



Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) Strategic Plan Implementation

MINUTES

WORKGROUP #5 – Policies and Long Term Planning

Via Teleconference with Public Access Located At:
4126 Technology Way,
Second Floor Conference Room
Carson City, NV 89706
October 27, 2015
9:00 a.m.

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

Ms. Fuller-Hallauer, as facilitator, called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. A quorum was determined by roll call.

Members Present

Michael McMahon
Michele Fuller-Hallauer
Pastor John Schmidt

Others Present

Kelly Marschall

Members Absent

Tyrone Thompson

Staff Present

Cheryl Baldovi-Manville
Meg Matta

There were no announcements.

II. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

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

Mr. McMahon moved for Pastor Schmidt as Chair, and Ms. Fuller-Hallauer for Co-Chair. Ms. Fuller-Hallauer seconded, and the motion carried.

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

Ms. Marschall reviewed the following Goals and Strategies and emphasized that those with a start

date of July 1, 2015 and end date of June 30, 2016 should be top priority. Those goals are highlighted in yellow below. Also of importance were goals that require legislative or budget approval.

Strategic Issue #7 – Policies

Goal 1: Public and private partners who provide services to prevent and end homelessness will coordinate policy to ensure that barriers are eliminated and goals of the strategic plan are achieved.

Goal 1 Strategies	Lead	Resources	Needed Resources	Timing
7.1.1 Identify and contact all agencies who provide services to prevent and end homelessness to coordinate policy priorities.	ICH	ICH Leadership SNV CoC	Lead staff person	July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016
7.1.2 Provide training and technical assistance on homeless policy to public and private partners to ensure barriers are eliminated.	ICH		Training by a subject matter expert. Technical assistance to be provided by a Statewide Homeless Coordinator or equivalent.	July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2018
7.1.3 Research and implement initiatives such as using Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) money to help prevent or end homelessness by 2018.	ICH, Leadership from three CoC's, DWSS		Ad-hoc working group	July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017
7.1.4 Implement Medicaid program changes by 2017 to improve behavioral and physical health care delivery in supportive housing.	ICH		Secure legislative approval and Medicaid authority Working group to oversee all	July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2017

			Medicaid program changes		
7.1.5	Provide four (4) training(s) annually to state personnel dedicated to Social Security determinations that benefit the most vulnerable people.	ICH Statewide SOAR Coordinator	Covered by CABHI grant (exception of travel costs for extra trainings)	Training resources, staff time, etc. Increase travel budget for travel to conduct the extra trainings	July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2017

Goal 2: Close the gap between available and needed appropriate credentialed health professionals statewide.

Goal 2 Strategies	Lead	Resources	Needed Resources	Timing	
7.2.1	Work with universities in the state to recruit and train licensed professionals.	DHHS/ICH	UNLV/UNR School of Social Work (Michele Fuller-Hallauer is a part-time instructor for UNLV)	Lead staff person who understands the needs and act as educator and liaison to the universities	July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2017
7.2.2	Remove licensure barriers so that out of state licensed professionals are offered reciprocity when moving to Nevada.	DHHS/ICH	Work with licensing agencies to review and revise policies regarding reciprocity	Secure legislative approval Lead staff person to facilitate discussions and track outcomes	July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2017
7.2.3	Increase the number of appropriate credentialed health personnel statewide by 10 percent annually by providing training	DHHS/ICH, Licensing entities		Lead staff person to facilitate discussions and track outcomes	July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2019

	opportunities and incentives annually/quarterly.				
7.2.4	Conduct outreach to all agencies to ensure health professionals are aware of training opportunities and incentives to become credentialed by 2017.	DHHS/ICH	Nevada Homeless Alliance distribution list, Mainstream Programs Basic Training (MPBT) distribution lists for SNV	Centralized data base to post all training opportunities, Public awareness	July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

Goal 3: Break the cycle of incarceration that leads to disrupted families, limited economic prospects and poverty, increased homelessness or at risk of homelessness, and more criminal activity.

Goal 3 Strategies	Lead	Resources	Needed Resources	Timing
7.3.1 Collaborate with the AG’s Office to identify alternatives to prison sentences for low-risk offenders, inconsistent or unfair sentencing policies that may unduly burden certain target populations and advocate policy changes.	Attorney General’s Office	Statewide Re-entry Task Force	Identification of Best Practices	July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2018
7.3.2 Identify and assess the effectiveness of different community reentry programs and expand programs at the community level, including streamlining of employment barriers and expansion of opportunities for those who have been discharged.	Department of Corrections	Statewide Re-entry Task Force	Lead staff person to compile information	July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2018

Strategic Issue #8 – Long Term Planning

Goal 1: The strategic plan document is re-assessed and updated at least every five years to prevent and end homelessness.

Goal 1 Strategies	Lead	Resources	Needed Resources	Timing
8.1.1 Develop an annual work plan that identifies strategies and goals to be achieved during that one year timeframe.	ICH	USICH Regional Coordinator	ICH Staff time to help coordinate	July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016
8.1.2 At the end of four years, reconvene the Strategic Planning Subcommittee to re-assess and update the strategic plan document.	ICH		ICH Staff time to help coordinate	July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2019

Goal 2: Public outreach and education is conducted to create awareness to remove the stigma around homelessness.

Goal 2 Strategies	Lead	Resources	Needed Resources	Timing
8.2.1 Develop information materials by the end of 2017 and conduct training quarterly on community resources for those who are at-risk or are homeless.	ICH	Expand on MPBT that the SNV CoC hold monthly SNV CoC is developing public awareness campaign, utilize to expand efforts statewide	Lead staff person to compile information and facilitate trainings	July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2017
8.2.2 Develop a public awareness campaign about homelessness to implement statewide by 2018. Engage business and community leaders in public awareness campaign.	ICH	SNV CoC is developing public awareness campaign, expand efforts statewide	Coordination of PA message and resources to market the issue	July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

V. Review Decision Making Guidelines

The strategies with a start date of July 1, 2015 need to begin immediately. The others may be

delayed. Following are the strategies that require immediate organization:

One of the first tasks to accomplish, pursuant to 7.1.1, is to scan other entities such as the continuums of care, or mental health or behavioral health coalitions to discover their policy priorities and determine if they focus on either preventing or ending homelessness. If so, this workgroup can advocate along side them.

7.1.4 calls for securing legislative approval and Medicaid authority and is also a task that needs to be started right away. Betsy Aiello may be willing to provide guidance as she will be doing so in another workgroup. It may develop into a role where this workgroup promotes and the other workgroup provides the action.

Trainings as described in 7.1.5 need to be organized immediately. The Statewide SOAR Forum that took place in August of this year may count for one of the four training requirements.

The strategy, 7.2.1 also has a start date of July 1, 2015 and Ms. Fuller-Hallauer would be able to facilitate through her position as a part-time instructor for UNLV.

7.2.2 calls for staff to facilitate the discussions and track the outcomes. Ms. Marschall may be able to offer support to Ms. Fuller-Hallauer or any who is connecting to the school of social work. There is also a piece of this strategy related to securing legislative approval, which Mr. Thompson could help with.

7.2.4 also has an immediate start date. This will be revisited in more detail at the next meeting.

7.3.1 will be led by the Attorney General's Office with the Statewide Re-entry Task Force as a resource; but representation from the Department of Corrections is critical as well. There is also a Statewide Re-entry Coalition that may be helpful.

8.1.1 everything mentioned in the ICH Strategic Plan of June, 2015 that has a start date of July 1, 2015 can be pulled out and placed in the annual work plan for July 2015 to June 30, 2016. SEI could help support this task.

8.2.1 also has an immediate start date. This will be revisited in more detail at the next meeting.

These strategies will need subgroups. One efficient approach is to link with subgroups already working on these issues. In that case, one of the ICH members would join their group and report back, as opposed to asking the subgroup to come to the ICH. As long as one of our members reports back to this workgroup, it will also fulfill requirements for open meetings.

When reaching out to contacts, it is important to let them know we do not want to duplicate efforts and ask if they already have a group working on these strategies that we can join. If not, we can ask if they would be willing to join our subcommittee.

- It is important for the group to know what else is happening concurrently in the rest of the state, and to leverage that momentum.

- Scan policies of other groups to see what fits with Workgroup #5 goals and strategies.
- Create a plan on how to do the work.

VI. Determine Meeting Schedule

The next meeting will be on December 4th from 9 to 11 a.m. A schedule for further meetings will be decided at that time.

VII. Assign Contacts to Invite Participants for First Workgroup Call

Suggestions of people to invite into the process were:

- Betsy Aiello for help with legislative issues
- Ambrosia Crum, SOAR Coordinator, for help with trainings
- Stacy Pollard from Nevada Homeless Alliance to lead on public awareness
- Joann Thompson or Dr. Martini
- Representative from UNLV Dept. of Urban Affairs
- Representative from UNR School of Social Work
- Gerald Ackerman for connection to Elko and rural perspectives
- Jennifer McLunden, UNR School of Social Work
- John Collins for Corrections re-entry program
- Steve Burt from the Statewide Re-Entry Coalition
- Justice Saitta from the AG office
- Representative from Juvenile Justice System diversion programs

VIII. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further discussion or comment, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.