



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

WORKGROUP #5 MINUTES April 15, 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**

Pastor Schmidt called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m. A quorum was determined by roll call.

Members Present

Michael McMahan
Michele Fuller-Hallauer
Pastor John Schmidt

Others Present

Kelly Marschall
Sarah Yeats Patrick

Staff Present

Meg Matta
RJ Ramirez

Members Absent

Tyrone Thompson

There were no announcements.

2. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

3. **Review and Approve the Minutes of March 18, 2016**

Mr. McMahan moved to approve the minutes with one correction. Pastor Schmidt seconded, and the motion carried.

4. **Information About Bill Draft Requests Related to ICH**

There was no report.

5. **Presentation: Overview of Credentialing and Reciprocity of Licensed Professionals; Define Support from ICH That Would Be Valuable to Credentialing Entities (Strategy 7.2.1)**

Tabled.

6. **Presentation of the Public Awareness Campaign to Remove the Stigma Around Homelessness Developed by So. NV Continuum of Care (Strategy 8.2.2)**

Tabled.

7. Discuss and Approve Actions to Expand Statewide Awareness of Homelessness Stigma (Strategies 8.2.1 and 8.2.2)

Ms. Marschall spoke to actions in northern Nevada. There were two positive steps that can be documented in Workgroup 5 Updated Work Plan.

First, under leadership of Tony Ramirez and CJ Manthe, there have been two Affordable Housing Summits, one in southern Nevada and one in northern Nevada, where there were presentations and data related to homelessness and availability of affordable housing. That issue is well promoted, and there is no need for the ICH to duplicate efforts. The presentation of the Point in Time data and the CABHI Vivo Project was of critical importance to educating the broader audience comprised of developers, policy makers and service providers on coordinated entry, the needs of the homeless population, and the lack of housing resources.

Second, a Concurrent Planning Meeting is scheduled on May 2, 2016. Expected to be in attendance are the Board of County Commissioners, and the City Councils of Reno and Sparks. The focus of the meeting will be on homelessness. Ms. Marschall will be speaking at that meeting on behalf of the Reno Area Alliance for the Homeless, and will present the Northern Nevada Regional Strategic Plan which informed and dovetailed with the ICH Strategic Plan. Ms. Marschall said there is excellent alignment between the Reno Area Alliance and the ICH, but there needs to be further coordination among the three regions in Nevada. A statement from the Workgroup to read during public comments of the Concurrent Planning Meeting would be helpful. She is looking forward to the opportunity to educate policy makers on the challenges, needs and barriers to both preventing and ending homelessness.

The Chair asked Ms. Marschall to draft a statement on behalf of the Workgroup. The suggested language for Ms. Richardson Adams' letter was as follows:

As Chair of the State Interagency Council on Homelessness, the ICH applauds the City of Reno, City of Sparks and Washoe County for your Concurrent Session regarding homelessness. We support the Northern Nevada Regional plan to prevent and end homeless; we used that plan to inform the state ICH plan and we encourage you to support the implementation of the Regional Plan.

Ms. Fuller-Hallauer moved to request the ICH Chair, Ms. Richardson-Adams to send the above statement to be read at the Concurrent Session on May 2. Pastor Schmidt seconded, and the motion carried.

8. Discuss Annual Work Plan (Strategy 8.1.1)

Ms. Marschall said the Strategic Plan is a “living document” that was provided to all five workgroups to use as a working document. It needs to be updated annually. The completed tasks should come off the work plan, and the ongoing and remaining tasks should be reevaluated for realistic timeframes, any new tasks should be identified, and the Plan updated. The Strategic Plan but it needs to be updated annually. She suggested that all workgroups be asked to update their timeframes and submit to Workgroup 5 to include in the Annual Work Plan. The plan was last updated in March, so the remaining information will not be extensive. The deadline for the updated Plan is June 30th. Ms. Marschall will report back to the workgroups with regard to follow-up.

Ms. Yeats Patrick reviewed the workgroup updates, which may be viewed on the Public and

Behavioral Health website:

<http://dphh.nv.gov/Programs/ClinicalBHSP/Meetings/WG5AgendasMinutes/>

With regard to page 15, Workgroup #3 Goal 2 update, concerns were expressed regarding the expiration of the CABHI State, Supplemental, and Enhancement grants at the end of September and the effect it will have on case workers, clients and SOAR training. Ms. Marschall said it was the role of the ICH to put pressure on the State to facilitate resolution of the contract issues and to plan for all contingencies, one of which is that grant dollars will go away in September. There are administrative parameters that are onerous and are delaying the community from using much needed dollars to support a targeted population. As the ICH was created to address that population, it is their responsibility to ensure those dollars get out the door, and the individuals in that targeted population do not end up on the street. This is a critical policy and long term planning issue that needs to be reported from Workgroup #5 and also as an agenda item at the next ICH meeting.

9. Discuss ICH Strategic Plan Implementation Timeframes and Needed Expertise

Tabled

10. Next Meeting Date -- Propose and Approve Agenda Items

Next Meeting is scheduled for May 20.

- Information on any interesting Bill Draft Requests as a standing item
- Revisit tabled agenda items numbers 5 and 6
- Report on Annual Work Plan
- Update on the report to the ICH Meeting

11. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the members, Pastor Schmidt adjourned at 3:35 p.m.