



Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) ♦ Strategic Plan Implementation Policies and Long Term Planning

WORKGROUP #5 DRAFT MINUTES March 18, 2016

Via Teleconference with Public Access Located At:
4126 Technology Way,
Second Floor Conference Room
Carson City, NV 89706

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

John Schmidt called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. A quorum was determined by roll call.

Members Present

John Schmidt
Michael McMahon
Tyrone Thompson

Members Absent

Michele Fuller-Hallauer

Staff Present

Sara Weaver

Others Present

Kelly Marschall
Sarah Yeats-Patrick
Tauri Royce

2. **Public Comment**

There were no comments.

3. **Review and Approve Minutes of October 27, 2015**

Mr. Schmidt moved to approve the minutes with one correction. Mr. McMahon seconded and the motion carried.

4. **Review and Discuss Annual Work Plan – Strategy 8.1.1**

An Annual Work Plan will need to be developed to identify strategies and goals to be achieved within a one-year timeframe. Ms. Marschall suggested asking each of the other ICH Workgroups to identify their priority actions for the fiscal year of July 2016 to June 2017. Those goals need to be compiled into an Annual Work Plan, which Workgroup #5 is charged with ensuring the ICH Strategic Plan is implemented. A master document can be created for Ms. Yeats-Patrick's follow-up. There will be changes or course-corrections by the workgroups within a year, and those will need to be reflected in the Work Plan.

5. **Identify Agencies Providing Prevention Services to End Homelessness – Strategy 7.1.1**

Tabled

6. **Discuss and Define Implementation of Medicaid Program Changes – Strategy 7.1.4**

Tabled

7. Discuss and Define Ways to Facilitate SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery (SOAR) Trainings – Strategy 7.1.5

Tabled

8. Discuss and Define Centralized Database to Facilitate Public Awareness – Strategy 7.2.4

Tabled

9. Discuss and Develop Public Outreach Information Materials – Strategy 8.2.1

The goal is to remove the stigma around homelessness. The Southern Nevada Continuum of Care (CoC) is developing a public awareness campaign, which would be the starting point for this strategy.

10. Discussion on ICH Strategic Plan Implementation Timeframes and Needed Expertise

Regarding Strategy 7.2.1 to recruit and train licensed professionals, Ms. Marschall explained that there is a lot of activity going on in the ICH pertaining to credentialing and reciprocity. She does not feel the ICH should create their own agenda; but should connect with the entities that are currently working on workforce licensing and streamlining efforts by taking a supportive role. An example is licensure for Social Work, where the process is lengthy, there is no way to expedite it, and there is currently a shortage of qualified professionals. She does not think it would help to create duplicate policies; but conduct a joint meeting to discover what opportunities exist to advocate and to move forward with existing efforts. Mr. Thompson suggested a joint meeting with ICH Workgroup #2, or invite Mr. Steve Fisher to provide expertise at the next Workgroup #5 meeting.

Ms. Yeats-Patrick mentioned the series of strategies under Goal 3 regarding breaking the cycle of incarceration that leads to disrupted families, limited economic prospects and poverty, increased homelessness or at risk of homelessness, and increased criminal activities. The deadline for the strategies is not until June 30, 2018; but she recommended the members begin formulating ideas on those strategies. The ICH may have representation from the Department of Corrections who can provide expertise.

11. Determine Next Meeting Date and Propose Agenda Items

The next meeting will be April 15 at 2:00 p.m. The agenda/action items are:

- Invite Steve Fisher to provide expertise on credentialing and reciprocity of licensed professionals (7.2.1)
- Presentation by Ms. Fuller-Hallauer of the public awareness campaign on removing the stigma around homelessness, which has been developed by the Southern Nevada CoC. (8.2.2)
- Discussion and action to expand awareness of homelessness stigma to a statewide effort (8.2.2)
- Discussion with Department of Corrections with regard to breaking the cycle of incarceration (Goal 3)

12. Public Comment

There were no comments.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Members, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.