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Interagency Council on Homelessness

DRAFT MINUTES

of the

INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

Video and Teleconference Meeting on

**Friday, July 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)

4150 Technology Way
Conference Room 301
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 8:33a.

Members Present: Jenifer Chavez, James Dzurenda, Michele Fuller-Hallauer, CJ Manthe, Michael McMahon, Dennis Perea, Tony Ramirez, Ellen Richardson-Adams, John Schmidt, and Wendy Simons.

Members Absent: Betsy Aiello, Steven Fisher, Stephanie Gordon, Kelly Robson, Kathleen Sandoval, Stephen Shipman, and Tyrone Thompson.

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Others Present: Anabel Ballard (DPBH administrative support), Brian Bland (Goodness Gracious Ministries), Jenny Bland (Goodness Gracious Ministries), Kaleah Cage (NV Disability Advocacy and Law Center), Maurice Cloutier (WestCare), Shannon Ernst (Churchill County Social Services), Jennifer Frischmann (DHCFP), Nicole Lamboley (Renown), Valerie Luevano (Renown), Kelly Marschall (Social Entrepreneurs Inc.), MaryAne Ostrander (CCHHS), RJ Ramirez (DPBH), Julie Slabaugh (Sr. Deputy Attorney General), Sharon Smith (FISH – Elko).

Announcements: CJ Manthe announced that the Nevada Housing Division will be holding a workshop on Supportive Housing from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm on Thursday, August 4th. She will forward an email announcement for ICH distribution.

Michele Fuller-Hallauer announced that due to the onset of higher temperatures the cooling stations have opened effective today. Flyers will be disseminated and the cooling stations are open to all, especially homeless and senior individuals. The city is in need of additional cooling station locations, including faith-based organizations and entities that are open on Sundays.

Ellen Richardson-Adams announced Kevin Quint's position on the Council was now vacant. Director James Dzurenda (Department of Corrections), Deputy Director Dennis Perea (NV Department of Employment, Training, and Rehabilitation), Director of Rental and Housing Programs Jenifer Chavez (NV Rural Housing Authority) are now active Council members and will be participating in all meetings moving forward.

All ICH terms will expire in October 2016. Council members were encouraged to reapply if interested in renewing their term.

II. Public Comment

Brian and Jenny Bland from Goodness Gracious Ministries provided information on their organization and discussed the work they do within the community which includes, providing bags of food for the weekends to sustain children when they are not in school and being provided breakfast and lunch. Training inner city youth in a mobile classroom to develop job skills to work in the food industry, budgeting money and finding job placements. Sustaining by taking it into neighborhoods to raise awareness about their ministry and feeding the homeless through local church feeding programs. Maintaining by actively fundraising with Goodness Gracious Food Truck.

III. Review of Meeting Minutes – 03/10/2016 & 04/22/2016

For Possible Action

Meeting minutes for 03/10/2016 were reviewed.

Michele Fuller-Hallauer made a motion to approve the minutes as written. John Schmidt seconded the motion. Dennis Perea and Jenifer Chavez abstained from voting. Remaining members approved unanimously.

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Meeting minutes for 04/22/2016 were reviewed.

CJ Manthe made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Michele Fuller-Hallauer seconded the motion. Dennis Perea and Jenifer Chavez abstained from voting. Remaining members approved unanimously.

IV. Washington D.C. Trip Summary – Meeting with U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness *For Possible Action*

Jennifer Frischmann presented on behalf of Betsy Aiello and discussed her recent trip to Washington, D.C. on April 12, 2016 to meet with members of the USICH. The meeting was successful and provided networking opportunities.

V. Annual Report to Governor Sandoval *For Possible Action*

Michele Fuller-Hallauer suggested that this year's report include the recommendation of rapid housing and a listing of HMIS activities. Also to include a thank you to Social Entrepreneurs Inc. for their work on the Council.

Tony Ramirez asked if any feedback had been received from the submission of the report or if any feedback was anticipated. Ellen Richardson-Adams stated that no feedback had been received, but if any came forth, it would be placed on the ICH agenda.

VI. Workgroup Updates *For Possible Action*

Workgroup #2: Ellen Richardson-Adams discussed the need for a new chairperson for workgroup. Dennis Perea and James Dzurenda were suggested as potential Chair and Co-Chair, respectively. Ellen also asked if one or both of the Goodness Gracious Ministries contacts would be interested in serving on this workgroup since they were effectively working on the education piece within the community. Several other contacts were named as parties of interest, contact information to be forwarded to Ellen Richardson-Adams.

John Schmidt made a motion to name Dennis Perea as Chair of Workgroup #2 and James Dzurenda as Co-Chair of Workgroup #2. Wendy Simons seconded the motion. Ellen Richardson-Adams abstained from this vote. Remaining members approved the motion unanimously.

Workgroup #1: Jenifer Chavez is now a member of this workgroup. The group continues to focus on permanent supportive housing. Michele Fuller-Hallauer to demonstrate the use of the SWAP Tool during September or October's ICH meeting. Next affordable housing workshop is scheduled for October in Las Vegas.

Workgroup #3: Michael McMahon continues to focus on wraparound services. Currently working on Medicaid 1915(i) concept paper.

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Workgroup #4: Michele Fuller-Hallauer stated this workgroup is in need of additional members. Will reach out to statewide HMIS committee.

Workgroup #5: John Schmidt stated difficulty making quorum for this workgroup's meetings. Will work on items as they arise. It was suggested that this workgroup reach out to local-level government to find out what they are currently working on policy-wise and enhance communication. Ellen Richardson-Adams asked for John Schmidt to reach out to Tony Ramirez to further discuss what activities are taking place at the local-level.

VII. Continuum of Care (CoC) Updates

For Possible Action

Michele Fuller-Hallauer stated new website is up and running (helphopehome.org). They are currently working on a video resource library.

Shannon Ernst announce that they have been successful in changing HMIS to statewide.

VIII. Set Date and Time of Next Meeting and Discuss Future Agenda Items

For Possible Action

Discussed meeting on September 23, 2016 at 8:30a. Will send out announcement via email. Potential agenda items to include adding new members to Workgroup #4, Licensure components/discussion of Workgroup #5, include report from 2016 HUD/CoC competition from all 3 CoC in state during the CoC updates, provide the Council an update on the Budget Concept Paper discussed in March, CJ Manthe to provide an update on the upcoming supportive housing workshop, and Kaleah Cage to provide a presentation for the Council on what NV Disability Advocacy and Law Center (NVDALC) does and how they help to advocate for client's housing needs.

IX. Public Comment

For Possible Action

Director James Dzurenda announced that a request has been pushed through to help advance electronic records. Currently there is no access between the Department of Corrections (DOC) and the community. The DOC remains on a paper system and is unaware of what medical exams are being conducted on their population while they are out in the community. Hoping this request passes in order for it to help the homeless population.

Tony Ramirez introduced Valerie Luevano who is Renown Health's Director of the Center for Social Justice, Child Health Institute. Renown currently partners with the University of Nevada Reno and is looking at social factors that can impact health.

X. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:25a by Ellen Richardson-Adams.