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SUBCOMMITTEE FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE – August 20, 2024

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The Nevada Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness to Housing Subcommittee for Technical Assistance was called to order by Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer at 1:02 p.m. on Tuesday, August 20th, 2024. 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:

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Owner, CEO, Chief Strategist, Winged Wolf Innovations LLC

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

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

Austin Pollard, State Housing Manager for United Healthcare

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

Lorena Lemus, Case Management Services Coordinator Northern Nevada Hopes, Reno Nevada

Cristy Costa, Human Services Director, Northern Nevada Community Housing

Adrienne Babbitt, Field Office Director, Department of Housing and Urban Development

Julee King, Product Manager, Bitfocus Inc.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

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

Kimberly Martin, Corporate Administrator, Clean Shot Living

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OTHERS PRESENT:

Shelly Aguilar, Social Services Chief, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Welfare and Supportive Services

Alexis Ochoa, Social Services Manager, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Welfare and Supportive Services

Carlea Freeman, Family Services Supervisor, Homeless to Housing, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Welfare and Supportive Services

Ryan Kokoski, Administrative Assistant, Homeless to Housing, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Nevada

Ryan Sunga, DAG, Nevada

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

Shelly Aguilar:

Good afternoon, and welcome to the Governor's Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness to Housing Technical Assistance Subcommittee. This meeting has been publicly noticed and compliance with Nevada's open meeting law. Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer will call the meeting to order.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Good afternoon, it is 1:02 p.m. on August 20th, 2024. I'd like to call the meeting of the Nevada Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness to Housing Subcommittee for Technical Assistance to order. Shelly, will you please call roll?

Shelly Aguilar: [Roll Call. We Do Have Quorum.]

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Awesome. Thank you everybody for making this meeting. Let's go on to item number two.

Agenda Item II. [General Public Comments]

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Item number two on our agenda is public comment. No action may be taken upon a matter raised until the matter has been specifically added to the agenda. Comments are limited to three minutes. If you are making a public comment via phone, please call 1-775-321-6111, ID 535 879 329#. We are now open to public comment. Please unmute yourself and state your name for the council. Do we have any public comment? Do we have anybody that has sent in any public comment, Shelly?

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Shelly Aguilar:

No, we have not received any public comment.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Seeing none, hearing none, we will close this item. We will move on to agenda item number three.

Agenda Item III. [For Possible Action – Discussion and Possible Approval of Minutes from May 21, 2024, Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness to Housing Technical Assistance Subcommittee Meeting]

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Any discussion or questions about the Minutes before I take a motion? If there is none, I'll take a motion to approve.

Julee King:

Motion to approve.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Thank you, Julee. I have a motion. Do I have a second?

Adrienne Babbitt:

I second.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Thank you. We have a motion and a second. All those in favor, please indicate by unmuting yourself and saying "aye".

Brooke Page, Karen Van Hest, Austin Pollard, Pamela Juniel, Lorena Lemus, Cristy Costa, Adrienne Babbitt, Julee King:

Aye.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Any opposed, please unmute yourself and indicate by saying "nay". Any abstentions? Please unmute yourself and indicate by stating you abstain. Motion carries. Let's move on to agenda item number four.

Agenda Item IV. [For Possible Action – Discussion and Possible Approval of Minutes from June 18, 2024, Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness to Housing Technical Assistance Subcommittee Meeting]

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Do we have any discussions or questions on the Minutes from June 18th? If there is none, I will entertain a motion.

Julee King:

Motion to approve the June 18th Minutes.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

I have a motion to approve. Do I have a second?

Adrienne Babbitt:

I second.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Thank you. We have a motion and a second. All those in favor, please indicate by unmuting yourself and saying “aye”.

Brooke Page, Karen Van Hest, Austin Pollard, Pamela Juniel, Lorena Lemus, Cristy Costa, Adrienne Babbitt, Julee King:

Aye.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Any opposed, please unmute yourself and indicate by saying “nay”. Any abstentions? Please unmute yourself and indicate by stating you abstain. Motion carries. Let’s move on to agenda item number five.

Agenda Item V. [For Possible Action – Update from Champions Regarding Progress in Drafting Their Assigned Portion of the Strategic Plan. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Strategic Plan Content and Language]

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Under this agenda item, we also have some work that has been taking place with a new work team. That has created a policy group as well. Brooke, I think you have been leading the work under that group. I think that group can speak to the work that they’ve been doing.

Brooke Page:

Yes, will be happy to.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Any updates from any of the Champions regarding the work that’s been done for the Strategic Plan?

Pamela Juniel:

Good afternoon. For the education and workforce development component of the strategic issues. I have been working with the Disconnected Youth Coalition. Where we are looking at forging some specific partnerships with regards to the launch of the Atlas platform. I’m also a part of the Youth Experiencing Homelessness Two Year Study Work Group. Where we look at the data and do a causal analysis as well as root cause analysis. The Youth Homeless Systems Improvement Grant was earned by the State of Nevada. We are moving forward with that. I’m also working with the Office of Safe and Respectful Learning Environment where we tackle some issues. This is where I may have to get with the new policy group regarding AB 330 and 285. It has to do with restorative justice for homeless and foster students in schools. With regards to disciplinary measures. As an update, the Nevada Department of Ed had the ARP-HCY funding that needed to be allocated by September 30th of this year to be liquidated.

Administratively, we have through 2026. Some of the contracts that are currently going through the pipeline is the RFP. Where we are vetting vendors right now for the statewide homeless grant. That will help us in terms of getting resources including learning and educational resources out to homeless students as well as supporting families in real time. We also have a contract out and some interlocal agreements for district effectiveness assessment. UNR is going to handle that for us. UNLV is going to help us with a statewide summit. We're also going to partner with Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth as well as the Nevada Alliance. In order to provide some foundational support. I'm also working with the CRALEO Center which is the CTE component of Nevada Department of Ed. To see how we can make sure our vulnerable groups are being able to get access to CTE certification and other programs. Earlier in the school year, I did put together some recommendations. After looking at some of the data where it showed women in STEM, students of color and other groups, including those who are homeless. They don't have access to CTE programs in order to help them make the progress that they need. I'm still in the process of drafting all of it. Thank you for patience and your time.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Thank you Dr. Juniel. I think it's incredible all the work that is happening around the state and with youth. I think it's important that all information be captured in our Strategic Plan. Let's make sure that the work is codified in our Strategic Plan as activities that are in progress.

Pamela Juniel:

Yes, I am still working on that. I have about three or four sets of PowerPoints that are tied to my continuum of service. I'm going to use as in-kind contribution to this group as well. I just finished a national webinar last week because Nevada was recognized for the work that we've done along with North Carolina for Early Intervention and Early Childhood Programming. It's across the board and I'm more than happy to capture that. I would love some support with regards to how do I share that information once I'm finished with the report that you would like for me to submit.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Thank you Dr. Juniel. Shelly, can you give us some guidance on that?

Shelly Aguilar:

Dr. Pam, you can email that either directly to me or you can send it to the Homeless to Housing email account and we will blast it out to everyone. I also manage the listserv. We can send it out through there as well if we want to get it that far.

Pamela Juniel:

Thank you very much.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Other updates?

Adrienne Babbit:

I've continued to work on the strategic issue number two which is prevention and intervention. I did have some potential plans of action to put into the spreadsheet. If I could email somebody the document or do you want me to just email you the bullet points, Michele?

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

You can send that to Shelly and her team as well.

Adrienne Babbitt:

Great, thank you. I also have been participating on the subgroup on policies led by Brooke. I'll wait on that portion to share out my assignment.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Thank you, Adrienne. Anybody else?

Pamela Juniel:

I am one of the supports for wrap around services. While we haven't met for a while, we did create a document that listed different subcomponents. With consideration to providing support for individuals experiencing homelessness. We also looked at the aspect of adding pet care to that. Because we have people who are experiencing homelessness who have pets. We were looking at wrap around services in terms of coordinated entry. Like the function on how that would look as far as timeline and different things like that. We've done some really good work with respect to that. We were looking at how it was also connected to education and workforce development as part of wrap around services. We were trying to make sure that we kept it simple. Wrap around services is like a big lift but there are different elements that feed into it. I'm very proud of the work that I was able to support.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Thank you Dr. Juniel. Will somebody make sure that if it hasn't already that it does get shared with Shelly and her team.

Pamela Juniel:

Yes. Thank you, Madam Chairwoman.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Anybody else?

Brooke Page:

Hi everyone. The Policy Subcommittee Work Group called an ad hoc group that volunteered from this meeting to come together. To identify if there could be opportunities for policy changes. Considering the timing of the next legislative session. And the need to take a moment to reflect on the great work that has happened through this sub working group. The fact that we have some items in our action plan that have been identified. So, identifying what in our action plan could possibly be opportunities for the next legislative session. Or even administrative changes that could be happening at the state level. Instead of waiting for a full action plan, we decided to convene. And identify what areas we could sort of identify that could be rolled up. We ended up having a conversation that illuminated the importance of aligning with the governor's priorities. Because this is the Governor's Interagency Council, there's a lot of important priorities that the governor has from a policy perspective. The working group took some time to do a crosswalk between what Governor Lombardo has as far as his policy priorities. And where there could be alignment with our action plan and some of the items that have come forward. As a group, we've identified that there's two major buckets at the moment and there's still a lot to go through. We'd

like to put it out there for discussion. Because there could be an opportunity for us to make a decision. If there's an opportunity for us to have a discussion and decide if we want to move any of these discussions up to the Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness to Housing. Possibly advocate for further conversations or considerations for even bill drafts. We wanted to be able to start the conversation today and see where it lands. If there's an appetite for us to think about what we could move forward to advocate and address homelessness in Nevada. The categories we identified from the governor's priorities were two. One of them is education and workforce. He has priorities that focus on coordinating and integrating work training activities to meet the needs of Nevada businesses. Things like consolidating workforce training programs, facilitating cross government workforce collaboration and working directly with business and economic development on workforce. There were various different opportunities that we've identified in our action plan that address education and workforce. We wanted to think about identifying what of these could be an opportunity for us to think about policy change. Some things that came to the table were from an administrative perspective. Could we align around one partnership. There's a lot of silos that are currently happening. From an administrative perspective, strengthening partnerships between affordable housing, the historic preservation, environmentalist economic development, co-ed. And there's various different departments that are addressing housing in some way. Could there be opportunities to sort of align and support these state agencies with discussing housing. So, 1.1 is our action plan that aligns with this. 1.2 has increasing supportive services for people with disabilities, severe mental illness, substance use disorders. Increasing the workforce to ensure that we've got a workforce that's addressing the needs of the people with disabling conditions. Identifying if there are resources or funding to increase the workforce to do this important service delivery. This also came up as a priority for the Governor in his health and wellness category. He has a category around reducing dependency on social services. Supporting the build out of Campus of Hope consistent with state investment. As well as strategically deploying new mental health investments. Enhancing programs supporting transitions to work. The service categories, everything from our SOAR recommendations to increasing service resources would allow for us to justify stabilizing people in housing. Increasing our workforce and eventually reducing dependency. Right now, folks are probably not utilizing the right services. Making a justification for where we're making around service provision, SOAR coordination. Increasing access to services for people with disabling conditions, severe mental illness, substance use disorders and aligning those to address these priorities. Ill pause there to see if anybody has any questions or thoughts. If anybody has anything they want to add.

Pamela Juniel:

Thank you for sharing regarding policy. I just wrote a memo to the Director of the CRALEO office making similar recommendations to what you were speaking to. I see where this marries with the education and workforce development component beautifully. One of my suggestions was to connect our vulnerable populations which are the individual's experiencing homelessness and those who have disabilities are listed in that as part of the work. As you know, Nevada Department of Education, to also see if there may be some connections that are existing. If not, we do have that college and career ready work website that we are getting ready to launch. This might be something that we may be able to partner with ICHH Technical Assistance Subcommittee. With some of the work going on with NDE. So that we can garner additional support and lobby for additional funding and support for the work that we're trying to do. I

would like to discuss with you the components of AB 330 and AB 285 with regards to restorative justice and discipline. As it relates to making sure we eliminate educational barriers for students who are experiencing homelessness in schools. As it is determined by our state because this is our legislation that was recently passed. How do all of these other entities work to support making sure that this legislation is implemented with fidelity and without impunity. Thank you very much. I look forward to talking to you and the group soon.

Brooke Page:

Thank you Dr. Juniel. There's a category around public safety and infrastructure that gets to the justice related conversations that I failed to mention. That one has an important category around reducing recidivism and preparing offenders for community reentry. Developing cross government supports for existing offenders. Building out new and expanded workforce training for returning home community members. Support folks with education and programming and mental health services. There's definitely a population focus here that aligns with the service provision, workforce development and training for people with justice involvement. So, calling that out and ensuring that we make that tie as well.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

In my opinion, the policy workgroup has really tapped into something critical. That we, as the Technical Assistance Group, may have overlooked in our push to get the strategic and action plan written. That was to really look into the governor's priorities and to find out what the governor's priorities are. To pull that out and align. I really appreciate the policy workgroup doing the work. Detangling all of the things that our work teams have done. To pull information from the various communities and our stakeholders. That we've combined, compiled and identified. Where we have those commonalities with the governor and his priorities. Because if we're not putting forward things that he will stand behind, we are not going to get approved. I think you guys have hit on a key strategy as we move forward. I appreciate the movement and the way that the team is going. I want to share with this group that we had a request from the LEAB or the Lived Experience Advisory Board from Northern Nevada. They are working with the University of Reno and some other groups up north. They want to do a presentation to this group about training professionals. Exploring cutting edge training methods that bring peer support personnel, community health workers and homemakers together with students from a range of clinical professionals. Several local and national foundations have also taken notice of the work and are interested in providing some support. They would like to do a presentation to the Technical Assistance Committee. And potentially, if we like what we hear, do a presentation to the ICHH regarding this training. The larger picture of the how, why and how it can improve support service delivery for training and improvement on the workforce moving forward. And the improvement in assisting those persons that are experiencing homelessness. I think that also ties in with what you've just been talking about.

Brooke Page:

Thank you for the feedback, Michele. Adrienne, I know you mentioned that you had some other thoughts. Is there anything that you wanted to add from our work? We also appreciate Shannon who's not on the call today, but she also helped with brainstorming.

Adrienne Babbit:

Did you want to talk about specific policy ideas from the action plan?

Brooke Page:

We can definitely do that.

Adrienne Babbitt:

Thank you, Brooke and Shannon, for taking on more than you share. I looked at the data and prevention sections in relationship to the governor's bucket. Looked at ideas around the wrap around services. Specifically developing statewide data quality and consistency across those systems of care. I don't exactly know how that would read as a policy. But I felt like there could be an opportunity within health and wellness portion of the three-year plan policy matrix. Looked at partnering with the Department of Corrections within the bucket of reducing recidivism and preparing offenders for community reentry. Looking at either increasing capacity for or creating new programs. That would allow offenders that are eligible for release to apply for income and benefits. Apply for Social Security disability through SOAR. Work on improving their credit while they're incarcerated. And apply for income-based housing before being released. So, there would be more continuity of care and more opportunities for them upon release. If there's an agreement that diversion programs are important in this bucket, we are looking at expanding diversion programs. The person I spoke to in Southern Nevada indicated that ninety-seven percent of the individuals that participate are currently homeless. They would have a better incentive for people participating in the diversion program if there were housing opportunities for them. As part of participating in that diversion program.

Brooke Page:

Thank you, Adrienne. Is there a specific policy ask from those ideas? Or is it a kind of general discussion that you want us to talk about?

Adrienne Babbitt:

If I had a better understanding of what's currently in place, I would have more of a policy ask. Right now, I have these ideas and recommendations based on feedback that is being put into the action plan. But I don't feel like I'm in a place to recommend policy since I don't currently have a good understanding of the current landscape of policy as it pertains to these issues.

Brooke Page:

Further research needs to be done.

Adrienne Babbitt:

Yes. Anybody has a good point of contact with the Department of Corrections? I would be happy to do some outreach and information gathering.

Pamela Juniel:

Our Title 1 Part D Coordinator with NDE may be able to connect you to the Department of Corrections. They deal with students who are neglected and also work with the legal system. That would be Mr. Jeffrey Hoover. He may have a list of contacts with DLC. Because some of the work intersects with Title 1 Part D. There are some people within Disconnected Youth Coalition that may know some more individuals who may also have some connections.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Thank you, Dr. Juniel. Shelly, don't we have somebody from DOC that sits on the ICHH?

Shelly Aguilar:

We have Deputy Director Emily Testwuide on the main council.

Brooke Page:

If there's an opportunity for us to make a report out on these recommendations. And maybe provide a discussion item for the ICHH meeting to think about these opportunities. One addition that is related to the Department of Corrections that I think is worth exploring is the ability to see if there is a statute that allows for rehabilitation post incarceration. Because recidivism rates are an important cost benefit tool to justify the importance of providing rehabilitation post incarceration. If it's going to reduce recidivism. If it's costing the state a significant amount of money to continually cycle somebody through the justice system. But providing resources post incarceration would reduce that. Provide a lot more resources such as housing. Could that be an incentive to address these priorities. But then also help folks thrive. I think that would be an important thing for us to consider. The ability for DOC to do that. If it's something in statute that's not currently available, can we propose a simple change in statute that allows for that?

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Brooke, when would your group be prepared to make a presentation to the ICHH? After this group makes any kind of approval of your recommendations, how long would it take for you guys to put together a presentation?

Brooke Page:

That's a great question. The issue is the timing is of the essence, right? We know that we're up against some important deadlines related. If there's anything legislatively that we are recommending. We would like for the ICHH to consider if they have bill drafts. Or if there's other opportunities within the Governor's Office for bill drafts. For these items that we hope align with his priorities. We would want to hopefully get in line with those timing. If it's not too late to get on their agenda to do a presentation for their next meeting. We could prioritize getting something developed for that next meeting.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Their next meeting is on September 26th.

Adrienne Babbitt:

Brooke, is that going to be late? I'll be in Saint Louis that whole week, so I won't be available for presentation.

Brooke Page:

I think it's still worth the presentation. There could be multiple paths. If something comes up that we want to prioritize and we think is an important path forward, we can present it and get guidance and advice.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Is there anything that you need action from this committee today?

Brooke Page:

It would be great if there was any feedback of this process. On what we're thinking and the strategy. If we have this committee's approval to develop a presentation for the ICHH under the auspices of this policy priority. And focusing on the work that we've done to date.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Any feedback for Brooke and Adrienne on the policy workgroup and the work that they've been doing?

Pamela Juniel:

I'm echoing our Chairwoman's sentiments as well. Job well done on the alignment. And thank you for mentioning the work regarding the alignment of the governor's initiatives. Is it possible that all of our other strategic issues be aligned with the policy component? With respect to what Madam Chairwoman mentioned, this way we can see where all of these initiatives actually fall into alignment with the governor's initiatives via the strategic issues. For instance, the workforce development piece, I can marry my component to what Brooke is currently proposing.

Brooke Page:

Thank you, Dr. Juniel. Adrienne's on the call with us now and it was Shannon too who was supporting it. Because we don't have the workforce development in the matrix that we were using to develop this. As well as the prevention and homelessness and prevention categories. If those champions that are working on those categories want to do that exercise. Just seeing where their goals and strategic issues align with the governor's priorities, I think that's a great idea. The governor's priorities are publicly available. I'll be happy to share the document with this group and in order to do that crosswalk.

Pamela Juniel:

I'm more than happy to do that. I'm in the process of finishing drafting the workforce and education development component. I haven't had the opportunity to meet with the intervention and prevention component. But I'm a partner with NPHY and a few other organizations who are working on some of that work. I do have some materials that tie with it. I think this is a great way to refine this work that we're doing. As it is evolving and continue to align it to coalesce around the governor's initiative. Thank you for yours and your group's insights.

Brooke Page:

Thank you.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Thank you very much. Any other comments, thoughts or ideas? Any feedback or direction? I like the work that I'm hearing that's being done from the policy workgroup. I would like you all to continue to move forward. I think you're doing a remarkable job. What I'm hearing is that you are really doing the hard work of aligning the governor's priorities with the work that we've been doing. I would love to give you our blessings to put forward a presentation to give to the broader ICHH on our behalf. Whatever you all feel is the most compelling argument to move forward our goals and strategies. That could make the biggest impact for the people that we serve and for our goals and strategies for the State of Nevada.

Brooke Page:

Thank you, Michele. That sounds like a motion to me.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

I guess I'm putting out a motion.

Brooke Page:

Thank you for the motion. Are there any discussions on the motion that Michele just raised?

Lorena Lemus:

I would second it. I also think that what you guys are doing is really great work. With everything that we've been doing for the last couple of months, I think that your plans have the most chance of being heard and followed through with. Having our state on board and buy ins with it.

Brooke Page:

Thank you so much. Adrienne?

Adrienne Babbitt:

I have a question before we vote on this. Are we still accepting external participation within these conversations outside of those on this committee?

Brooke Page:

Yes. We can definitely share our meeting cadence. If you on this call would like to participate, this is open and inclusive. We want to have representation from folks who would like to be at the table and help inform what this looks like. I think we should always make that available. We've got a standing meeting that we can invite folks to if they want to join.

Adrienne Babbitt:

Thank you.

Brooke Page:

We got a motion and a second. Any other discussion about the proposal or the work? Hearing no further discussion and I don't see any other hands raised, let's go ahead and take a vote. All those in favor, please respond by saying "aye".

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Karen Van Hest, Austin Pollard, Pamela Juniel, Lorena Lemus, Cristy Costa, Adrienne Babbitt, Julee King:

Aye.

Brooke Page:

Any opposed, please respond by saying "nay". Alright, motion passes. We will continue this work and thank you so much to the committee. Appreciate the motion.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Thank you, Brooke.

Agenda Item VI. [For Possible Action – Discussion of the Nevada Homeless Alliance's Request for the

Subcommittee to Provide an Informational Presentation at the Upcoming Conference Regarding Updates to the Strategic Plan. To be Included in the Discussion is the Assignment of Subcommittee Members to Present at the Conference]

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Yes, Dr. Juniel?

Pamela Juniel:

Thank you for bringing up this discussion. The Nevada Homeless Alliance Conference is slated on October 7th? 8th? Or 9th?

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

I think it's 7th and 8th. The Nevada Homeless Alliance Statewide Conference theme is level up and is a game-based conference. They want all of the conference presentations be focused on with the game theme. They want us to do a plenary presentation on the update on where we are with the Strategic Plan.

Pamela Juniel:

We have to be very strategic on how we move forward with putting together some of the items that are related to each of our strategic issues. Seeing how we evolved to this point.

Julee King:

Also noting that it is October 7th and 8th.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Thank you, Julee. Other thoughts and ideas? What exactly are we going to update on? How would we do this presentation? Who would do the presentation? What would this look like? Are we going to do the presentation?

Adrienne Babbitt:

Last year there were three presenters that explained the strategic issues. And had a call for volunteers to participate. I think as a follow up, we could say here were some of the areas identified as potential plans of action based on your community feedback. To just provide a follow up on what people thought. Not necessarily what policies are going to come out of this or be proposed. But just clearly explaining or defining the outcomes of those meetings. Where we saw our community is at and where we'd like to be. Some potential plans that could be taken as a follow up from those conversations. We could tie it to a lot of different games. I think the theme is really flexible. There are some fun opportunities there that we could brainstorm as far as naming or theming the plenary. But I think just really going over the document of action plan would be a good starting place.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Is everybody okay with us doing a presentation at the conference? Or does anybody have issues with us doing a presentation at the conference doing an update?

Pamela Juniel:

It was Madam Chairwoman, Brooke Page and me who presented the last plenary. I agree with your suggestion of giving an update. Because we have actually moved the needle quite a bit. Because of the use of Slido was how we were able to form those work groups. And there was additional outreach that occurred from that. I think giving a really nice update with that again will work. Seeing which of the strategic issues may have ordered themselves in terms of priority might be a fun way to go with it.

Lorena Lemus:

I agree with providing an update. I like what Adrienne has mentioned and what Dr. Pamela Juniel has said. About how we're doing chess, not checkers. Because that could be the game itself, right? Because we entered this as what we want. These are all of our plans, and each person gets a strategic plan. Ultimately, we had to adapt and change our plan. Like we're moving into policy to fit the plan of our current government. To make sure that it matches. Letting people know that we got your contact, and we did our work groups. This is what we came up with our work groups. And as we continue to meet throughout the year, this is where we ended up. We started at one place, and this is where we're at now because this is what's going to work.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

I think I'm getting a general consensus that we're good with doing the conference. We decided at our last meeting that we actually need to do a vote. For this Technical Assistance group to approve for us to do a presentation at the Nevada Homeless Alliance Conference.

Adrienne Babbitt:

If this is approved or within the vote proposal language, do we need to identify if we need to write a plenary description and identify speakers now? Or are we just voting if we want to do it?

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

We are running out of time because it's already the end of August and the conference is the beginning of October. We need to at least identify who's going to do the presentation. So, they can get working on the presentation. We need to probably vote on doing it, who's going to do the presentation and giving them the authority to go ahead and move forward. I will volunteer to be put on the stake at the conference if nobody else volunteers.

Pamela Juniel:

If support is required, I'm more than happy to support.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Thank you. Other thoughts, comments? Any volunteers?

Lorena Lemus:

I just want to mention that I'm in Northern Nevada. I probably will not be able to attend down in Las Vegas this year. But I am willing to provide any support or information if needed for your presentation.

Adrienne Babbitt:

I will be attending the conference here in Las Vegas. And I'm happy to present or help write a plenary. I would appreciate a mix of both newer individuals on this committee and previous committee members.

Because if there's any questions that need to be fielded from a plenary, it would be helpful to have some historical knowledge. I only have a couple of months under my belt here.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Adrienne has volunteered. Any other volunteers?

Adrienne Babbitt:

Do we have an idea for how many people we'd like to present this information? Because depending on the answer, I think all of the champions who worked on this would need to prepare some talking points or a slide on your strategic issue. For a larger presentation depending on the format. Thank you.

Pamela Juniel:

I'm preparing the last of my strategic issue around education and workforce development to share. I know that the wrap around services group also put together a document of some of the areas that we discussed and the recommendations that we made. If it's admitted in one portal, maybe that's where we pull some of that work from to formulate a cohesive presentation. Would that be feasible given that a lot of us have already put some work together? Whether it was a spreadsheet, PowerPoint or word document, would everyone be willing to allow the presenters to pull from that information? Or just provide two to three slides so that we can have a cohesive presentation.

Lorena Lemus:

The last meeting I was in was in April. I want to double check that the state did receive the draft that I had from the strategic issue that I championed which is number five. For the strategic plan on coordination of primary and behavioral health. If not, I can send you the information.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Yes, I believe that we did get the information for the behavioral health's strategic plan. Adrienne, what were you thinking regarding information for the presentation?

Adrienne Babbitt:

Looking through the action plan spreadsheet, there's a lot of bullet points. I would want to take a few of the top line messages. From the champions, looking at your strategic issue and your potential plan of action, what would you most like to highlight to this audience in this strategic issue?

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Like top three issues that you want to highlight to the group?

Adrienne Babbitt:

Yes, that is correct.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

To me that seems a reasonable request. I'm a champion for two different groups. Other champions thoughts?

Brooke Page:

I'm wondering in addition to us just reporting out, if there's an opportunity for us to leverage this base of a plenary session. To gain insight from the folks in attendance on what we have as far as action plan

items and their feedback. Maybe having an opportunity for folks to provide additional thoughts or feedback or ways to kind of capture additional action items or information.

Adrienne Babbitt:

I agree with that. I think several of the things in the action plan would need community buy in. Even could be implemented outside of the legislative policy if we just had better partnerships among ourselves or more connected conversations. Looking through to see if there's any call-to-action items that we could highlight during this plenary in any of these strategic issues.

Pamela Juniel:

Slido was used last year where people were answering in real time that was highly engaging. To show how this evolved, maybe we can have something similar. Where we collect votes on liked called to action for each of the strategic plans. Because that will not only help us show where we started but also how we're evolving and how we're moving from plans to implementation. That way it's showing up progressively, from year to year. That gives us something quantifiable to report as well.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Great ideas and suggestions. Anything else? Anybody else wanting to volunteer? Adrienne, I'll work with you. I will be your game master partner, and we'll figure this out.

Adrienne Babbitt:

We could have a different theme game for every strategic issue because they're all so different.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

We have two volunteers. Anybody else want to volunteer? I need a motion that we will move forward with preparing a presentation for the conference and to give our volunteers the authority to put together a presentation for the conference. In the meantime, the volunteers will also be reaching out to the rest of you all for support and back up.

Pamela Juniel:

I moved that our group prepare a presentation for the State Homeless Conference. And that our group will also provide materials, information and supports from the strategic issue materials we have put together.

Adrienne Babbitt:

I second.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

We have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? Seeing none, we'll take a vote. All those in favor, please unmute yourself and indicate by saying "aye".

Brooke Page, Karen Van Hest, Austin Pollard, Pamela Juniel, Lorena Lemus, Cristy Costa, Adrienne Babbitt, Julee King:

Aye.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Any opposed, please unmute yourself and indicate by saying “nay”. Motion carried. Thank you all. Let’s move on to agenda item number seven.

Agenda Item VII. [For Possible Action – Discussion and Review of the Subcommittee Member Commitments, Attendance, and Vacancies]

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

We’ve had some challenges with attendance. We’ve had vacancies and then we filled the vacancies. People are not attending, and we had problems with meeting quorum at our last meeting. Some folks are not responding to emails. This Technical Assistance Committee recognize that things do come up for all of us. But we also need to know that when we commit to being part of this working committee, we can’t get work done if we don’t come to the meetings. And if we don’t participate during the meetings. The only way we can move work forward is if we are actively participating. Folks that are calling in and are multitasking and not participating. It doesn’t help us move the work forward. We’ve got eleven people on this committee so that we have eleven diverse voices on the committee. It doesn't help us if we only have three voices that are being heard on a regular basis. If you’re going to be on the committee, you’re going to take a seat on the committee. We need to commit that we’re all going to be an active part of the committee. Does anybody have concerns about that? Does anybody want to bring their voice to the table? Is that an unreasonable request for folks for me to put it out there, for folks sitting on this committee?

Pamela Juniel:

I want to take this moment to apologize to the committee. Being the state coordinator for all homeless children and youth, for the Nevada Department of Education has been trying. I was on about eight committees representing our Superintendent of Public Instruction, who is Jhone Ebert. I’m also her proxy on the Council for Food Security. Many times, I find that between my office and covering things for her, I am doubled and triple booked. It just so happens during the time of this meeting, there are two other ones going on. I did make an earnest effort at least in the last meeting to have another colleague attend for me. But apparently, they weren’t able to because they weren’t able to vote as my proxy. I am working on finding a way to massage a few things. In the meantime, we are down a director and two assistant directors. We are finalizing our ARP-HCY expenditures which we have to have under contract in less than thirty days. I do own that I was not present, but it wasn’t due to not respecting this group. I volunteered for this group because the work means so much to me. The fact that we were able to present at the statewide conference last year was truly an honor. I want to let you know that I am down for the cause. I appreciate your support. Any suggestions or any support that you can give to help me do a better job of attending and contributing, I welcome all of it. I’m here to receive constructive feedback. Thank you for the opportunity of hearing me out and I will take any support that you are willing to toss my way.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Thank you, Dr. Juniel.

Karen Van Hest:

I'm sorry for not speaking up this time. But I will not be able to volunteer in Las Vegas. I'm up here in Northern Nevada. I'm doing trainings because I'm hoping to retire next year. So, I have to train staff for what I do. It's a long process. I will also not be in the State of Nevada, so I am unavailable on September 17th meeting.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Anybody else? Adrienne?

Adrienne Babbitt:

Is there a guidance on how many meetings you're allowed to miss and then what happens? Is there a method of tracking that? If you can't attend, do you notify somebody in advance? Can we have a refresher for the group?

Shelly Aguilar:

We follow the bylaws of the main Council because there aren't any that are specific to the subcommittee.

Brooke Page:

Thank you for raising the importance of this work and of the folks who have volunteered to be a part of. This is a commitment, time consuming in addition to what folks already have on their plate. I want to acknowledge that this is a lot of work, and a lot is involved. The work to ensure that you know that we all have a stake is critical in order to move these processes forward. As a committee, we or some of us are probably closer to the issue, directly involved with the community. We see it on a day-to-day basis. I hope folks will be empowered to just leverage that and use this platform to do the work.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Thank you, Brooke.

Shelly Aguilar:

The Council members must participate in at least seventy-five percent of the meetings.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

So, if you can't participate, we ask that you email Shelly's team. You can email the Homeless to Housing Team and let them know that you are not going to be available to attend the meeting. That way we can identify that you let them know ahead of time.

Adrienne Babbitt:

If someone decided that they don't have the capacity to or potentially retiring, what's the mechanism for exiting yourself from this committee? Can you officially move to withdraw yourself? How does that work?

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

We ask that you send us an email letting us know that you're no longer able to continue with your commitment to the Technical Assistance Committee. And the last date that you're able to continue with that commitment. That creates the vacancy, then we can recruit to fill that vacancy.

Adrienne Babbitt:

Thank you.

Pamela Juniel:

I want to thank everybody for the work that they're doing and the work that we're going to continue to strive to do.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Thank you. Anybody else? Seeing none, hearing none, I'll go ahead and close this agenda item. I just wanted to make sure that I brought that to everybody's attention. So, thank you. Let's move on to agenda number eight.

Agenda Item VIII. [For Information Only – Discussion of Agenda Items for the Next Meeting on September 17, 2024]

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

We do have our standing agenda items. I would like to ask if we could include the presentation from the LEAB or Lived Experience Advisory Board. As they have requested to do a presentation to this group.

Pamela Juniel:

Is there any way that we can have our Continuums of Care present the data from the Point-In-Time accounts? If I could also ask the committee if they would be willing to have a standing item. For the CoCs to present quarterly any information. Because that would help us have a better understanding of what's moving forward with Housing and Urban Development as it is tied to the CoCs.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

You want a quarterly update from the CoCs on progress that they're making?

Pamela Juniel:

Maybe one presentation on the PIT counts. Also, if they would be willing, to have a section for the CoCs on a rolling basis to report. I'm just trying to understand the connection of this work as the representative on the education piece regarding how that works. I thought that because we are the Interagency Council on Homelessness to Housing, this will be a great way to also partner with the CoCs.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Thank you. Regarding the PIT numbers, I think it's a great timing. The CoCs have just received their verification and validation from HUD on their PIT numbers. Regarding the updates, quarterly may be a bit overwhelming for the CoCs. Maybe once a year, giving an update to you all from each CoCs at a different time during the year might make more sense. That's something you could discuss or ask the CoCs when they come in to do their pick.

Pamela Juniel:

Thank you.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Any other items for the agenda?

Brooke Page:

I'm wondering if we can request for the CoC coordinators to maybe have a joint discussion around these action items and the things that we've elevated in the action plan. To get their thoughts and feedback about how we're gathering information, compiling it and developing this plan. And hopes of figuring out more cross CoCs strategies and solutions on how to improve processes and cross coordination.

Adrienne Babbitt:

Yes, I agree. Because in our action plan, it already says like is the CoCs doing this? If we don't have a direct line to find out if they're working on the same action items or if there's new trends or data available, that suggests we're going down the wrong avenue. I think we absolutely need to loop in with the CoC coordinators and share out these action items.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

I'm wondering if it's not only just the CoC coordinators but also the chairs of each CoCs as well. And at what point does that happen? Is that at our next meeting? Is that something that we invite them and have an open roundtable discussion. That takes up the bulk of our meeting.

Pamela Juniel:

Given the timing that we are also preparing now for the conference in October, this might be something that we may place in our November meeting.

Adrienne Babbitt:

I was going to suggest potentially us going to them to talk through the action plan within the CoC meeting and with the providers that are doing the work. Also recognizing that this might not be the best time given the CoC funding cycle, scoring and ranking. It's a very busy time for the CoCs but I want to be sensitive if there's a plan of action to be made for the next legislative session. We want to make sure that we have the right voices being represented. I'm not sure what's the best way to approach that but I think there is an opportunity to try to connect with CoCs on these issues.

Pamela Juniel:

With respect to the policy work that is trying to be done, we can maybe focus on those one or two things just along with the conference. I think another PIT count may occur. It's all about timing and it's coming to a crescendo. This is where I believe our group can make some very sound and informed decisions about how to move forward and on when and how to approach the CoCs moving forward.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

The three CoCs have a statewide CoC meeting that they hold twice a year. I'm wondering if we can get on their statewide meeting in November. Maybe that's an opportunity for us to have a conversation with the three CoCs. They're already convened. Then we can go to them in their space. They have a variety of folks at the table. It's not just the CoC coordinators and the chairs. But a variety of other stakeholders from the three CoCs that are engaged in statewide efforts, the coordination and collaboration between the three CoCs.

Pamela Juniel:

Absolutely. That is a more efficient way to reach out and have some common communication. Instead of bringing them to us, it would be easier to go to them.

Adrienne Babbitt:

Michele, when is that meeting scheduled in November? Is there an opportunity to sort of preview this with the community at large at the conference. And say we're planning on having a follow up conversation with our CoCs, if you have suggestions or thoughts on this, you can either bring it to us or to your local CoC. I don't want it to be a duplication if we're going to present in October because the CoCs will be represented there. So, I want to try to expand on that if we're going to take up time at the meeting in November.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

The meeting in November is on the 21st in the afternoon. I'm thinking that the meeting in October is one thing. We're not only presenting but we're going to gather information from the participants at the conference. It sounds like we want to have a discussion with people from the CoCs, right? We probably need to assess after the conference on who was at the conference. If the same people at the conference are the ones that generally attend the statewide meeting or not. Then we can identify the content for the presentation. Or do we change up the way that we facilitate that conversation.

Adrienne Babbitt:

It sounds like that could be an agenda item for October 15th.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Sounds like it.

Adrienne Babbitt:

For the September meeting, can we include on the agenda to review draft presentation for the plenary? For feedback or if it has to be officially approved.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Yes.

Adrienne Babbitt:

Thank you.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Brooke, do you want us to have a specific call out agenda item for the policy work group feedback?

Brooke Page:

No, we have the policy as a champion topic. I think it lives there pretty well.

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Any other agenda items? Hearing none, seeing none, let's move on to our last public comment of this meeting.

Agenda Item IX. [General Public Comments]

Chair Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an 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 number: 535 879 329#. We are now open to public comment. Please unmute yourself and state your name for the record. Do we have any public comment? Seeing none, hearing none, it is now 2:59 p.m. on August 20th, 2024. I will adjourn this meeting of the Technical Assistance Committee of the Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness to Housing. Thank you all. Thank you for your time today. Have a great day.

Agenda Item X. [Adjournment: 2:59 PM]

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