



## Northern Nevada CoC Leadership Council Agenda

December 5th, 2023

3:00pm – 5:00pm

**IN PERSON —170 S. Virginia Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conf. Rm**

Meeting called to order at 3:04pm

### 1. Introductions (Chair or Vice Chair)

- Heidi McKendree, Reno Housing Authority
- Jessi Crossetti, Lived Experience Advisory Board Member
- Kelly Robson, Bitfocus
- Lawrence Dodson, Lived Experience Advisory Board Member
- Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Winged Wolf Innovations
- Sarah Escartin, Bitfocus
- Austin Pollard- United Healthcare /Health Plan of Nevada
- Susan Cameron- Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada
- Barb Scherrer- Renown
- Amy Jones- City of Sparks
- Julianna Glock- Volunteers of America (Chair)
- Roxanne Amaya- Lived Experience Advisory Board Member
- Echo Gill- Lived Experience Advisory Board Member
- Kara Fraki- Veteran's Administration
- Chris Statler- Veteran's Administration
- Tanya Jolley- Veteran's Administration
- Dana Searcy- Washoe County, HSA, Division of Housing & Homeless Services
- Catrina Peters - Washoe County, HSA, Division of Housing & Homeless Services
- Emily Elyse, Washoe County, HSA, Division of Housing & Homeless Services
- Benjamin Castro- Reno Initiative for Shelter and Equality
- Trevor Macaluso- Eddy House
- Travis Sandefur- Volunteers of America
- Penny Adams- Volunteers of America
- Evelyn Cunningham- Two Hearts Community Development
- Susan Clark- Two Hearts Community Development
- Hannah Meadows- Safe Embrace

### 2. Shelter Update (OUR Place, Cares Campus Emergency Shelter, Cares Campus Safe Camp)

- Ben with OUR Place- no major updates.
- Travis with VOA- Cares Campus- Scott is no longer with VOA so reach out to Penny Adams or Travis. Last Friday the Resource Center was opened up and have had about 30 people per night in overflow.

- Dana with County- Kim has transferred to the Cares Campus leading case management and Liz Pope is at Our Place, Ana Huntsberger is leading mental health for both. Catrina will continue to manage the HUD grants.
  - Dana with County for Safe Camp- no major updates. The camp is full.
3. CoC
- Committee/Working Group Updates
    - i. TAY Committee (Ryan Sexton)
      - Only one person attended the last meeting. Hoping for others to join. The lived experience committee has been continuing to grow.
      - There is a HUD grant out for Youth Homeless Improvement- grant requires CoC a letter of endorsement, will bring letter to the next meeting for approval. Grant due February 15th. Opened up for questions and discussion.
    - ii. Coordinated Entry (Emily Elyse)
      - **Next Meeting:** Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 10-11am ([remote](#))
      - Will be reviewing Community Queue demand and demographics of those seeking resources. This committee is the place to bring up Coordinated Entry related policy questions and considerations.
    - iii. Lived Experience Advisory Board Update (LEAB Member)
      - Coordinated Entry Secret Shopper Project Update provided by LEAB Member, Echo Gill.
      - Secret Shopper is on hold until after the holidays, but focus groups have started. The focus groups will continue after the holidays.
    - iv. Racial Equity (Emily)
      - **Next Meeting:** Monday, January 8th, 2024 from 10-11am ([remote](#))
      - Will be reviewing data on the primary languages identified for those who are on the community queue for those who answered to provide insight into the possible under-representation of those identifying as Hispanic/Latinx included in HMIS, vs. their proportion of the general population in Washoe County.
    - v. AB 310 Supportive Housing Working Group (Susan Clark)
      - The committee is moving forward with their draft proposal and will continue work on getting all the necessary information to finalize the request. In the phase of putting everything together and are spending a lot of time in the community to identify where the gaps are. Property managers are really getting excited about the projects and developers are interested in what's possible.
  - Review CoC Annual Workplan for CY 2024 (Catrina Peters)
    - i. Catrina reviewed the CoC Annual Workplan for CY2024 which was broken down by quarter to ensure all obligations are completed on time. Catrina went over the basics of the document and opened it up for questions or comments, there were none.
4. CoC Strategic Plan Update (Catrina)
- **Report Back:** 2023 Annual Plan Progress-to-Date
    - Emily went over the Annual Work plan document- Goal is to review the work that has been done over the last year and see what we want to roll over.
    - Catrina added information to break down the goals and what we completed along with updates.
      - Goal #1 BFZ
      - Goal #2 Bring Community trainings back
      - Goal #3 'Someone to call', Landlord/ PM materials, FQHC
    - Request that when people go to external training that when they come back share some of what they learned.

- Future Planning
  - Discussed ideas that the group would like to see on the new strategic plan.
  - Goal #1 incorporating BFZ. Working toward functional zero for the veteran population.
  - Goal #2 Bringing external trainings that people have completed back to share with the community. National/State/Regional Training, identify good trainings for consideration locally. Standardizing Case Management/Other terms/ positions. Community Resource Training- Eligibility criteria, contract info, etc. Tenancy support survey- AB310
  - Goal #3 In lieu of updates/CoC support. AB 310- Data, Evaluation, payers- Showing cost benefit. Continue with the landlord survey.
- 5. 2024 Homelessness Point-In-Time Count Planning (Emily)
  - **Action Item:** Approve 2024 PIT Count Methodology
    - Presented the 2024 PIT Count Methodology- it is very similar to last years document. We use a mixed methodology known locations for desert and rural areas and full coverage for the core areas. Big highlight starts on page 10- motel counts.
    - **Barb Scherrer made a motion to pass Austin Pollard seconded. Motion passed.**
  - **Action Item:** Identify Motel Count Lead by Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>
    - The group does not need to approve this item, the hope was that someone would volunteer. Pre-established list of motels will be provided.
  - Next PIT Planning Committee Meeting: Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 1-2pm ([remote](#))
- 6. HMIS Updates (Emily)
  - Review [System Performance Measure](#): Measure 3. Counts of People in HMIS
    - i. Skipped due to time
- 7. Update on Northern Nevada CoC Leadership Council Monthly Minutes (Catrina)
  - Meeting minutes have been taken and plan to be sent out after the meeting to get other members caught up in the discussion. Let Catrina know if there are any concerns.
- 8. Nevada Housing Division Update on AB 310 (Christine Hess)
  - Speaker was unable to attend, so rescheduled for next session.
- 9. Agency Updates/Announcements (All)
  - Austin- is going to start sending out emails to work on in lieu of dollars to pay for tenancy support.
  - Roberta- Landlord engagement recruit meeting is the first Tuesday of the month.
  - Homeless primary care team at the VA that will get a mobile medical unit hopefully ready to go by February for Veterans. This will take health care to vets.
- 10. Future Agenda Items (All): Confirm next meeting, January 2, 2024
  - Meeting is scheduled the day after a holiday- meeting is moved to the 9<sup>th</sup>
    - i. Review draft CoC strategic plan for 2024
- 11. RAH Agenda items and lead for the **remote** December 14th, 2023 meeting (All)
  - Ben is willing to lead.

Meeting adjourned at 4:49pm.