

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
THE NEVADA INTERAGENCY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS
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The Nevada Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness was called to order by Chair Lisa Lee at 9:33 a.m. on Tuesday, June 23, 2020. 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.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Lisa Lee, Project Coordinator, Foundation for Recovery, Sparks, Nevada

Stephen Aichroth, Administrator, Nevada Housing Division

Chuck Callaway, Sheriff of Clark County, Nevada

Greg Herrera, Chief Deputy, Washoe County, Nevada

Judge Mike Montero, 6th District, Nevada

Robert Thompson, Deputy Administrator, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services

Fred Wagar, Deputy Director, Nevada Department of Veterans Services

Brian Williams, Deputy Director, Nevada Department of Corrections

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sheriff Jerry Allen, Pershing County, Nevada

Judge David Gibson Jr., 8th District, Nevada

Michelle White, Chief of Staff, Nevada Office of the Governor

OTHERS PRESENT:

Senator Moises Denis, Nevada

Tiffany Husband, Manager, Homeless to Housing, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services

Michelle Fuller-Hallauer, Private Citizen, Manager, Clark County Social Services, Nevada

Jim Pekham, Private Citizen, Executive Director, FISH, Nevada

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Deacon Craig La Gier, Private Citizen, NOTS, Nevada

Ritchie Duplechien, Private Citizen, Health Plan of Nevada, Nevada

Scott Carlson, Private Citizen, Las Vegas Justice Court, Nevada

Linda Anderson, Chief Deputy Attorney General, Nevada Office of the Attorney General

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

Tiffany Husband:

Welcomed those in attendance to the meeting, introduced the Chair Lisa Lee, conducted roll call and determined there was a quorum.

Agenda Item II. Public Comment

Chair Lee:

We will go to item number two 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.

Jim Peckham, Private Citizen, FISH, Nevada:

We provide housing and all kinds of social services in the quad county area of Carson, Douglas, Lyon, and Storey counties. From what we identify as a big need is to try and find some kind of housing solution, for people who are so, um, have such bizarre behaviors caused by mental health and or combination of that and drugs. So that if we identify them as candidates we need some kind of nursing home if you will. I know years ago we used to be able to send people up to Nams in Reno but we really need something like that down here so we can actually treat the problems because they burned all the bridges of the nonprofits and social service organizations and continue to degrade on the streets. So that's something that to me is critical from a housing standpoint. Then the second thing is something that can make it easier for us to get people out of the prison yards who have served enough time where they can be released but just don't have any kind of housing options so those are two things that hopefully we're continuing to debate and discuss and figure out how to move that forward and it's a longer term solution than something that can happen overnight.

Deacon Craig La Gier, Private Citizen, NOTS, Nevada:

Founding director of NOTS, Night Off The Street. It is a homeless overflow in Carson City in conjunction of about seven or eight different churches. Yesterday I met with Jim Pekham and Sheriff Jim Furlong with the problem that Jim was talking about. We're having a tremendous influx of problems with the homeless on the street who are violent and I'm going to use the word violently mentally ill in this case. They're getting hard to control we had quite a problem on Friday night. Jim and I were talking yesterday we so desperately need some kind of sheltering for the mentally ill or the dual diagnosis that's working along that line. If we can get them the services they need and the help they need at this point most of them have been denied or 86 from the hospitals, the shelters, the services that are available because of their affliction, to be very honest with you. That seems to be the big panic right now aside from trying to

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find a place to put everybody off the street during the 24/7 type so the churches are getting a little tired of rotating from one to the other.

Ritchie Duplechien, Private Citizen, Health Plan of Nevada:

We work with a lot of the community members out here in Las Vegas and in Reno. One of the problems that we do have even when it comes down to housing is the accessibility of housing for the same members that everyone has spoken before me. These folks can't live alone and so we don't have enough housing that could actually give them the support services that they need, more of a congregate housing and some assistance. We do work with the courts as well; it would be great to come together with some plans to be able to find that type of housing and help our members get into housing even when they can't make those determinations for themselves. Thank you.

Scott Carlson, Private Citizen, Las Vegas Justice Court, Community Court:

Nice to see you all today. One of the problems we're seeing and running into is that even if we help these individuals like after they're done with the special court program we have here and are kind of ready to rejoin society if you will. We even help them get their record sealed and whatnot, the cost of living continues to go up almost insurmountable to what people can really afford and even if they do have it, SMI or co-occurring disorder and let's say they are on SSDI or SSI the average cost of an apartment here in Vegas for not even a good one is getting up there. A two bedroom is almost \$948.00 a month. That basically breaks down that someone would have to make almost \$18.00 an hour in order to afford to live here at the bare minimum. That doesn't even include food that doesn't include utilities that doesn't include anything. Yet they keep raising it at a rate per the statistics here in Las Vegas almost 5 to 10% a year. Yet no raises in any other aspects of these individuals lives so the homeless problem is going to continue if we don't maybe start advocating for some kind of, throwing it out there, rent control or something along those lines because it is getting outrageous. That's all I had and it was just what we're kind of experiencing here In Las Vegas even when people are doing right they just can't seem to catch that break. Thank you.

Agenda Item III. Background of ICH and purpose of council

Chair Lee:

Seeing no further comment, we will now move on to agenda item three. We will now hear from Tiffany Husband on the background of ICH and the purpose of the council ([Exhibit C](#)).

Tiffany Husband:

I am the Manager of the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services Homeless to Housing Unit.

Assemblyman Tyrone Thompson who was a proud champion of Assembly Bill 174 and dedicated to ending homelessness in our state, started testimony for this bill with an anonymous quote that I will share with you today in his honor.

Let us feed the hungry, house the homeless, stop the killing, and provide medicine for the sick. And when we have all accomplished that, then we can sit around and argue about everything else.

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Assembly Bill 174 established the Council into statute July 1, 2019, as an action committee to coordinate the response of state and local agencies and promote cooperation among federal, state, and local agencies to address homelessness. The Council consists of Governor appointed seats that cannot be reassigned. The council is required to meet 4 times per year to establish a strategic plan and ensure the strategic plan is updated and renewed to be relevant yearly. Assembly Bill 174 also provides for the establishment of a technical assistance committee to provide advice and information to assist the Council in renewing the strategic plan and increasing awareness of issues related to homelessness in this state.

Finally, Assembly Bill 174 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide the administrative support for the council. Director Richard Whitley of the Department of Health and Human Services designated the administrative role to the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services. Under the direction of Administrator Steve Fisher and Deputy Administrator Robert Thompson, the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services Homeless to Housing Unit was established to provide the necessary administrative support for this council to continue its work.

Agenda Item IV. Discussion and possible adoption of Bylaws

Chair Lee:

We will move on to item four. Which is discussion and possible adoption of the Bylaws ([Exhibit D](#)).

Deputy Robert Thompson:

Motion to adopt the bylaws.

Deputy Fred Wagar:

Second.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item V. Discussion of strategic goals from previous council and updates to strategic goals, if needed

Chair Lee:

We will move on to agenda item number five. which is discussion of the strategic goals outlined from the previous strategic plan ([Exhibit E](#)), from the previous council and any updates if needed. Do we have any discussion on this?

Steve Aichroth:

I just kind of wanted to chime in, I was on that particular board this was and I don't know if anybody else on this particular council was but this was developed over the course of probably about three or four years. We had a very difficult time getting quorums for that particular committee so that's why it was so slow moving, so I'm really encouraged that folks are engaged. Hopefully that will continue forward so if

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there's any questions in regards to how it was formed, I'll try to answer if anybody has any specific questions because at least I was in the room where it happened so anyway, that's all I've got.

Deputy Fred Wagar:

One thing I noticed in going through this strategic plan is there was no mention of veteran homelessness and I'm not sure how that can be incorporated or if it should or if it should be in just a broad overall strategic planning appreciate any comment on that.

Chair Lee:

Thank you, Fred. It sounds like that might be something the agenda item the Technical Assistance Subcommittee can work on.

Judge Michael Montero:

I'm just going to just briefly comment that this is my first time. I'm brand new to the council and so the back a little bit of background that we had about this strategic plan was very good when I read the agenda it wasn't clear if you were looking for us to come up with proposals or just kind of explain the history of this. I thought it was very thorough but I but I guess I wasn't really clear on you know what was going to be the possible action for this agenda item so thank you for any background you can give to someone that's new to the council.

Chair Lee:

I am in the same category as you I also had several questions regarding this as an actionable item. I would love to hear a motion to move this for the next meeting's agenda, so that we can stand up the agenda item number six. will be discussing the TA subcommittee. I think it would be useful to table this item.

Judge Michael Montero:

I guess since I kind of raised that, I'd be happy to make that motion to table this for future meetings. So that I guess can consider technical assistance to provide, further strategic planning assistance. So, I'll make that motion.

Tiffany Husband:

Madame Chair, if I may suggest we make an action to revise?

Chair Lee:

That sounds great. Do we need a motion and second on that?

Tiffany Husband:

Yes, ma'am.

Chair Lee:

Ok. Michael did I hear a motion from you?

Judge Michael Montero:

I didn't catch the last comment by Ms. Husband.

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Tiffany Husband:

We are going to set this as an action to revise and take a motion on that and then we will include that on the next agenda.

Judge Michael Montero:

If that will be a better approach, I'll make that motion. Thank you.

Chair Lee:

Thank you, Michael. Do I have a second?

Greg Herrera:

Also first time member. I'd appreciate that. I second that motion.

Tiffany Husband:

We will carry that forward so that members can bring back any suggestions, modifications and we will get that compiled.

Chair Lee:

Thank you, Tiffany. Are we set to proceed to the next agenda item?

Greg Herrera:

I believe we still need to vote on that. The motion was made and seconded but I didn't hear a vote.

Chair Lee:

Tiffany, do we need to vote on that?

Tiffany Husband:

[Nod in agreement]

Chair Lee:

Great. All in favor?

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item VI. Discussion and possible creation of a subcommittee for technical assistance to provide advice and information to assist the Council in developing the strategic plan and identify Chair of the subcommittee

Chair Lee:

Agenda item six discussion of a subcommittee for technical assistance to provide advice and information to assist the council, develop this strategic plan and identify a chair of that subcommittee. We are tasked with this per the bylaws. You're free to nominate other council members or self nominate to be on the subcommittee. We need at least two people from the from this council.

Deputy Greg Herrera:

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I would volunteer to be a member of that subcommittee.

Chair Lee:

Are there any other takers on this?

Steve Aichroth:

I'll go ahead and also do that.

Chair Lee:

Ok, great. As a person in long term recovery and someone who experienced episodic chronic homelessness, I would love to be on that subcommittee as well. Do we have any discussion on that?

Deputy Fred Wagar:

Do you need to identify the Chair of that subcommittee at this meeting?

Chair Lee:

This subcommittee would be tasked with developing, revising or updating the strategic plan. Also, updating that annually is my understanding. It's also open to community stakeholders. We would like to see about a dozen people on that subcommittee.

Steve Aichroth:

Is there, just looking at the bylaws, there is no more than three standing committees. Are we just looking to start with one and see how it rolls? Or, is there a desire to go and create three different committees?

Chair Lee:

It would be, from my understanding of the bylaws three additional subcommittees beyond the Technical Assistance subcommittee.

Robert Thompson:

Did I understand you correctly that we are able to accept non-council members on the subcommittee? So a supervisor representative from, example the Welfare Division, could serve on the subcommittee, question?

Chair Lee:

Robert Thompson that is correct. I'd like to direct everyone to article 5, section 6. So, no more than three standing committees in addition to the mandatory technical assistance committee to include: legislative, regulations and communications. Each standing committee must include minimum of two voting members of the council. Each standing committee shall have one chair who is a voting member of the council and the Council Chair shall appoint the standing committee chairs from the Council, except for the Communications Chair which will be the Council Secretary. Which brings me to an agenda item for the next meeting, but I don't want to get ahead. Does that make sense to everyone?

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May I suggest that we open to others on the call, so we have others within the community involved in the subcommittee?

Chair Lee:

I encourage that.

Deputy Robert Thompson:

The Welfare Division would be able to commit a subcommittee member. However, I would not be able to provide that name at this time as I want to reach out to my team members and find somebody that was passionate about this topic. How can I submit that name at a later date? And who would I submit that to Tiffany husband?

Chair Lee:

Tiffany would that be you or should he submit that to the entire Council?

Tiffany Husband:

What we can do is, motion to, um, amend and hold over the subcommittee until next meeting in order to get more volunteers to be on that subcommittee. In that case yes, any nominations can be submitted to the Homeless to Housing Unit and I will add in the chat for everyone their email address for that.

Deputy Robert Thompson:

Tiffany can you repeat back what you would like me to motion? That was long.

Tiffany Husband:

If you want to take a motion to amend and add this to the next agenda.

Deputy Robert Thompson:

I motion to amend and add to next agenda item six.

Deputy Fred Wagar:

I'll second that.

Chair Lee:

Thank you.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Judge Michael Montero:

I know I'm a little late to the discussion, but I'd be happy to help with that subcommittee. I know this will be subject of further discussion, but I'd like to put my name on it. Thank you.

Chair Lee:

Thank you so much. Do we have anymore community Stakeholders that would also like to be on the committee?

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Michelle Fuller-Hallauer, Private Citizen, Clark County Social Services, Nevada:

Clark County Social Service. I was on the original Interagency Council on Homelessness and I am also the CoC Coordinator and lead agency for CoC Southern Nevada. I'd be proud to serve in any way this council feels helpful. If that is in the technical subcommittee, I'm glad to be in that capacity or any capacity you feel is helpful.

Chair Lee:

Thank you, Michelle. That would be great to have some history, on board.

Tiffany Husband:

So, it looks like we confirmed this would go on the next agenda for finalization and approval of the Council members for the subcommittee creation. So, I would respectfully suggest we move to the next agenda item.

Agenda Item VII. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Chair Lee:

Thank you, Tiffany. So we will move on to agenda item seven. Which is the agenda items for the next meeting.

Deputy Fred Wagar:

As Tiffany pointed out we already got the subcommittee item as well as the strategic goal.

Chair Lee:

I would like to propose that we hear from this statewide CoC to present the Point in Time data. I think that that would help inform what we are all doing today. I know that there's been some delay in presenting that data due to COVID and I believe they would have that available for us.

Deputy Fred Wagar:

We were looking for that not too long ago for 2019 and we were unable to find. So, we would love that report.

Chair Lee:

Do we have any other suggestions? I would also like to include an agenda item so we can be in compliance with article 5 section 4 item number D in the Bylaws. Which is where we are tasked with electing a Vice Chair and a secretary for this Council.

Tiffany Husband:

Because some of the appointed positions came in at the very last minute, we were unable to add that to this agenda. And because it's not on the agenda it can't be an action item. So, that is why we will add it to the next meeting's agenda.

Deputy Fred Wagar:

To Tiffany, if we have some more ideas for agenda items between now and the next meeting, do we submit those to you? Or is that something that has to be done today?

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Tiffany Husband:

You can submit those to me. I did in the chat for this add the email address that would be appropriate to send that, that would avoid any technical issues.

Chair Lee:

Thank you, Tiffany. I just want to thank you for your administrative expertise on this Council. I appreciate it.

Steve Aichroth:

Do we need a motion to add that Vice Chair the agenda or can it just be done administratively?

[Chair Lee]:

It's just done administratively for this action item.

Do we have any other items we would like to list at this time? Just so I hope I have the notes correct, the subcommittee for the strategic goal, the CoC presenting their Point in Time data electing a Vice Chair and a Secretary for this council. Do I have those items correct?

Tiffany Husband:

Yes, ma'am you do and as it is shown this is for information so we will get that taken care of here. Thank you.

Agenda Item VIII. Public Comment

Chair Lee:

Awesome, so we will move on into the final public comment agenda Item number eight. Again, no action may be taken on a matter raised under this item; until the matter has been specifically included on an agenda as an item on which action can be taken. Comments are limited to three minutes. Go ahead and please unmute yourself.

Deputy Robert Thompson:

Deputy Administrator of the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services Chairwoman and Council we do want to be transparent and advise everyone on this council that Tiffany Husband is my direct employee. While we do not feel that there would be any conflict of interest should arbitration or any conflicts occur at a later date, I would be abstaining from anything that would put Tiffany in an uncomfortable position.

Chair Lee:

Thank you, Robert. I appreciate that.

Deacon Craig La Gier, Private Citizen, NOTS, Nevada:

This was my first meeting. I was invited via Veronica Galles. I would like to know how I could find out when the rest of the meetings are? Obviously, I'm sitting back enjoying listening and finding out if this is a viable thing to support, to be very honest with you. I'd like to attend other meetings and be involved

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here. Because a couple of things came up here, I am working on a couple of legislatures for the State. I'd like to make sure I get notifications of these meetings, if I can. Thank you.

Tiffany Husband:

Madame Chair, Deacon La Gier, if you will email the Homeless to Housing email address that I list in the chat. We will make sure you are given notice every time we have a meeting.

Michelle Fuller-Hallauer, Private Citizen, Clark County Social Services, Nevada:

Just to inform the board that the Council of the Southern Nevada CoC will be releasing, we anticipate releasing, our Point in Time data to our CoC board during the CoC board meeting in August. That's when we anticipate releasing our Point in Time data publicly. I know you stated during a previous agenda item that you would like us to present to you all. I just wanted to let you be aware of our timeline to releasing the information to our CoC.

Chair Lee:

Thank you, Michelle for clarifying that.

Senator Moises Denis:

I just found out about the meeting last night, so I was able to listen to most of it today. I believe I have been appointed to the Committee and I anticipate participating fully. This is an important subject for me and I'm going to be working on legislation in this next session on this. So, just let me know when the future meetings are, and I'll make sure to participate fully.

Chair Lee:

Thank you so much. We're glad you are here today and I apologize for the late notification. We'll make sure your notified promptly in the future, ok.

Senator Moises Denis:

That's alright. I was glad I was able to get on for a few minutes to see what was going on. Thank you.

Chair Lee:

Do we have any further comment? Seeing none. I'd like to ask Tiffany Husband if we set a date for the next meeting now, before we adjourn?

Tiffany Husband:

Due to time constraints, I believe that would be best to do offline and Homeless to Housing Unit will take care of all of the scheduling. To keep us all from going through our calendars.

Agenda Item IX. Adjournment

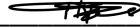
Chair Lee:

Great, thank you so much. Look at that, record time 10:16 a.m. we can adjourn.

Adjourned 10:16 a.m.

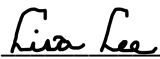
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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Tiffany Husband
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:



Lisa Lee, Chair

Date: July 2, 2020

Exhibits

[Exhibit A](#) Nevada Interagency Advisory Council (ICH) June 23, 2020 Agenda

[Exhibit B](#) Attendance Roster

[Exhibit C](#) ICH background and purpose

[Exhibit D](#) ICH Bylaws

[Exhibit E](#) Previous ICH Council Strategic Plan