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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF

THE NEVADA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS SUBCOMMITTEE
FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

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The Nevada Interagency Council on Homelessness Subcommittee for Technical Assistance was called to order by Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer at 1:03 p.m. on Tuesday September 13, 2022. This meeting is being conducted virtually. This meeting was noticed in accordance with Nevada Open Meeting Law and posted on <https://dwss.nv.gov/Home/Features/Public-Information/> the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services website.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Karen Van Hest, Director of Reimbursement and Compliance at Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada

Emily Paulsen, Housing and Justice Reintegration Program Manager, Nevada

Chris Murphy, Grants Manager, Churchill Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs DBA: New Frontier, Nevada

Brooke Page, Corporation for Supportive Housing Director, Southwest, Nevada

Marc Bello, Captain, Washoe County, Nevada

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lisa Lee, Nevada Interagency Council on Homelessness, Washoe County Human Services Agency

Nolga Valadez, Benefit Services Outreach Manager, Three Square, Nevada

Renee Sweeney, Vitality Veterans Housing Program Coordinator, Nevada

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Hettie Read, Management Analyst Housing and Neighborhood Development, City of Reno, Nevada

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

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

Ryan Sunga, DAG, Nevada

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

Niani Cooper:

Good morning and welcome to the Subcommittee Meeting for Technical Assistance 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 ICH Subcommittee Chair Fuller-Hallauer will call the meeting to order.

Chair Fuller-Hallauer:

Good afternoon, it's 1:03 p.m. and I'd like to call the September 13th meeting of the Subcommittee for Technical Assistance to order. Will Niani please call roll?

Niani Cooper:

[Roll Call. We Do Have Quorum.]

Chair Fuller-Hallauer:

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.

Agenda Item II. [No General Public Comments]

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Agenda Item III. Welcome New Members

Brooke Page, Corporation for Supportive Housing Director, Southwest, Nevada

Emily Paulsen, Housing and Justice Reintegration Program Manager, Nevada

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

Agenda Item IV. Discussion and possible approval of minutes from June 14,2022, July 12,2022 and August 9,2022, Subcommittee for Technical Assistance Meeting.

Brooke Page:

Motion

Emily Paulsen:

Second

Motion Carried

Agenda Item V. Nomination, Discussion and Vote on Vice Chair for the ICH Technical Assistance Subcommittee.

Brooke Page: Nominated herself as Vice Chair for the ICH Technical Assistance as Vice Chair

Dr Pamela Juniel

Motion

Emily Paulsen

Second

Motion Carried

Agenda Item: VI. Report updates from the National Alliance Homelessness Conference from TA members who attended.

Emily Paulsen and Michele Fuller-Hallauer attended the Conference in July 2022.

Report updates from the National Alliance Homelessness Conference from TA members who attended in July 2022 **Emily Paulsen:** Feedback from the conference held in DC is the first year in several years, of course because the conference was held in person in previous years. It was held in person and included in person Capitol Hill visits where the Capitol Hill is flooded with homeless advocates, homeless service advocates come from all across the country. Meeting with

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our representative at one time, but that component is happening at some point this week or next virtually so you might want to share some information on that. (Chair) This year it was a three-day conference session. Some of the major sessions from the conference included the importance of including people with lived experience in all levels of system planning and system intervention. I don't know if we have any one on this committee with lived experience of homelessness that may be something for us to talk about as an action item. There were a lot of representatives throughout the conference and all the panels. I attended plenty that featured people with lived experience. They could speak to and where that experience can help and inform best practice and system level change, that was a major theme for me to the conference. There was also a focus on some newer interventions. I know that we, the agencies throughout our state, are working on right now including shared housing, which is an opportunity to maximize the limited housing stock. We must do this instead of just focusing on how to get people housed into single apartments. A single individual is paired with a roommate and two-bedroom unit or even maybe three-bedroom apartment of single-family homes.

Chair Fuller-Hallauer: I went to several sessions around coordinated entry and some communities are really using some dynamic ways of integrating other systems or using other technology to get the right level of support as they recover from homelessness along with other health issues that they may be experiencing so there's just amazing takeaways from the conference. We really need system level improvements to leverage lessons that we've learned that we need to lead with racial justice and equity that we need to continue to collaborate and coordinate. We need to bring housing first to scale. We need to recapture the narrative around what we're doing and in homeless services. We need to improve our crisis response systems and we need to partnership across our systems.

Agenda Item: VII. Presentation on Policy Proposals to Create Infrastructure for Supportive Housing. Brooke Page, Corporation for Supportive Housing Director, Southwest, Nevada Presentation [Here is a link](#).

Agenda Item VIII. Discussion and Continued work on the strategic Plan. Assign members to work on sections for possible approval in the October ICH-TA.

Agenda Item IX. Discussion of Agenda Items for next meeting Will vote Strategic Plan at next meeting on October 11,2022 at 1:00pm

Dr. Pamela Juniel (shared information) She just so excited about what our committee is, or counsel is going to do and just knowing what we know, and then also talking about what we don't know. I am a member of the coordinated entry committee as well. That's probably why I can't attend everything, but I didn't know if anyone related to coordinated entry committee that is

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out here because I do believe that they were piloting a platform like a digital platform that speaks to what you were talking about. **(Chair Fuller-Hallauer)** Which coordinated entry committee are you referring to? **(Dr. Juniel)** I believe it is the Rural Nevada Continuum of Care and then there's a coordinated entry subsection. I was there because I was added on by my director, so I'm more than happy to forward any communications or any connections to this committee. Maybe this way there is at least some connections there just to see if you know, because I know it's linked to Rural Nevada but then I didn't know if it was linked to Nevada at large, so that is something that we could probably definitely explore that would be awesome. I'm the chair **(Michele Fuller-Hallauer)** of the coordinated entry system working group for Southern Nevada CoC so that would be awesome if you could connect me with the folks from the Rural area because if there is something that they're doing that we could build upon that would be phenomenal. **(Dr. Juniel)** Wonderful and thank you so much for that. I do know that in the past I've like forwarded some items around HUD contract and NOFOs and funding to me so I just wanted to be sure that I was sending everything into the right place and so I can put together an introductory email so that our committee may be able to touch base with each other and connect and hopefully build a stronger coalition. **(Michele Fuller-Hallauer)** I think that would be great. Just for informational purposes. The three CoCs do get together twice a year to share information, but that's not to say that information doesn't get missed so if you have information forward any communications or any connections to this committee.

Brooke Page (Question for the record to Chair Fuller-Hallauer) I was curious about if there's anything from the conference around strategic priorities that we should be considering? You gave some great high level over like insights and themes and I'm wondering as we're talking about our statewide strategic plan. If there are federal priorities and just connections that we should be coordinating and kind of leveraging from a federal perspective in our state plan. That's a great question **(Michele Fuller-Hallauer)** stated. The Federal United States Interagency Council on Homelessness is getting ready to roll out their new federal plan any day now and they have made it clear that they expect every state in every local CoC to have their strategic plan align with the federal plan and they have indicated that the plan will not focus on individual subpopulations but more on strategies. From the conference there was a focus around implementing solutions that make systems work efficiently that maximize existing resources. Communities must confront homelessness and address scopes of affordable housing resources in their area using concrete solutions like shared housing, master leasing and using these strategies to help to streamline service delivery and system flow. Making sure that people with lived experience and expertise are involved in every level, including design and implementation in policy development and program design at all levels right from ground zero to executive level partnerships and establishing and maintaining partnership collaborating across systems. Continuing that is critical, we need to ensure that every person who's experiencing homelessness has access to vote and everybody who's in this field needs to know that we are not alone and other people that are not only in homeless services but in adjacent systems that are working to the same end. We are not in this alone and addressing the issue. Racial equity is a must. There is a disparate impact of

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homelessness in the BIPOC community that we evaluate our systems that we must address the inequities. We must implement strategies to track our progress on preventing or eliminating disparities in our homeless services systems and I'll be honest with you that's going to impact our funding from here on out whether it be CoC funding or whether it be Health and Human Services funding or DOJ funding. Racial equity is going to be impacting all federal funding moving forward; and not just evaluating it, but how are we addressing it? How are implementing those strategies to track it and preventing and eliminating it?

Interagency Council on homelessness strategic plan needs to be evaluated and updated, if necessary, each year and sent to the Governor's office for its approval and adoption to be prior to their last meeting. The interagency council on homelessness' last meeting scheduled of the year is October 26, 2022. So, we need to get our strategic plan updated and renewed. Last years' subcommittee and the subsequent interagency council chose to vote to maintain the strategic issues. They updated the information under the strategic issues and adopted new goals. So, the strategic plan needs to be cleaned up. So, earlier this year we planned to get it cleaned up so that it was more user-reader friendly. The old historical information was reformatted. Was this clearly delineated as such, and then what has not been done? There was not clear input from the Continuums of Care and the people that they serve, each of our providers and the Continuum of Care serve. The strategic plan was developed within the subcommittee and sent to the interagency council and so we had some discussion at this subcommittee they felt we really needed the input of people with lived experience. The people that are being served, those folks and the continuum that is over each of those agencies that serve the people that are being affected by this plan. We recognize that the action plan which is really the work that drives the plan needs to come from the ground, so that's going take a while right? That can't happen overnight. It's not going to be done by the end of this year. So, the focus right now is just cleaning up the format. We are updating the state of homelessness data bringing that up to date within strategic plan. Editing is done within the body of the strategic plan. At that point, we as a group as a subcommittee can determine, do we move forward with the existing strategic plan and strategic issues and goals as they are, or do we get information from our continuums and the agencies and the people that they serve? We may find that the strategic plan as we are putting forward maybe a bit off base and we may need to do some adjustments.

[No Public Comment]

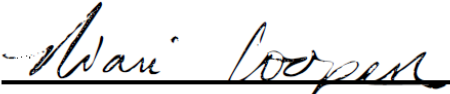
Chair Fuller-Hallauer:

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

Adjourned 3:32p.m.

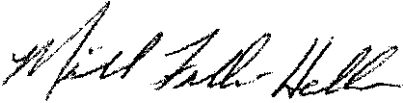
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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Niani Cooper, Committee Moderator

APPROVED BY:



Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Chair

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