



Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) Strategic Plan Implementation

MINUTES

WORKGROUP #2 – Education and Workforce Development

Via Teleconference with Public Access Located At:
4126 Technology Way,
Second Floor Conference Room
Carson City, NV 89706
October 20, 2015
9:00 a.m.

I. **Introductions, Roll Call, and Announcements**

Michael McMahon called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. A quorum was determined by roll call.

Members Present

Ellen Richardson-Adams
Cynthia Carstairs
Steve Fisher
Michael McMahon

Members Absent

Tyrone Thompson
Kelly Marschall

Staff Present

Meg Matta
Cheryl Baldovi-Manville

There were no announcements.

II. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

III. **Workgroup Designation of Chair and Co-Chair**

After discussion, Mr. Fisher moved for Ms. Richardson-Adams for Chair, and Ms. Carstairs for Co-chair. Ms. Carstairs seconded, and the motion carried.

IV. **Review Workgroup Critical Issues and Goals**

The members were asked to review the goals and strategies included below, to define the best approach and bring their ideas to the next meeting.

Goal 1: Expand economic opportunities (through initiatives such as workforce development, education opportunities, and job skills training) for those who are at-risk or are homeless to achieve self-sufficiency through a living wage.

Goal 1 Strategies	Lead	Resources	Needed Resources	Timing
4.1.1 Collaborate with economic recovery and jobs programs to enroll 500 at-risk or homeless adults in workforce or technical training programs annually statewide.	DETR (working with DWSS and veterans services)/ Workforce Investment Board	Case managers (homeless providers) partnering with WIOA Implementation Planning team and local Job Connect	Reporting mechanism to the ICH Point person to follow progress and convene meetings if necessary	July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2017
4.1.2 Work with the Department of Veterans Affairs and Veterans Resource Centers to provide opportunities for work and support recovery for veterans with barriers to employment, especially veterans returning from active duty, veterans with disabilities, and veterans in permanent supportive housing.	DETR (working with DWSS and veterans services)/ Workforce Investment Board	WIOA Implementation Planning team	Identified local person to convene an ad-hoc working group to develop collaborative protocols	July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2017
4.1.3 Improve coordination and integration of employment programs with homelessness assistance programs, victim assistance programs, and housing and permanent supportive housing programs.	DETR (working with DWSS and veterans services)/ Workforce Investment Board	Case management at provider level, WIOA Implementation Planning team	Point person to convene meetings, track progress and act as liaison if necessary.	July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2019
4.1.4 Collaborate with the Nevada Workforce Investment Board (WIB) to support and ensure coordination of goals and strategies of their strategic plan and the NVICH strategic plan.	DETR (working with DWSS and veterans services)/ Workforce Investment Board	WIOA Implementation Planning team		July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2018

Goal 2: Increase access to education for people experiencing or most at risk of homelessness.

Goal 2 Strategies	Lead	Resources	Needed Resources	Timing
4.2.1 Identify at-risk or homeless children and coordinate with the local school district to enroll 100 percent of those children in school annually.	Department of Education, statewide management team, and local school superintendents CoC providers, CoC leads	Title One HOPE Youth meetings (SNV), Washoe County School District Children in Transition (CIT) Office, other school district CIT programs, Southern Nevada Regional Planning Commission (Youth Planning Group), the Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, UNR Head Start Office and regional Head Start Offices		July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016
4.2.2 Identify at-risk or homeless children ages 0-5 and coordinate with early childhood programs and child service providers to enroll 100 percent of those children in early childhood programs annually.	Department of Education, statewide management team, and local school superintendents CoC providers, CoC leads	Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council		July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016
4.2.3 Identify at-risk or homeless individuals and coordinate with providers to provide opportunities for enrollment in classes or obtaining a General Educational Development (GED) degree for 100 percent of those individuals	Department of Education, statewide management team, and local school superintendents CoC providers, CoC leads	Title I HOPE staff, Washoe County School District Children in Transition (CIT) Office, other school district CIT programs, Southern Nevada Regional		July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2017

annually.		Planning Commission (Youth Planning Group), the Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, UNR Head Start Office and regional Head Start Offices		
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Goal 3: Determine eligibility and apply for all mainstream programs and services to reduce people’s financial vulnerability to homelessness.

Goal 3 Strategies	Lead	Resources	Needed Resources	Timing
4.3.1 Identify gaps in wraparound services e.g., behavioral health, life skills, education, financial literacy, basic needs, transportation.	DHHS with program coordinator/DPBH		Ad-hoc working group	July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016
4.3.2 Provide comprehensive case management training for all case managers statewide to include SOAR/SSI/SSDI/TANF/SNAP annually.	DHHS with program coordinator/DPBH State SOAR Coordinator	Standardized Case management training in development through SNV CoC	Lead to coordinate and lead ad-hoc groups	July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2019
4.3.3 Link to state workforce development efforts to create financial stability opportunities for at risk and homeless individuals.	DHHS with program coordinator/DPBH	SNV COC working with jurisdictions to provide supportive work opportunities; Opportunity Alliance of Nevada; WIOA Implementation Planning team		July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2017

Goal 4: Improve access to high quality financial information, education, and counseling.

Goal 4 Strategies	Lead	Resources	Needed Resources	Timing
4.4.1 Identify ten (10) community or statewide organizations annually and assist them with implementing evidence-based programs to increase individual’s financial capabilities.	Opportunity Alliance Nevada Local United Way	WIOA Implementation Planning team	Creation of Evidence Based Practices Capacity Building Academy	July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2017
4.4.2 Evaluate and research existing programs quarterly for emerging or evidence-based practices to implement statewide.	Opportunity Alliance Nevada	Lincy Institute		July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2020
4.5.1 Create menu of safe, affordable product and services for employers, service providers and employees.	Opportunity Alliance Nevada	WIOA Implementation Planning team	Coordination between ICH and Opportunity Alliance	July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2017

V. Review Decision Making Guidelines

Discussion will take place at the next meeting when the goals and strategies are discussed in depth.

VI. Determine Meeting Schedule

The meeting schedule will be discussed the next meeting to provide all members the opportunity for input. The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, 11/3/15 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

VII. Assign Contacts to Invite Participants for First Workgroup Call

The name of Mr. Dennis Parea, Deputy Director of Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) was brought forward. Members were asked to identify individuals who could contribute expertise to the strategies to move the process forward, and bring their suggestions to the next meeting.

VIII. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further discussion or comment, the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 a.m.