E-Lock. The CoCs' are also responsible for coordination of systems and operating in coordinated entry system. This includes being able to divert people out of the home services system as well as folks that are homeless. Evaluating them with the same tool we all use across the state. Assessing them based on vulnerability and referring them to appropriate housing services. As we know, we don't have enough housing supportive services to meet the need across the state.

Chair Tim Robb:

Thank you. We appreciate all the work that you do. For making sure that there is coordination statewide and that we're making informed decisions. Any other questions for Michele? Hearing none, we can close out this agenda item and move on to agenda item number six.

Agenda Item VI. [Discussion of Agenda Items for the Next Meeting.]

Chair Tim Robb:

Item number six – discussion of future agenda items for potential meeting on April 25th, 2024. Does anybody have any topics they would like to discuss? Or groups they would like us to reach out to see if they may be able to participate?

Catrina Grigsby-Thedford:

If I can request to do a presentation at the next meeting. This is for Nevada Homeless Alliance progress report for 2023. We are going statewide. We have a contract with Washoe County or Northern Nevada CoC for Lived Experience Advisory Board as well as Southern Nevada for Lived Experience Consultants. We hosted our second conference on ending homelessness in Reno last year. Our third annual statewide conference will be this year. I think it will be great to re-educate everyone and educate the new members of the work that Nevada Homeless Alliance does. As it relates to homelessness and housing instability.

Chair Tim Robb:

We would love to have it added to the list. Thank you. Anybody else have any ideas?

Stephen Aichroth:

Chair Robb, was the intent to invite Ms. Searcy back to talk about that for the April meeting?

Chair Tim Robb:

Yes sir. Are there any other topics anybody would like to discuss at the upcoming meeting? Hearing none, we can move on to agenda item number seven.

Agenda Item VII. [General Public Comments.]

Chair Tim Robb:

Item number seven on our agenda is public comment. This is the second period of the 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 the agenda as an item upon which action may be taken. Comments will be limited to three minutes. If you are making a public comment via phone, please call 1-775-321-6111 ID: 870 635 876#. Please unmute yourself and state your name for the council.

Catrina Grigsby-Thedford:

Nevada Homeless Alliance was granted the opportunity to work with the Nevada Department of Corrections on a six month, no cost, pilot program. One of my goals in my research is to halt the inflow of homelessness from institutions including jails, prisons, mental health facilities and substance use facilities. We were given approval to go to two locations, Florence McClure, and Southern Desert. That six month is coming to an end. We have been able to successfully meet with individuals who are expiring their sentence. Our target is to divert them from being discharged into homelessness when they have no social or financial support. I want to thank the NDOC, and our law enforcement partners

for allowing us to do that work. It's very impactful and we would like to continue. I will include that information in my presentation next month. I am currently part of a team that's working on a shorter assessment to look at the vulnerability of individuals for our coordinated entry housing assessment. To make sure the most vulnerable are getting access to housing and services that they need. Our goal is to have that short term project completed by April 1st. Then, we will redo our homelessness assessment as part of the long-term team. Once the short assessment is completed, we will ask our health technical assistant to join the meeting and give a presentation. I think it will be great for individuals on this call to understand why we changed it. Why do we think the new one is better. And how it would impact on our service providers as well as people experiencing homelessness in a greater and more positive way. I want people to know that is coming up.

Chair Tim Robb:

Thank you. Anybody else that wishes to make a public comment? Seeing none, hearing none, we can make a movement to adjourn.

Max Carter:

I move to adjourn.

Chair Tim Robb:

Thank you, Assemblyman. We can move to a vote without a second. All those in favor please indicate by unmuting yourself and saying "aye".

Robert Thompson, Mary Devine, Stephen Aichroth, Emily Testwuide, Catrina Grigsby-Thedford, Dina Neal, Max Carter, Jerry Allen:

Aye.

Chair Tim Robb:

Any opposed? Seeing none, hearing none, we are adjourned. Thank you very much for participating. We look forward to seeing you at the next one.

Agenda Item VIII. [Adjournment: 1:34 PM]

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Robert Thompson, Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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Tim Robb, Chair

Date: April 3, 2024