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Interagency Council on Homelessness

DRAFT MINUTES

of the

INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

Video and Teleconference Meeting on

Friday, August 18, 2017

9a – Until Adjourned

Videoconference Locations:

Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)

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

Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)

4150 Technology Way
Conference Room 153
Carson City, NV 89706

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 9:04a.

Members Present: Anne Cory, Kyle Devine, Steven Fisher, Michele Fuller-Hallauer, CJ Manthe, John 'Jack' Martin, Tony Ramirez, Ellen Richardson-Adams, Jeni Rios, Kelly Robson, Dena Schmidt, and Wendy Simons.

Members Absent: Betsy Aiello, Rosie Brown, James Dzurenda, Jennifer Frischmann, Amber Howell, Dr. Shellie Keller, and Dennis Perea.

Others Present: Anabel Ballard (DPBH administrative support), Darren Guzzetta (SAPTA), Raul Martinez (SAPTA administrative support), Susanne Sliwa (Sr. Deputy Attorney General), Alexis Tucey (DHHS), Sarah Yeats-Patrick (Social Entrepreneurs Inc.).

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Announcements: Ellen Richardson-Adams welcomed new members Rosie Brown (previously experienced homelessness), Dr. Shellie Keller (previously experienced homelessness), and John ‘Jack’ Martin (Department of Juvenile Justice Services).

Michele Fuller-Hallauer announced upcoming statewide discharge planning summit hosted by the three Continuum of Care (CoCs) scheduled for September 19th. For those interested, please register in advance. Summit will focus on behavioral health and physical health. Solutions Recovery has donated space for Summit.

Raul Martinez announced he will be providing clerical support for ICH workgroups. He will be contacting each workgroup Chair.

Kelly Robson announced that the Shannon West Homeless Youth Center is now open. This will increase the beds from 65 to 166. It is the first project involving all 4 jurisdictions in Nevada.

Wendy Simons announced that the groundbreaking for the future Nevada Veterans Home is coming up on August 21st. Ribbon cutting is expected to happen during December 2018. Project will be moving fast.

II. Public Comment

No public comment.

III. Review of Meeting Minutes – 06/23/2017

For Possible Action

Meeting minutes for 06/23/2017 were reviewed.

Anne Cory made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Wendy Simons seconded the motion. Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Steven Fisher, and Dena Schmidt abstained from voting. The remaining members approved the motion unanimously.

IV. Strategic Plan Goals and Strategies

For Possible Action

Strategic Plan was reviewed by Council members present. Sarah Yeats-Patrick was present to provide guidance. Goal of this meeting was to review strategic issues to determine if the goals were still valid or if they were in need of revision.

Strategic Issue #1 – Housing

Goal 1: Preserve the existing affordable housing stock.

Goal 2: Provide the resources necessary to further expand and develop the inventory by 2020.

Goal 3: Systemically as a state, identify, standardize and promote all types of housing interventions in Nevada for subpopulations by 2017.

- It was determined that the System Wide Analytic and Projection (SWAP) Tool was too specific of a tool for this plan.

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- It was suggested that the three CoCs funnel their information directly to the ICH in order to determine how much housing stock is available and determine a baseline.
- Council members were in agreement that goal 3 should be removed.

Strategic Issue #2 – Homelessness Prevention and Intervention

Goal 1: Expand affordable housing opportunities (including Transitional Housing (TH)) through improved targeting of current housing programs that provide rental subsidies as well as an increase in construction of new or rehabilitated housing in all communities.

Goal 2: Coordinate housing programs and agencies to provide housing mediation opportunities for individuals and families who are at-risk of being evicted.

Goal 3: Rapidly rehouse people who fall out of housing.

Goal 4: Provide cash assistance to individuals and families who are at-risk of eviction to cover rent, mortgage, or utility arrears.

- It was suggested that the plan be revised to include a column of 'Revision Date' as well as a 'Date Completed' column in order to show NVICH's ongoing efforts.
- Goal 1 strategy was reworded in order to reflect the advocacy work that the ICH is doing on all levels statewide.
- Goal 2 will be updated to include prevention and diversion.
- Goal 4 will become a strategy under this issue.

Strategic Issue #6 – Coordination of Data and Resources

Goal 1: The system is integrated, streamlined, promotes data sharing and is captured consistently in HMIS.

Goal 2: Implement centralized/coordinated intake assessment and access for all housing programs throughout the state for the homeless or those at risk of homelessness.

Goal 3. Regularly identify options to coordinate resources.

- It was recommended that items in Strategic Issue #6 should be embedded throughout the plan as applicable.
- It was recommended that workgroups members for Strategic Issue #6 be embedded into the other workgroups as appropriate.

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

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.

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- It was recommended that items in Strategic Issue #7 should be embedded throughout the plan as applicable.
- It was recommended that workgroups members for Strategic Issue #7 be embedded into the other workgroups as appropriate.

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

- It was recommended that items in Strategic Issue #8 should be embedded throughout the plan as applicable.
- It was recommended that workgroups members for Strategic Issue #8 be embedded into the other workgroups as appropriate.

Strategic Issue #3 – Wraparound Services, Strategic Issue #4 – Education and Workforce Development, and Strategic Issue #5 – Coordination of Primary and Behavioral Health will be reviewed during the next ICH meeting.

- V. Set Date and Time of Next Meeting and Discuss Future Agenda Items** *For Possible Action*
Will schedule another meeting to continue discussing Strategic Plan. Possible date of September 8th at 9a. Will disseminate a survey in order to determine best date.

- VI. Public Comment** *For Possible Action*
No public comment.

- VII. Adjournment**
Meeting was adjourned at 11:13a by Ellen Richardson-Adams.