

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF

THE NEVADA INTERAGENCY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON

HOMELESSNESS

May 18, 2021

The Nevada Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness was called to order by Chair Lisa Lee at 3:07 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18, 2021. 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. Exhibit C Presentation from The Homeless Research Collaboration Data Systems Mapping Project with UNLV College of Urban Affairs All exhibits are available on <https://dwss.nv.gov/Home/Features/Public-Information/>

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lisa Lee, Chairwoman, Nevada Interagency Council on Homelessness, Owner/Manager Roots to Wings Consulting Reno, Nevada

Stephen Aichroth, Administrator, Nevada Housing Division

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

Greg Herrera, Chief Deputy, Washoe County, Nevada

Chuck Callaway, Sheriff of Clark County, Nevada

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Brian Williams, Deputy Director, Nevada Department of Corrections

Sheriff Jerry Allen, Pershing County, Nevada

Scott Gilles, Government Affairs Manager, State of Nevada

Judge David Gibson Jr, 8th District, Nevada

Bea Duran, Assemblywoman, Nevada

Moises Denis, Senator, Nevada

Fred Wagar, Deputy Director, Nevada Department of Veterans Services

Judge Mike Montero, 6th District, Nevada

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ryan Sunga, DAG, Nevada

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

Norris Scott, Private citizen, Nevada

Danielle Barrineau, Private Citizen, Nevada

Dr. Patricia Cook-Craig, The Homeless Research Collaboration Data Systems Mapping Project, Nevada

Megan O'Farrell , Private Citizen, Nevada

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

Wendy Wigglesworth, Private Citizen, Nevada

Ana Maria Hernandez, Private Citizen, Nevada

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Donald Griffin, Black Wall Street, Reno, Nevada

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

Secretary Husband:

Good morning and welcome to the Governor's Interagency Council on Homelessness to Housing established by Assembly Bill 174. This meeting has been publicly noticed in compliance with Nevada's Open Meeting Law. Chair Lisa Lee will call the meeting to order.

Chair Lee:

Good afternoon, I'd like to call the May 18, 2021 meeting to order. Will the Secretary please call roll?

Secretary Husband:

[Roll was conducted] Madame Chair, we do not have quorum.

Chair Lee:

We do not have quorum?

Secretary Husband:

No. We will be receiving presentations. There are no agenda items to vote on.

Chair Lee:

Ok, can we get guidance from the DAG that we can continue with no agenda items needing action?

DAG Ryan Sunga:

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So, your intention is to go forward with the meeting and skip Item III. which would be approval for the minutes from the last meeting and then item VII. which would be agenda items for the next meeting?

You're going to go forward with the presentation?

Chair Lee:

Yes please. That would be great.

DAG Ryan Sunga:

The safest course of action would always be to reschedule it and do it when you have a quorum because the other members are going to be missing out on the information that's given today. But you could go forward though.

Secretary Husband:

Madame Chair, we are happy to do either.

Chair Lee:

Will this meeting be recorded, and can it be sent out to absent members of the council?

DAG Ryan Sunga:

Uh, yes. I suppose you can do that.

Chair Lee:

Ok. We have some special guests today; I would hate to have to reschedule with everyone. If we could get the recording out to absent members. Would that be ok Madame Secretary?

Secretary Husband:

We will do that.

Chair Lee:

I'd like to proceed. If we can call the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m. on May 18, 2021.

Agenda Item II. Public Comment

Chair Lee:

We will move on to agenda item number II, on the agenda which is public comment. And just a reminder no action may be taken upon a matter raised until the matter has been specifically added to an agenda.

Comments are limited to three minutes and we're now open for public comment so please unmute yourself and state your name for the council.

[No Public Comment]

Agenda Item III. Approval of Minutes from February 23, 2021

Chair Lee:

We will move on. We are skipping agenda item III. as we do not have quorum.

[No action taken.]

Agenda Item IV. Receive Presentation from The Homeless Research Collaboration Data Systems Mapping Project with UNLV College of Urban Affairs

Chair Lee:

We will move on to Item number IV, which is the Presentation from The Homeless Research Collaboration Data Systems Mapping Project with UNLV College of Urban Affairs.

Dr. Patricia Cook-Craig:

(Presentation received).

Chair Lee:

We will move on to Item number V: which is Receive Presentation from Individuals Experiencing Homelessness.

(Presentations received)

Chair Lee:

We will skip past item number VI: which is agenda items for next meeting.

(No quorum)

Chair Lee:

We will move on to Item number VII: which is public comment. And just a reminder no action may be taken upon a matter raised until the matter has been specifically added to an agenda. Comments are limited to three minutes and we're now open for public comment so please unmute yourself and state your name for the council.

Megan O'Farrell:

I'd like to thank everyone who participated today especially those of you that shared from vulnerable places. Those stories need to be told to help folks in similar position to what you have experienced. I appreciate you using your experiential knowledge to help educate those of us who have not experienced these kinds of things. I hope you know how impactful it is for those of us who are learning from you how to be better supporters and advocates. I also wanted to say thank you to the presenters who are trying to put together the data collection. Michele and Patty, I'm sorry I don't remember your last names or I would give a more formal thank you. I did want to touch and what Danielle said about follow up. There is a need for follow up. As Danielle said putting someone in a house isn't the end game. It's a starting point and I think a lot of times in our management practices and in our outreach we stop there and it is doing a huge disservice to folks. It reinforces this idea that the only problem is the visibility and the visibility for folks that don't want to see this. Having that follow up information on where did they go and what are

they doing and how long are they off the streets? Saying people are off the streets is very loose and doesn't translate to what it means for folks to transition into whatever versions of their lives they are trying to strive for. We would really benefit from having that information. The low barrier is very important, but we need to have these stages where we are following up with folks when they move into these higher barrier positions. So they do feel supported and have the resources to continue to stay in those spaces instead of relaxing back into a situation of homelessness.

Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

I'd like to thank this Council for agendaizing and hearing stories from those who have lived experience. I feel its very important that you hear from folks that have lived experience, from folks that are providing services and the challenges that we have and gaps in the system. I commend you for recognizing that and agendaizing that. Thank you to those who shared your stories and sharing a piece of yourself with us and being vulnerable. I really appreciate that and as being a system leader here in Nevada, I know that its not always easy to share on a public forum and appreciate that you stepped up and have done that. If you or your peers are in Southern Nevada and want to participate in the CoC working groups, reach out to me. To give voice to the work we are doing and we need you.

Norris Scott:

I want to thank Council for their participation and desire to want to help and give back. Everyone needs to find our part and do our part.

Ana Maria Hernandez:

I just want to say thank you to everyone who shared their stories. The first step in bringing about change is talking about the hardship that we see. Everyone who shared was very courageous in sharing what they

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have gone through and experienced and I am deeply moved. So thank you for helping yourself and helping other people.

Chair Lee:

Any further comments? Hearing none. We will move to item number X. and adjourn.

Adjourned:

5:00 p.m.

Exhibits

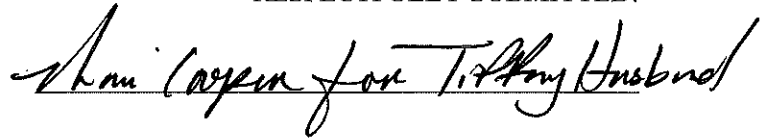
Exhibit A Nevada Interagency Advisory Council (ICH) February 23, 2021 Agenda

Exhibit B Attendance Roster

Exhibit C Presentation from The Homeless Research Collaboration Data Systems Mapping Project with UNLV College of Urban Affairs

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Tiffany Husband

Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Lisa Lee, Chair



Date: August 12, 2021