

Northern Nevada CoC Leadership Council Agenda

January 9th, 2024

3:00pm – 5:00pm

IN PERSON —170 S. Virginia Street, 2nd Floor Conf. Rm

Meeting called to order at 3:01pm

Attendees:

Online-

- Barbara Mader-Sherrer-Renown
- Cheryl Borgstrom – HUD-Las Vegas
- Christine Hess – NV Housing
- Hannah Meadows – Safe Embrace

In person-

- Evelyn Cunningham- Two Hearts
- Susan Clark- Two Hearts
- Lawrence Dodson- LEAB
- Susan Cameron- CCNN
- Amy Jones- City of Sparks
- Colin Usher- WCSD
- Jeremy Stocking- Children's Cabinet
- John Gissy- VOA
- Ben Castro- RISE
- Austin Pollard- United Healthcare
- Monica Kirch- City of Reno
- Heidi McKendree- Reno Housing Authority

1. Introductions (Chair or Vice Chair)

- Ben will lead meeting in Julianna's absence

2. Shelter Update (OUR Place, Cares Campus Emergency Shelter, Cares Campus Safe Camp)

- OUR Place new coordinator- Liz Pope, emergency shelter has been full.
- Cares Campus- John Gissy- the Resource Center has had a big response. Overflow has been at capacity (84 beds) as well as an average of 15 others staying in the warming center. Second bathroom has opened for participants that matches the new bathroom A.
- Safe Camp- continuously fill units, no big updates.

3. CoC

- Committee/Working Group Updates
 - i. TAY Committee (Ryan Sexton)

- No updates
 - ii. Coordinated Entry (Emily Elyse)
 - **Report Back:** Session held on Monday, December 11th, 2023
 - Austin was the sole participant- reviewed the community queue and the demographics of the community queue. We're seeing slight reductions of people on the community queue. Scoring needs a deeper discussion that has the shareholders apart of.
 - Next meeting will be in March, encourage more participation for agencies that utilize the queue.
 - iii. Lived Experience Advisory Board Update (LEAB Member)
 - Coordinated Entry Secret Shopper Project Update
 - Lawrence- LEAB is resuming the focus groups from the holiday break, Northern NV mental health services last week focus group was completed. Secret Shopper is on hold until after the focus groups are completed.
 - iv. Racial Equity (Emily)
 - **Next Session:** Rescheduled to Monday, February 12th, 2024
 - 10-11am remotely over Teams- access link and agenda will be shared through the RAH email. Reviewing primary language for folks on the Community Queue to try to dig into questions we have about potential underrepresentation with our Hispanic/Latinx population in coordinated entry. We will be utilizing a new tool to help pull data from HMIS.
 - v. AB 310 Supportive Housing Working Group (Susan Clark)
 - Hopefully releasing the assessment this week. Request to add an update on this item to the February meeting NNCLC meeting.
 - Meeting tomorrow at 8am.
4. Review 2024 CoC Annual Plan (Catrina Peters)
- Provide feedback on current draft, including identifying Goal Leads
 - Draft plan was distributed last week- slides
 - i. Goal 1- Barb will lead this goal
 - ii. Goal 2- goal lead TBD
 - iii. Goal 3- Landlord Engagement- Heidi will lead this goal Tenancy Support- Austin and Susan will co-lead this goal
 - iv. Provide further feedback by the 19th.
5. Discussion and Feedback on Draft Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures (Catrina)
- Homeless Prevention- don't believe there are any HUD Homeless Prevention programs in the area. Monica Cochran will check their program language.
 - Incorporation of ESG Grant in coordinated entry as appropriate.
 - 6-month residency requirement- conversation continues to bubble up, it was discussed months ago and the body did not seem interested in adding this. We want to get the data to see how many people have come to the area. How big of a problem is this? How do you prove residency? Overall, board is against this requirement.
 - Scoring ranges- current scoring, have to score a 15 to get a referral for rapid rehousing. PSH scoring 24.5 and up. Group discussed and expressed a desire to keep current scoring ranges.
6. 2024 Homelessness Point-In-Time Count Planning (Emily)
- Report Back:** Final PIT Planning session held on Thursday, January 4th, 2024

- Thursday, January 25th is the day! Zone assignments are the focus this week and trying to get them out before the count. Identifying the more remote areas that have encampments that the HOPE Team has become aware of. Andy Schug will take on the motel count.
7. NSPIRE – New HUD Housing Inspection Requirements (Catrina)
- Final standards published July 7th, 2023, compliance date extended to October 1, 2024. HUD NV Field Office is conducting a learning session of January 18th at 10am. NSPIRE focuses more inside the units rather than a visual outside the unit. Ends with a pass/fail.
8. Nevada Housing Division Update on AB 310 (Christine Hess)
- Trying to keep the framework simple and broad so they can pivot and make changes for this pilot program. The current timeline is likely to be regulation workshops in February/March and then the RFP/grant application to be out sometime after May. They hope to public workshop the program itself in early to mid-February.
 - Developers and non-profits will likely be the groups eligible to apply.
 - Ideas for building programs to help staff supportive housing? Apprentice programs?
 - The funds are intended to alleviate the current gap in funding available for supportive services that are needed for supportive housing to be a viable option for developers.
 - Keep in mind this is a work in progress.
9. HMIS Updates (Emily)
- Review [System Performance Measure](#): Measure 3. Counts of People in HMIS
 - Set measures defined by HUD to show how our programs are doing-
 - i. CoC NV 501 All project types (does not include outreach data) 2022= 4478 folks in emergency shelter or transitional housing, 2021= 2454 (huge jump from 2021 to 2022). Cares Campus added a significant number of beds and more agencies are utilizing HMIS.
10. Agency Updates/Announcements (All)
- Austin- United Health Care/Health Plan of Nevada has rebranded to United Health Care/Health Plan of Nevada Medicaid.
 - (877) 638-3472 is the number to call to see what kind Medicaid a person has.
 - City of Reno has been doing some workshops trying to reduce barriers to build affordable housing. Registration is required to be invited, you can email Monica and she can forward the link.
11. Future Agenda Items (All): Confirm next meeting, February 6, 2024
- Role of CoC in assessment and grant processes for AB 310 - Ad Hoc Committee
 - 2024 CoC Annual Plan for review and approval
 - Updated Coordinated Entry Policy and Procedures for review and approval
12. RAH Agenda items and lead for the **remote** January 11th, 2024 meeting (All)
- Ben will lead.
 - Roberta motioned to adjourn, Austin seconded.

Meeting adjourned: 4:58pm