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Interagency Council on Homelessness

DRAFT MINUTES

of the

INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

Video and Teleconference Meeting on

**Friday, April 22, 2016
8:30a – Until Adjourned**

Videoconference Locations:

Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)

So. NV Adult Mental Health Services
6161 W. Charleston Blvd., East Hall Conference Room
Las Vegas, NV 89146

Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)

4126 Technology Way, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Carson City, NV 89706

Division of Health Care Financing & Policy (DHCFP)

1010 Ruby Vista Drive, Suite 103
Elko, NV 89801

I. Call to Order, Roll Call, Announcements

For Possible Action

Ellen Richardson-Adams, Chair of Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH), called the meeting to order at 8:40a.

Members Present: Betsy Aiello, Michele Fuller-Hallauer, CJ Manthe, Michael McMahon, Tony Ramirez, Ellen Richardson-Adams, Kelly Robson, John Schmidt, Wendy Simons, and Tyrone Thompson.

Members Absent: James Dzurenda, Steven Fisher, Stephanie Gordon, Kevin Quint, Kathleen Sandoval, and Stephen Shipman.

Others Present: Anabel Ballard (DPBH administrative support), Kaleah Cage (NV Disability Advocacy and Law Center), Tami Chartraw (DPBH), Connie Johnson (Dept. of Veteran

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Services), Brooke Keast (Dept. of Corrections), Kelly Marschall (Social Entrepreneurs Inc.), Meg Matta (SAPTA administrative support), Chris Murphy (New Frontier Treatment Ctr.), Sommer Norman (Advocates and Domestic Violence), Mike Pawlak (Clark County Social Services), RJ Ramirez (DPBH), Lana Robards (New Frontier Treatment Ctr.), Julie Slabaugh (Sr. Deputy Attorney General), and Sarah Yeats-Patrick (Social Entrepreneurs Inc.).

Announcements: Michele Fuller-Hallauer announced that Dignity Health's national offices have provided a grant to the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) to conduct a permanent housing institute and peer to peer working opportunity in our community. They are developing teams, which will include project managers, direct service providers, property management staff, and funders. This will help get everybody on the same page as to what permanent supportive housing is and what the need in our community is. These teams will work through a 6-month course in order to develop a plan to expand permanent supportive housing options in our community for frequent users of our public services. They are currently accepting applications for these teams and the due date is May 13, 2016. Council members were encouraged to disseminate the information to all who may be interested in order to have get key players involved. Flyer will be distributed electronically to all Council members.

Tony Ramirez stated that the Concurrent Governing Board, which is comprised of the Reno City Council, Sparks City Council, and Washoe County Board of Commissioners, is meeting on May 2, 2016 and will focus primarily on homelessness. There will be presentations by the City of Reno Area Alliance for the Homeless and several city staff. The topic of homelessness is on the radar and the Mayor of Reno and County Commission are very interested in this topic.

II. Public Comment

No public comment was made.

III. Review of Meeting Minutes – 03/10/2016

For Possible Action

Item will be tabled until next meeting.

IV. Washington D.C. Trip Summary – Meeting with U.S. Interagency Council

For Possible Action

Item will be tabled until next meeting.

V. Workgroup #5 – CABHI Grant and Sustainability

For Possible Action

John Schmidt stated that during their last workgroup meeting, they discussed the ongoing issues with the CABHI grant and potential loss of funding which could result in upwards of 100 people losing funding. Since the ICH's goal is to prevent and eliminate homelessness they thought it would be beneficial to discuss at this meeting with the Council members. Michael McMahon stated that the funds going away at end of sept were the CABHI supplemental funds which fund Project Vivo. These funds come into Clark County and then Clark County sub-grants to Westcare. The goal is to identify people who are constantly involved with law enforcement, involved in various aspects of the service system, and in and out of emergency rooms without

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any direct coordination. The goal of the program is to be able to ultimately yield savings by being able to coordinate and make sure people are getting access to services they need when they need them. The CABHI grant ends September 30, 2016. An application for round two of the CABHI grant has been submitted and if approved, it would start October 1, 2016. However, when application for round two was put together, the Vivo Project was not part of that application. In order to qualify for supplemental or enhancement grants you need to have a CABHI states grant, which is your base grant. It is essential that we have a CABHI states grant. Determination on whether or not we receive funding is made at the federal level. Clark County has reached out to DPBH administration this week and an effort is being made internally in an attempt to look at where additional funds would come from in order to continue this project. Financial resources needed for the Vivo Project are \$400,000-\$450,000 for one year. Michele Fuller-Hallauer added that the Vivo Project is a multi-layer, multi-braided, multi funded project that has CoC funding for housing and case management, however, a separate grant covers personnel for mental health and supplemental services. What will be missing if the round two application is not approved, is the funding for such services. Kelly Marschall stated that an additional critical issue related to the existing clients for the original CABHI grant and that the amount we applied for in round two resulted in the original three grantees not receiving the full request which would cover their existing grant. The original CABHI-states grant, which preceded all of us in terms of its drafting and submission, was to serve 120 people. One issue is that even if we get round two funding it isn't enough for those 120 to continue being served at their current level. SEI is currently working on drafting the biannual report that gets submitted to the Feds. The report will be made available as soon as financial data is inserted.

VI. Structure of Current Workgroups

For Possible Action

Ellen Richardson-Adams stated that in reviewing the minutes of previous meetings and the current structure of the workgroups, it had previously been decided that the ICH members would make up the workgroups and would also be able to vote on agenda items. The ICH members would then report back to ICH during meetings and provide updates. Feedback during the last few months has been that quorum has been difficult to achieve during these meetings. Members agreed that community involvement and feedback was important as well as allowing them the opportunity to vote in these workgroups. Kelly Marschall stated that clarity was needed as to how additional members would be added to these workgroups and what the sequence of activities was in order to add additional members. The consensus among the Council members was that the workgroups be able to add members on their own without being required to present them to the ICH first. Julie Slabaugh stated that if the Executive Order that establishes the ICH does not give direction on how workgroups are established then the Council can vote to give workgroups the autonomy to add members themselves. Ellen confirmed that nothing regarding workgroups is noted in the Executive Order. Julie Slabaugh reminded the Council that in giving voting power to community members would increase the quorum needed in order to be able to meet. Due to recent changes, if the Council or the workgroup members wanted to be able to send a proxy to a meeting and allow them to carry their vote, that language had to be specifically written out in the Executive Order that established the council. If it is not written in the Order, it is not permissible.

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Michele Fuller-Hallauer made a motion that workgroups be established to include subject matter experts and other interested community stakeholders. Tyrone Thompson seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

- VII. Annual ICH Report Due to Governor Sandoval – June 2016** *For Possible Action*
Annual ICH report is due to Governor Sandoval in June. The updates should be based on workgroup activities. All chairs should submit a summary of activities and highlights to be included in the report, which should be concurrent with the ICH Strategic Plan, by May 13, 2016 to Ellen Richardson-Adams and Michael McMahon. Tyrone Thompson asked if the report would include a section identifying gaps and needs for the Council. Ellen stated that it would and that all concerns should be submitted along with any recommendations ICH members might have. The report should also include a highlights section listing all activities that have taken place during the last fiscal year such as, USICH trip, recent affordable housing forum, and any other activities that have taken place at the local and/or federal level. Michele Fuller-Hallauer asked if community partnerships should also be included. Ellen stated they should be included, she will sort through and extract an array of items to add to the report. The report can be discussed again prior to submission to the Governor's Office.
- VIII. Continuum of Care (CoC) Updates** *For Possible Action*
Item tabled until next meeting.
- IX. Set Date and Time of Next Meeting and Discuss Future Agenda Items** *For Possible Action*
Item tabled due to loss of quorum.
- X. Public Comment** *For Possible Action*
No public comment was made.
- XI. Adjournment**
Meeting was adjourned at 10:06a by Ellen Richardson-Adams due to loss of quorum.