

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF

THE NEVADA INTERAGENCY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON

HOMELESSNESS

September 15, 2020

The Nevada Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness was called to order by Chair Lisa Lee at 9:32 a.m. on Tuesday, September 15, 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. [Exhibit C](#) is the Tenancy Presentation. All exhibits are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Lisa Lee, Peer Director, Reno Initiative for Shelter and Equality, Sparks, NV

Stephen Aichroth, Administrator, Nevada Housing Division

Chuck Callaway, Sheriff of Clark 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

Tim Christianson for Brian Williams, Deputy Director, Nevada Department of Corrections

Moises Denis, Senator, Nevada

Judge David Gibson Jr, 8th District, Nevada

Allison Combs, Policy Director, State of Nevada

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Greg Herrera, Chief Deputy, Washoe County, Nevada

Bea Duran, Assemblywoman, Nevada

Sheriff Jerry Allen, Pershing County, Nevada

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ryan Sunga, DAG, Nevada

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

Mark Disselkoen, Senior Project Manager, CASAT/UNR, Nevada

Kristen Coulombe, Chief, Long Term Services & Support at Division of Health Care Financing & Policy

Victoria Choi, Private Citizen

Michelle Fuller-Hallauer, Private Citizen, Manager, Clark County Social Services, 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 morning, it's 9:32 a.m. and I'd like to call the September 15, 2020 meeting to order. Will the Secretary please call roll?

Secretary Husband:

[Roll was conducted] Madame Chair, we have quorum.

Chair Lee:

We are moving an item on the agenda due to time; we will now receive a presentation from Mark Dissoelkoen about tenancy support services which is item VI. on the agenda.

Agenda Item VI. Presentation on Tenancy Support Services

Mark Disselkoen:

[Presentation on Tenancy Support Services [Exhibit C](#)]

Chair Lee: Thank you so much Mark. Does anyone have any questions, for Mark?

Kirsten Coulombe: I'm from Nevada Medicaid so I just joined to support mark in case anyone had questions on the Medicaid side.

Chair Lee: Thank you, Kirsten. So, I have a question, from what I understand when Chuck Duarte and them were working on this, that I think this came out of the Washoe County Behavioral Health Policy board; as one of their BDR's, is that correct?

Mark Disselkoen:

I can't speak to that specifically related to 1915(i) process, so forth and so on. Kirsten might have that background. I came in mid-stream to start working on the regulations.

Kirsten Coulombe:

Yes. So, this Kirsten, so I do understand that Chuck had, and several other stakeholders had worked a long time for several years. I think this maybe three attempts prior to our last budget concept that did go into the 2019 legislative session. So, it was a Nevada Medicaid budget request that we did have but there were many input and involvement from stakeholders prior to that too.

Chair Lee:

Perfect, thank you. Thank you for the historical background. From what I understand this is similar to SLA or supportive living arrangement; that people living with disabilities that are related to a regional center have had for quite some time it mimics those types of services is this correct? But extends it to other populations.

Kirsten Coulombe:

Somewhat. We do have a lot of great supports. To do some background on me, I'm the Chief, Long Term Services & Support and Medicaid so, I do oversee those other program areas. So, tenancy support is more as I understand, it historically in other states; for the behavioral health population. When we are targeting these services, because we do in our 1915(i) state plan amendment can put in targeting criteria it will be for individuals that are experiencing homelessness as well the chronic conditions. Really that is allowing them, to you know, that maybe exacerbating them in terms of their homelessness. So, we are looking at other states North Dakota, Connecticut, Minnesota and Michigan to not reinvent the wheel. They already have some approved 1915(i) state plan amendments with CMS. And so, I'm looking at those already approved documents we're really trying to model our language to help expedite that process. As Mark had included in presentation our implementation goal is January 1st. So, we are busily working towards that.

Chair Lee:

Thank you. Does anyone else have any questions?

Senator Denis:

This is Senator Dennis, so just a quick question. As you've gone through the hearing process on the regulations if you had any issues come up or anybody that's opposing on those? Cause, I know that makes a difference when it comes before us at the Legislative Commission so, just wondering if there was any issues?

Mark Disselkoen:

Not today it's been pretty quiet related to the process. It's been nice.

Senator Denis:

OK great, thank you.

Kirsten Coulombe:

I'm sorry, Chair Lee; I wasn't sure if I could also maybe just add on really quick to Mark's presentation. Just real quick about the Medicaid process, cause we still have some work. Mark and his team were great about doing that. We did have the services that were part of our optional cuts, that thankfully the 31st Legislative session did restore. So, we're very grateful for. So, Medicaid process as well, so that we can keep the council updated. Is that, we will be hoping once we have a state plan amendment like a document and our policy flushed out and available we do hold public, what we call workshop meetings to present that information before we take it to a public hearing where it'd be adopted and we Send it to CMS. CMS does allow some retro effective dates if it meets all of the criteria. So we can also work in tandem with Mark to update on the policy side of that program, Cause Mark has done a great job getting the computers set up, for providers to be able to bill we have to finish the policy side of it. So, I'm on

your listserv now and can also update. So, thank you for letting me share. I know I'm not on the agenda and don't want to take up your time.

Chair Lee:

Thank you. Are there any other burning questions? Well seeing none, I'd like to thank both of you Kirsten and Mark for the presentation today we're excited to see this move forward.

Agenda Item II. Public Comment

Chair Lee:

So, we will move on to 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.

Judge Michael Montero:

This is judge Michael Montero and not necessarily public comment but I was having some technical difficulties this morning I have now joined. My apologies for being late and I look forward to getting caught up.

Secretary Husband:

Thank you. We will put you down on the attendance. Thank you so much.

Chair Lee:

Thank you, Judge Montero.

Secretary Husband:

Madam Chair, I'm seeing no public comment at this time.

Chair Lee:

No public comment. Maybe they'll get chatty at the end there.

Agenda Item III. Approval of Minutes from June 23, 2020

Chair Lee:

Alright, we will move along to agenda item number III. which is the approval of minutes from our June 23rd, 2020 meeting. Do we have any motion to approve those minutes?

Deputy Fred Wagar:

This is Deputy Wagar for the record, I move to approve.

Robert Thompson:

I second.

Chair Lee:

Let's vote to approve those minutes from June 23rd.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item IV. Election of Vice Chair

Chair Lee:

We will move forward to item number IV. on the agenda which is the election of the Vice Chair for this committee. Do we have any volunteers from the committee to serve as Vice Chair?

Robert Thompson:

Robert Thompson for the record, I would volunteer for that.

Chair Lee:

Wonderful. Is there anyone else, who would like to volunteer?

Secretary Husband:

[Hearing no comment] Madame Chair, I move to close the nominations.

Chair Lee:

Is there a second?

Senator Denis:

Second.

Robert Thompson:

For the record, I'm abstaining from voting.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item V. Establish Technical Assistance Subcommittee

Chair Lee:

We are on agenda number V which the establishment of a Technical Committee. This is again refer to the bylaws we are to stand up a Technical Assistance Subcommittee and we will be moving to appoint members to that Subcommittee. Madame Secretary.

Secretary Husband:

Madame Chair at our last meeting we had volunteers our volunteers to be on that Technical Assistance Subcommittee. Our volunteers were: Chair Lisa Lee, Deputy Greg Herrera, Administrator Steve Aichroth and Deputy Administrator Robert Thompson wanted to appoint a representative for the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services and appointed Cassandra McNeil.

Chair Lee:

Wonderful, and we also will be calling for any other volunteers who would like to be on this Technical Assistance Subcommittee. Is there any other volunteers at this time?

Deputy Fred Wagar:

Madam Chair this a Deputy Director Wagar from Nevada Department of Veterans services and I'd also like to serve on that subcommittee.

Chair Lee:

Perfect. Do we have any additional volunteers?

Secretary Husband:

Madame Chair, can I suggest that we open it to the floor for community volunteers keeping within the spirit of the Assembly Bill 174.

Chair Lee:

Yes, I would like to open it to the community. Madame Secretary, this Technical Assistance Committee is responsible for creating the strategic plan, is that correct? Related to Homelessness and Housing.

Secretary Husband:

Yes, it is correct.

Chair Lee:

Do we have any community volunteers?

Michelle Fuller- Hallauer, Clark County Social Service:

The Collaborate Advocate and CoC's lead entity for Southern Nevada. I volunteer.

Chair Lee:

Wonderful, good morning Michelle.

Michelle Fuller- Hallauer, Clark County Social Service:

Good morning.

Chair Lee:

Are there any other volunteers?

[No additional volunteers]

We'll close the floor on that one. So, I'm looking for motion to appoint.

Deputy Wager:

I so move.

Judge Montero:

I'll second.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item VII. Discussion of strategic goals from last council and updates

Chair Lee:

Alright we'll move to agenda item number VII. which is the discussion of strategic goals from the last ICH.

Secretary Husband:

I would recommend that we send that to the newly formed Technical Assistant Subcommittee and then convene at that time and I what I can do is, I can take any suggestions. Any suggestions that somebody wants to address that we update we will compile that as well and put that in for the first meeting of the Technical Assistance Subcommittee. That would be my recommendation, that is up to you.

Chair Lee:

No action is taken on this item.

[NO ACTION TAKEN]

Agenda Item VIII. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Chair Lee:

We will move on to agenda item number VIII. which are suggestions for agenda items for the next meeting. So, we'll just open that up.

Deputy Wager:

If we're going to be meeting. The Subcommittee is going to be meeting prior to the next meeting of this council, I would suggest we have an agenda item that discusses whatever we come up with at that Subcommittee meeting.

Chair Lee:

Like an update on where we are?

Deputy Wager:

Correct.

Chair Lee:

Any other suggestions?

Secretary Husband:

Madame Chair, from your previous request we are working on requesting that the CoC's statewide would share their PIT Count data now that its been released to all of their partners. Homeless to Housing is coordinating and working on having that added to the agenda. And we are also looking at the potential of having a presentation from Built for Zero, if I may recommend.

Chair Lee:

Thank you, Madam Secretary. I was actually going to suggest that again. Any other agenda items? What is happening in Southern Nevada?

[No comments]

Chair Lee:

Another suggestion, I'm just going to throw this out there. I would love to hear from the criminal justice community around reentry. And some of the specialty courts around housing in particular. If that's possible.

Secretary Husband:

We will definitely work on that. If any of the council members have a suggestion of who specifically within that realm they would like us to try to schedule, please feel free to email me and I will run with it.

Judge Montero:

Madam Chair this is Judge Michael Montero in that vein, I preside over four specialty courts. But, I'm in a very rural jurisdiction which I think is unique to probably other areas of state. At some point, I mean I'm still trying to you know fully get engaged here and understand all of the work that you all are doing. But, I'd be happy to share from my perspective as a judge out in Winnemucca, Nevada; some of the issues that we face with specialty courts and housing issues an area that's very heavily influenced by the mining industry and housing is very difficult to find.

Chair Lee:

Would you be inclined to make a presentation on what that looks like in rural Nevada? How those systems integrate with housing?

Judge Montero:

I think I could. I don't know if you have some others that are interested in doing this? I don't know that I necessarily need to be on the very next agenda. I'm happy wherever you would like at some point. I'm happy to share you my observations and my experiences of presiding over specialty courts for about 12 years now out here in Winnemucca.

Secretary Husband:

Thank you. We'll reach out to you and kind of see what works with your schedule.

Judge Montero:

Perfect thank you. Thank you, Madame Chair.

Chair Lee:

Thank you, Judge Montero. In the chat, Michelle Fuller-Hallauer brought up a really great point; about how the current crisis is impacting homelessness and recovery efforts as it relates to the homeless service

system. And, I'm sure it can only increase from here. I think hearing about recovery efforts around coronavirus would be great. Michelle do you have any suggestions as far as presenters?

Michelle Fuller-Hallauer:

Ah, yes, I do. I think that I can get with Tiffany about who we can reach out too because there's work that's happening across the state and we're collaborating with efforts that are taking place; with statewide, err, with the Federal Treasury dollars, the CARES ACT dollars as well as CBDG as well as ESG on coronavirus relief dollars. So, I think that collectively we can identify key folks that can bring forward the pertinent activities that are taking place and project forward what each community is doing. Because our state is so diverse there are things that we're doing collaboratively but we also keep in mind that you know, things are different throughout the whole state and you know so our response needs to change. North versus the balance of state you know the rural frontier, versus what we're doing down here in the South. So, I think it's important to have a variety of speakers to speak to the different responses.

Chair Lee:

I look forward to that. Are there any other suggestions?

[No comments]

Chair Lee:

I am again pointing to the chat from Victoria Choi; winter planning strategies for winter care?

Chair Lee:

Um, so that doesn't really affect the entire state the same way it affects regions in the North. But if anybody has any presentations on what we're doing to prepare for winter and the increasing numbers we're seeing up in the North. That would be fantastic.

Deputy Wagar:

I think as part of the strategic plan we do after look at seasonal extreme heats in the South cold in the North. It's certainly something and that should be looked at.

Secretary Husband:

That is something that we can absolutely put on the agenda for the Technical Assistance Subcommittee. In forming the strategic plan, that would be a wonderful thing to put on their first agenda.

Chair Lee:

I definitely agree with that. Do we have any further discussion on adding agenda items?

[No comments]

Chair Lee:

Well, you're a quiet bunch and seeing none. We will move on to the last agenda item. Agenda item number [sentence interrupted].

Senator Denis:

Madame Chair, I'm sorry, I've been having some audio problems and missed the beginning. It sounded like you were asking for items to look at to possibly put on the strategic plan. Is that, I missed the very first part of it.

Chair Lee:

Oh, I'm sorry. The agenda items for our next meeting. Next ICH meeting.

Senator Denis:

OK. I have an item that I'd like see addressed or at least hear some issues. I don't know if it has to be the next or the next one. I don't know if this is the place to talk about that?

Chair Lee:

Sure.

Senator Denis:

OK, so one of the things that I've done some research on and one of the things that I notice up in the state of Utah; as far as homelessness one of the issues that that tied in public safety into part of the solution to help. Which I thought was kind of interesting that they, not only local public safety, but also state, So their whatever they call their, Trooper person whatever. In our case it would be Highway Patrol. All public safety folks had an interest and work. So they have a place in Salt Lake, that they provide services and other things. But they also provide public safety and have folks walking around. And I think what I liked about what they were doing up there is that everybody had a stake in it so it wasn't just local government but also when it comes to public safety was participating in that. I would be interested to see if we do any of that here and if we have an interest in having the state participate along with local government in providing public safety where we provide homeless services. If that makes sense?

Chair Lee:

So just to clarify. What I think I'm hearing from you is, looking at the intersection between homeless services and law enforcement?

Senator Denis:

Yes, law enforcement. An example about it they have a center downtown Salt Lake City where they have police officers as well as highway Patrol and others. They take turns going through there and they get to know the folks in there and they're providing public safety, but everybody has a stake in it. So, it's not just on its local government or whichever local jurisdiction it's in. But everybody participates so I just don't know if we've tried that here or if we talked about it here.

Chair Lee:

Senator Dennis it sounds like that would be on good to include in the Technical Assistance Subcommittee for the strategic plan. And so, I will make a note to bring that up in that Subcommittee, if that's OK?

Senator Denis:

And I get it it's not just public it seems to me that we need to figure out a way that everybody has opportunity to help. Whether its local government, state government as well, somehow bringing in business partners and other folks that have an interest in homelessness. So, maybe some kind of an item in there for the Technical Committee would be great.

Chair Lee:

Perfect. Thank you, Senator. I see more items popping up in the chat around affordable housing option and moving forward from homelessness to housing. Those also sound like part of the strategic plan Subcommittee. The new avenues for affordable housing options, that sounds more like a very temporally and spatially located item around our state. As we all grapple with that issue in particular and it looks different everywhere, as I'm sure you all can attest to. But we will take note, of those. Are there any other items suggested? It's going to be a very full agenda.

[No comments]

Agenda Item IX. Public Comment

Chair Lee:

Ok. We'll move on to agenda item number IX. Which is Public Comment. And just a reminder, no action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself, has specifically been included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. Comments are limited to three minutes. You can go ahead and unmute yourself and give public comment, thank you.

Secretary Husband:

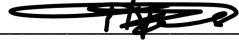
Madame Chair, I am seeing no public comment in the chat.

Chair Lee:

I see none. Well, you all are so quiet. Well we are done very early again. Well let's adjourn, it's 10:40 a.m. I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting.

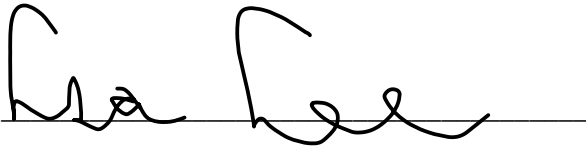
[Adjourned 10:40 a.m.]

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Tiffany Husband
Committee Secretary

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Lisa Lee, Chair

Date: _____

Exhibits

[Exhibit A](#) Nevada Interagency Advisory Council (ICH) September 15, 2020 Agenda

[Exhibit B](#) Attendance Roster

[Exhibit C](#) Presentation on Tenancy