

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF

THE NEVADA INTERAGENCY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS TO HOUSING

August 21, 2025

The Nevada Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness to Housing was called to order by Chair Tim Robb at 1:01 p.m. on Thursday, August 21st, 2025. The meeting was video conferenced via Microsoft Teams. This meeting is being conducted virtually. This meeting was noticed in accordance with Nevada Open Meeting Law and posted at the locations listed on the agenda, as well as on <https://dwss.nv.gov/Home/Features/Public-Information/> the Division of Social Services website.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Tim Robb, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Office of the Governor

Robert Thompson, Administrator, Nevada Department of Human Services Division of Social Services

Emily Testwuide, Deputy Director, Nevada Department of Corrections

Stephen Aichroth, Administrator, Nevada Housing Division

Colonel Mary Devine, Director, Nevada Department of Veterans Services

Dina Neal, Senator, Nevada

Judge Bridget Robb, Second Judicial District Court, Nevada

Judge Mike Montero, Sixth Judicial District Court, Nevada

Dr. Catrina Grigsby-Thedford, Governor appointed member who has experienced homelessness

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lieutenant Christopher Gorell, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department

Lieutenant Shatawna Daniel, Washoe County, Nevada

Max Carter, Assemblyman, Nevada

Sheriff Jerry Allen, Pershing County, Nevada

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OTHERS PRESENT:

Alexis Ochoa, Social Services Chief, Nevada Department of Human Services Division of Social Services

Carlea Freeman, Family Services Supervisor, Nevada Department of Human Services Division of Social Services

Abigail Bagolor, Administrative Assistant, Homeless to Housing, Nevada Department of Human Services Division of Social Services

Gregory Farris, Administrative Assistant, Homeless to Housing, Nevada Department of Human Services Division of Social Services

Devan King, Administrative Assistant, Homeless to Housing, Nevada Department of Human Services Division of Social Services

Agenda Item I. Welcome, Call to Order and Roll Call

Abigail Bagolor:

Good afternoon and welcome to the Governor's Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness to Housing. This meeting has been publicly noticed in compliance with Nevada's Open Meeting Law. Chair Tim Robb will call the meeting to order.

Chair Tim Robb:

Good afternoon everyone, it is 1:01 p.m. on August 21st, 2025. I'd like to call the meeting of the Nevada Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness to Housing to order. Will the moderator please call roll?

[Roll Call. We Have Quorum.]

Chair Tim Robb:

Thank you so much. We will move on to item number two on the agenda.

Agenda Item II. [General Public Comments]

Chair Tim Robb:

Item number two on our agenda is public comment. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an item upon which action may be taken. Comments will be limited to three minutes. If you are making a public comment via phone, please call 1-775-321-6111 and the meeting ID is 525 220 583 followed by

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pound. We are now open for public comment. Is anybody online wishing to make public comment today? Abigail, did we have any written comment that was submitted?

Abigail Bagolor:

There is none.

Chair Tim Robb:

Thank you. Hearing none, seeing none, we're good to move on to agenda item number three.

Agenda Item III. [Discussion and Possible Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 22, 2025, Meeting of the Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness to Housing]

Chair Tim Robb:

Is there any changes the members would like to make to those meeting minutes? Hearing and seeing none, I will entertain a motion for approval.

Bridget Robb:

So moved.

Chair Tim Robb:

Do we have a second?

Mary Devine:

I will second.

Chair Tim Robb:

Thank you. All those in favor, please indicate by unmuting yourself and saying "aye".

Robert Thompson, Emily Testwuide, Stephen Aichroth, Mary Devine, Dina Neal, Bridget Robb, Mike Montero, Catrina Grigsby-Thedford:

Aye.

Chair Tim Robb:

Any opposed, please unmute yourself and indicate by saying "nay". Any abstentions? Please unmute yourself and indicate by stating you abstain. Motion passes. We can move on to agenda item number four.

Agenda Item IV. [Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Review of Housing Applications from the Nevada Housing Division – Stephen Aichroth]

Chair Tim Robb:

Administrator Aichroth?

Stephen Aichroth:

Thank you, Chair Robb. Tracy Charbonneau from the Housing Division will provide the update.

Tracy Charbonneau:

Thank you. I have an update for the Supportive Housing Development Account on what we've been doing since Juawana last spoke to you in May. We met with our consultants, urban and CSH last July. We did a two-day strategic planning session where we could focus on laying the groundwork in the foundations. This is to have a strong statewide needs assessment when it comes to permanent supportive housing, develop the statewide training and capacity building programs, and look at our current permanent supportive housing inventory. As we go forward, we will be needing to share data with other agencies so we can get what we need to have a comprehensive assessment. At this point, we don't necessarily believe that there's going to be any formal agreements. But just know that as our agency reaches out, we may be looking to you to provide the data that you already have.

Chair Tim Robb:

Any questions from the members of the Council? Okay, hearing none. Thank you so much for all the work you guys continue to do on administrating this funding and all the work that you do every day. I hope everybody who were able to attend the 50th anniversary celebration last night in Las Vegas enjoyed, with a bill signing by the governor as well for the division. Great work and love to see all the impacts you guys have in our communities. We'll move on to agenda item number five.

Agenda Item V. [Division of Social Services, Discussion of DSS's support at The Courtyard involving social work staff and the SOAR Program – Kelly Cantrelle]

Chair Tim Robb:

Miss Cantrelle, take it away.

Kelly Cantrelle:

Thank you. Good afternoon everyone. I am Kelly Cantrelle, a deputy administrator at the Division of Social Services. I was asked to speak today about The Courtyard and kind of our footprint there. Recently, I had an opportunity to tour The Courtyard and interact with a lot of the staff as well as some of the folks who utilize the facility. To say that the facility is impressive would be an understatement. The support services that are being provided to homeless individuals are absolutely off the charts. It's almost a full self-contained city or community that offers everything from showers, laundry and restroom facilities. They have access to medical care and computer labs. If families find themselves at this facility, there are places that they can stay together as a family. They have areas where someone can bring their pet with them. Pets make a huge impact on our unhoused community. To have a place where they can take their pets is a good thing. We, the Division of Social Services, have staff located at The Courtyard for a couple of years now ever since they opened. Our

staff conduct interviews for SNAP and TANF. They take all applications including Medicaid. They also issue EBT cards. We had that set up for quite a while. Then, we realized that we had a gap in the wrap around services that we provide. After having conversations with the staff, it was realized that we were lacking a social worker who was certified in SOAR on-site at The Courtyard. SOAR is Social Security or Social Security Disability, Outreach, Access and Recovery. People who are certified in SOAR provide outreach to folks who are at risk of or are currently experiencing homelessness. They help to navigate through the application process for disability benefits through the Social Security Administration. Anyone who has helped a loved one or gone through that themselves knows this to be a cumbersome and challenging process. There's so much paperwork and medical records needed. I speak from experience of having a cousin who has cerebral palsy that lives with me. Until she came to live with me ten years ago, she had never been on SSI and didn't know the first thing about it. I personally walked her through the process of getting on SSI. Luckily, we do what we do, which made some of the paperwork less of a barrier. It is still a barrier for many people. Any of our social workers that are SOAR certified can provide this meaningful assistance to these individuals that need their help. The SOAR individuals also help provide access to recovery support. On May 29th of this year, we assigned a full-time dedicated social worker to The Courtyard. At this point, they're only there on Tuesdays and Thursdays because we go more or less often based on need. Currently, Tuesdays and Thursdays seems to be enough to support their need. These numbers sound low, but I promise they're more impactful than it sounds. She has worked with thirteen on-site cases, helping them with SOAR and additional resources. While working there, our social worker has built relationships on-site with community partners such as The Day Center, the city, and Nevada Behavioral Health, Aero Shuttle, WC Health and MTM, who provides transportation services. She's expanding her resource knowledge every day. She attends weekly in-service presentations where partners discuss the programs that they offer and provide direct contact information. She's growing that list of resources so that she can provide direct contact information to the customers she's helping when she's there. In addition, she recently earned a certification as a SafeNest preferred partner, allowing her to complete danger assessment law enforcement evaluations or DALEs and provide direct referrals to SafeNest. This enables a victim of domestic violence to not be retraumatized by telling their story multiple times. They're able to share their story directly with someone who's an advocate. They're able to talk to them on that level avoiding retelling their story time and time again. Though I love law enforcement and feel they provide an invaluable service, sometimes sitting down with a social worker can be gentler, softer and easier to deal with. They provide that service, which is an incredible certification that she obtained. When she isn't handling specialized case work, one of her tasks is working the TANF Welfare to Work participants. She does what we do in regular offices and is able to reach out to our customers who receive TANF cash assistance to help them with their work readiness and support services by having someone on-site at The Courtyard with those skills ready and available that can provide direct access to those services. Between the social worker, the eligibility staff, people issuing EBT cards and all the wonderful things The Courtyard already does, we are helping to break down some of the barriers to truly becoming self-sufficient and sometimes stop someone from being unhoused, not having somewhere to go and somewhere to sleep at night. That's a quick snippet of what we do there and what our footprint looks like. I'm certainly willing to take any questions.

Chair Tim Robb:

Fantastic. Thank you for that overview and appreciate the work that you and your team are doing. Do any members of the council have any questions for Ms. Cantrelle?

Catrina Grigsby-Thedford:

Thank you so much for your presentation, Kelly. I was wondering if your social work staff are seeing any impacts of the SOAR program funding and, if so, how are you guys pivoting to ensure you can continue to do that work to assist those individuals with that SSI outreach, access and recovery.

Kelly Cantrelle:

Thank you for the question. As of right now, there haven't been any cuts that we've been made aware of to that particular program or funding. We get a certification and are able to do the work, so there's not a lot of funding that goes behind that. It's more that they work for us and are on our payroll. They're able to take some of the time that they're employed with us and dedicate it to helping individuals through that process. At this point, I haven't heard of any funding cuts aside from the regular, everyday funding cuts that we've all heard so much about, but nothing specific to the SOAR program.

Catrina Grigsby-Thedford:

Do you keep track of the SOAR applications that you're doing and what your success rate is of getting people those benefits?

Kelly Cantrelle:

Yes. We definitely keep track of the applications. I haven't asked about the success rate or how many have actually gotten approved. We just got another person over there at the end of May. It can take months and sometimes years to get approved for Social Security. We might not have that data yet, but I certainly will dive into that. I will see if we've gotten anyone approved in the amount of time we've been doing it and can report it back to this committee.

Catrina Grigsby-Thedford:

Thank you, Kelly.

Kelly Cantrelle:

You're welcome.

Chair Tim Robb:

Great. Senator Neal?

Dina Neal:

Kelly, are you only operating at The Courtyard or are you in other spaces for the SOAR protocol?

Kelly Cantrelle:

For social workers, we are currently in two areas. We're at The Courtyard in the South. We are also in the North. The name of where they're at in the North has completely slipped my mind. There's a facility similar to The Courtyard in the North that we are also at and we've recently made connection with SafeNest. We have a plan to put a social worker at their new facility that Administrator

Thompson toured recently as yesterday. We toured that new facility for SafeNest and have every intention on putting a social worker there, as well. Our social workers have not branched out a lot in recent years. It is something we are starting now. We're starting to recognize how the need is out there, Senator Neal. We plan to fully get them out and in the community more than we currently have them.

Dina Neal:

Let me ask you this because this may be a missed opportunity and I know resources are slim. This might also be a conversation between Division of Social Services and City of Henderson. They are using the Gibson Library as a cooling station, and the librarian was saying that there are no resources being offered. If you're going to have homeless in the library to be away from the heat, that is a perfect alignment to offer services. This is a missed opportunity. If they're there from 9:00 am forward, why aren't we offering services? I just wanted to bring it up because I know that this is an area that you're in. This might be something to reach out and have this conversation about alignment of services. If you're going to have them in the library all day, there can be some resource alignment.

Kelly Cantrelle:

Yes, ma'am. It looks like Administrator Thompson has a comment.

Robert Thompson:

Less of a comment and more nudging in. While Kelly has been specifically talking about social workers, I want to clarify on the line that is not our eligibility workers. If Kelly would want to talk for thirty seconds about what the eligibility workers are doing throughout the State of Nevada and Outreach, that might give a bigger picture of what we're doing aside from the social workers.

Kelly Cantrelle:

Our social workers are just now branching out. We have sixty eligibility staff that work out in the community. I just got recent numbers on that. We are in two hundred thirty-two community sites. I do know, Senator Neal, we are in some One Stops. I need to connect with you and get exactly the information on this particular One Stop. We do service One Stops. We have five eligibility staff that service various One Stops throughout the South. I will get that information from you. Our eligibility workers are in two hundred thirty-two community sites. They are either on-site physically and offer the same thing as the eligibility staff at The Courtyard, where they do cash, medical and SNAP assistance applications. They can go all the way through approval and hand them the EBT card. They also have a close tie to energy assistance and can give those applications and childcare applications and a lot of other community partners that they have gained and grown themselves with their own resource list, as well. WIC is another one of them that they definitely do. We have people throughout the entire state. We are in every county. We are in the rurals. If you can think of it, we're there. Senator Neal, I will get information from you specifically on this one. We will definitely take an opportunity, if we're not there, to see what services we can provide.

Dina Neal:

I just want to be clear, Mr. Thompson, that I love the work that you guys are doing. I always roll

people into your services. You guys are my go-to. I just think there's a disconnect with that library and I definitely want to connect it. Let's talk offline.

Robert Thompson:

We'll definitely connect. You knew that we had those people throughout the whole community. I wasn't sure the rest of the committee knew we had two hundred thirty-two other sites covered. I wanted to make sure that we got that word out.

Chair Tim Robb:

Definitely appreciate that. Any additional comments or questions for Ms. Cantrelle? Awesome. Hearing none, thank you so much for the work that you guys are doing. All of the things that you do with our community partners is pretty impressive. I know you guys will continue to make great things happen. Thanks for your time today and giving us an overview of all the work that you guys are doing.

Kelly Cantrelle:

Thank you.

Agenda Item VI. [For Information Only – Presentation from Campus for Hope Foundation – Kim Jefferies]

Chair Tim Robb:

I believe Ms. Jefferies was not able to join us but is there somebody from Campus for Hope that would be willing to give a presentation today?

Aja Leija:

Yes, sir. My name is Aja Leija. I am the chief of staff, and I see a couple familiar faces, so great to see you all again and thank you for having me, Chair. By show of hands, how many people have heard about Campus for Hope? Seeing a couple. Okay, great to hear. Quite a bit. Wonderful. We also have Doctor Albert Chavez, who just joined our team from Catholic Charities last week. He's about eight or nine days in. He is our chief programs officer and is a wonderful asset. He worked in the Corridor of Hope, so he has a lot of expertise to be giving us. As some background on Kim and me, we came from the Haven for Hope model in San Antonio that this large campus will be modeled after. We ran an organization there that had The Courtyard that this Courtyard was modeled after. We were able to bring some of that expertise here and we'll be working with The Courtyard moving forward to see if there's any best practices that we can offer and keep all the good work going for this particular project. Campus for Hope is twenty acres on the corner of Jones and Charleston, kind of squeezed between Community College, right on the other side of CSN and Jones. It's a large parcel of state land and we're getting the northernmost twenty acres. We'll have roughly nine hundred beds, which we hope to serve four thousand three hundred clients every year. Campus for Hope is a transformational campus. The goal of this transformational campus and the reason why we believe it was successful in San Antonio is because of the wrap-around services and partner opportunities we're able to provide. On this one campus, we hope to not only have case management, but we hope to have healthcare,

medical, dental, vision, behavioral health counseling, job support, housing assistance, education support and all of our basic needs for our clients will be met, as well. That's food, three meals a day, clothing, safety, assistance with transportation, legal support, family services, not only a separate family dorm but also a childcare watching services so that our clients can get jobs and move forward in their housing plans. There will be so many more services that we'll talk about. This is kind of the bread and butter of what we hope to provide to our clients who are able to get onto our twenty acres. As you all know, this started just a few years ago in the legislative session where Campus for Hope was thought through by, I know specifically the Wynn team had a large hand in bringing this to the table, and the amazing team with Jeremy Aguero at Applied Analysis and Miles Dixon with Nevada Grant Lab put brilliant minds together in a room to get some traction on this. In the legislative session, as well, they've required for each of the four municipalities to have navigation centers, so those will be on board. The Courtyard is one of the navigation centers for the City of Las Vegas proper. Henderson will be having one. City of North Las Vegas will have one. The county has a couple, presently. We'll be working with the municipalities to ensure that there is a way in for clients. Campus for Hope's main campus will not be a walk up and enroll facility. There's no opportunity for clients to come to our front door, wait at our front door or anything like that to get access. They'll be routed to the navigation centers and through the navigation centers and trusted partners, will be able to access our services. We've started with our client profiles. We've tried to find the larger profiles of the community that we'll serve. So, of course, the economically displaced individuals and families and singles with low to moderate acuity. For example, somebody that is high acuity and going through a crisis. They're active in their addiction and needs a couple more services to get them to the lower or moderate acuity. Individuals existing in adjacent systems. That could be the justice system. We've learned a lot about the eviction courts here, so that could be another system where we're the step-down facility, too. Individuals fleeing domestic violence. We've heard a lot of wonderful organizations in this space expanding their services to help individuals and families. We hope to be able to be an additive to that system and make sure we're not duplicating their efforts and are providing additional services to the community. That seems like what might be needed. The campus will be made up of nine hundred beds. Thirty-seven percent of the beds will go to families, forty-two percent to single males and females that will be separated half-and-half, and thirteen percent to young adults with their own separate dorm. In San Antonio, this model was helpful to our young adults to cohabitate together in one separate pod where they're able to work together to overcome their homelessness. Couples in general, but with no kids, and LGBTQ Plus individuals will have their own separate pod, as well. Some unique amenities that we are going to have on campus that are so helpful to our clients and were in San Antonio is having a childcare center integrated to ensure that our clients can meet with the service providers to move them along, an indoor kennel and cattery. Kelly spoke earlier about the importance between individuals experiencing homelessness who have lived on the streets with their animals and not having to be separated, free shops including a clothing store, barber shop, beauty salon, post office, fitness center and gym. We hope to have microenterprise on campus where we're able to have a bakery, café or donut shop, not only can our clients work there but also gain important skills like inventory, scheduling and barista skills. This will allow us to get workforce development to our clients. We hope to have an introduction to the trades center because that's obviously a massive avenue for our clients to get workforce development. We're excited about that. As to campus

eligibility and background for the campus eligibility, we're still working through this and I see a lot of people from our working group, I believe. We have a working group made up of municipality, state and nonprofit leaders in this space where we all get together and put our heads together in regard to some pretty big eligibility requirements that'll be on campus because we don't want to duplicate services. We want to be an additive. Not only do we want to be an additive, but we want to provide the best service that we can to these clients with the least amount of barriers. Some of the campus eligibility is that each client must be a resident of the State of Nevada, they have to be able to pass a background check that will exclude registered sex offenders due to having a lot of families on our campus. Individuals will be committed to sobriety while on campus because it is safer for our families and the children on campus. There will be a requirement to engage in programming and volunteer or work on campus. Towards the end of Kim's and my time in San Antonio, we were noticing that clients wanted to be involved in making the facilities something to be proud of and it contributes to how proud and comfortable people feel in their space if they're having a hand at keeping it not only safe and beautiful but have some ownership. As you see, this is one of the renderings. Of course, we're in the preliminary design right now. These are not the set in stone renderings that we know it will look like. The feel is something like a college campus, one stop shop, an actual community. It'll look like where our clients will live, receive their services and go to the hair shop when they move forward in their housing plan. That's the goal. We've just started engaging with architects to talk through the design and one of the priorities is trauma informed design. Not only do we want to have trauma informed services and care towards these individuals, but we also want the architecture to be able to serve us in a trauma informed way. There are so many things that we can do in our surroundings to hope our clients feel safe and comfortable and then move forward in their housing plan. That's something that we've had to focus on in our design. I'm sure the next question is when this is all happening. Our implementation timeline is Spring 2028. We had our unofficial groundbreaking where we haven't broken ground, but we had the ceremony in summer 2025. We'll actually start groundbreaking and getting into the soil later this year. Then, early next year, we'll start vertical building. Our goal for the design is to have our request for partnership go out to partners because the goal of campus is that we do the operational side and we have lovely partners who are doing the work and are the best in the space come and give the services in the facility to our clients so we're not duplicating efforts. It's not us doing every single service of those twenty services you saw. It's people that are doing the work, doing the work well and can come on our campus and do that service. We hope to have that in early next year to get a feel for what is going to be on campus. Not only that but have our partners have a say in the design, as well. If they have best practices and what they'd like that space to look like and would help them serve our clients to the best of their ability, then we want that input. We'll start getting that in the middle or beginning of next year with selections in summer of 2026 to get everything going. Let's make a difference together. I'm here to answer any questions. Doctor Chavez can jump in, too, if there's anything that he can answer.

Chair Tim Robb:

Thank you so much and thank you both for being on today. This is an exciting project that I know a lot of folks in the governor's office where I work are very engaged and excited to be a part of. Is there anybody on the council that has any questions on the Campus for Hope? Go ahead, Cheryl.

Cheryl Borgstrom:

Can you remind me, again, where the funding came from?

Aja Leija:

Of course. Cheryl is on our working group, as well. Thank you for letting me touch on this again. Our primary funding of one hundred million dollars that will be matched by the State of Nevada and the governor's office has been from the casinos such as the Wynn, MGM and Caesars. I could name them all. They're members of the board. They've made up a massive chunk of that one hundred million for us to be able to match with the state so that it can be a two hundred million dollar facility.

Operationally, we have thirty million dollars, half of which will be provided by the state match with our municipalities who have signed on.

Chair Tim Robb:

It is a whole estate effort and you know that's how things are most successful, when you bring everybody to the table and find solutions, get them funded and get them done. Does anybody else have any questions or comments on Campus for Hope? Go ahead, Director Devine.

Mary Devine:

My team had an opportunity to sit through a couple of your briefings recently and we are very excited to partner with you and all of the other organizations to make sure that we have an opportunity to assist with our homeless vets. So, thank you. Very exciting stuff.

Aja Leija:

Thank you, Director. Thank you for your team being able to attend. We've been having information sessions and will have them for a long time until we start to get closer to opening, hopefully at a regular frequency. I'll be sure to add anybody. I'll put my name in the chat if you'd like to be added to our stakeholder list to get regular updates. I'd love to include anybody on here. Thank you so much, Director. We're so grateful for this partnership. We've seen it work in San Antonio. We can see what it can do for Nevada. We're excited. Thank you all so much for your work.

Chair Tim Robb:

Any other members of the council? Well, thank you so much and thank for all the work that you have done and will continue to do for our state. We look forward to seeing the successful implementation soon.

Aja Leija:

Thank you.

Chair Tim Robb:

With that, we will move into agenda item number seven.

Agenda Item VII. [For Information Only – Presentation from Lived Experience Advisory Board on Their Work With and Within Washoe County – Echo Gill and Lawrence Dodson]

Chair Tim Robb:

Do we have folks from that group on the line?

Echo Gill:

Yes. Hi everybody. My name is Echo Gill. I'll be presenting today with my co-lead, Lawrence Dodson. We will be talking about what we're currently doing and what we have done with Washoe County as our local Lived Experience Advisory Board. During this presentation we will discuss our work with, and within Washoe County, our current project and our goals for the future.

Lawrence Dodson:

My name is Lawrence Dodson. LEAB is actively participated in the rating and ranking process for local service providers within Washoe County. This involved evaluating various agencies based on their effectiveness, service quality and alignment with community needs. LEAB member contributed their unique perspective grounded in lived experience to ensure that the evaluation criteria were inclusive and reflective of real work challenges faced by individuals experiencing homelessness. Their involvement helped to prioritize funding and support for programs that demonstrated tangible impact and responsiveness to client needs. LEAB contributed to The Continuum of Care Policies and Procedures Working Group by offering insights from lived experience to shape more inclusive and effective policies. Their participation ensured that the voices of those directly affected by homelessness were considered in decision making processes. We've advocated for procedural changes that promote equity, accessibility and dignity in the service delivery. Their input was instrumental in revising guidelines to better support vulnerable populations and improve coordination among service providers. LEAB collaborated with the NCLC and RAH to enhance service coordination and resource sharing. This partnership focused on identifying gaps in service delivery and developing strategies to address them. LEAB facilitated communication between agencies and individuals experiencing homelessness, helping to bridge understanding and improve responsiveness. Their efforts contributed to a more cohesive network of support services, ultimately aiming to reduce barriers and improve outcomes for clients. LEAB presented at the Washoe County Commissioners to share their insights, experiences and recommendations. These presentations aim to influence county level decisions by highlighting the realities of homelessness and the effectiveness of current interventions. LEAB emphasized the importance of including lived experience in policy development and advocated for increased support for programs that prioritized dignity and empowerment. Their engagement with the commissioners helped raise awareness and foster a more informed and compassionate approach to addressing homelessness.

Echo Gill:

Currently, we are working on the completion of the Washoe County resource list. This is an ongoing project that never ends because things change. We're also working on hiring and training new members. This one has been a little bit of an obstacle due to funding issues like everybody in this field is dealing with right now. We are also providing training and informative presentations to our local service agencies, including some of our healthcare services, insurance companies, Eddy House, our youth house and our DV shelter. We also were working with Winged Wolf Initiative to become our

own nonprofit and gather funding, which is something that is ongoing. We're continuing to work on that one.

Lawrence Dodson:

LEAB plans to launch a street outreach team to engage directly with unsheltered individuals in Washoe County. This team will provide on the ground support, distribute resources and connect people to services. The outreach initiative is designed to build trust, reduce barriers to access and offer immediate assistance. LEAB's approach emphasizes empathy, cultural sensitivity and responsiveness to individual needs. The team will also collect data to inform future programming and policy advocacy. LEAB aims to grow its team by recruiting additional members who bring diverse experiences and perspectives. Expansion will enhance LEAB's capacity to engage with community, participate in policy discussions and deliver impactful programs. The recruitment strategy includes outreach to underrepresented groups and individuals with specialized knowledge. LEAB also plans to invest in ongoing training and professional development to ensure that all members are equipped to contribute effectively. This growth supports LEAB's mission of inclusive and representative advocacy.

Echo Gill:

Thank you guys so much. We appreciate you guys having us here today. This is our contact information. Please feel free to reach out to either one of us anytime. Thank you.

Chair Tim Robb:

Fantastic. Thank you both for joining us today and discussing some of the great work that you and your teams have been doing. It's always great to have the experience that you bring to the table and the conversation and driving some of the policy discussions that you are. I appreciate all the work that you're doing in Washoe County. Is there anybody on the council that has any questions or comments for this team?

Bridget Robb:

You were talking about the outreach that you do in assisting people with getting services. The sheriff's office has a similar program. Are you working in conjunction with them?

Echo Gill:

We are not yet. We are waiting to run background checks so we can do ride alongs with them to see how they're functioning and how they operate so we can use that as a guideline for our own future outreach programs. That's not something that's been completed yet.

Bridget Robb: Okay. But it's something that's at least on your radar?

Echo Gill:

Yes, very much so.

Bridget Robb:

Thank you so much.

Echo Gill:

Thank you.

Chair Tim Robb:

Any additional? Judge Montero?

Mike Montero:

I'm a district court judge out in Winnemucca, so I'm out in the rurals. I know this was presented as Washoe County, but is this extending to any of the area outside Reno and Sparks?

Echo Gill:

We intend to try to reach some of our outlying areas. For right now, that's a little difficult for us, since it's just Lawrence and I, but we want to connect with some of our rural areas and at the very least help them to build their own boards so that we can give guidance and then their own communities can carry on from there.

Mike Montero:

Thank you.

Chair Tim Robb:

Anything additional for this team? Thank you both for joining and the work that you do. We appreciate the time today and getting a glimpse into some of the work that you're doing and look forward to seeing what it does in the future. Thank you both. With that we'll jump into agenda item number eight.

Agenda Item VIII. [For Information Only – Presentation from Southern Nevada Lived X Team on Their Recent Ordinance Ban Survey and 2023 Annual Report – Martin Castro]

Donica Martinez:

Hello, my name is Donica Martinez. I am the co-coordinator for People with Lived Experience contracted with Nevada Homeless Alliance. Our mission and vision are rooted in belief that real changes come from centering the voices of those of lived experience of homelessness. They guide us in creating solutions that are compassionate, inclusive and driven by the people most impacted. This statement is a recognition of our fearless leader, Doctor Catrina Grigsby-Thedford and was thoughtfully written as a collaborative effort by our entire team. This is our team in 2024. Since then, in 2025, we have welcomed two new, full-time lived experience specialists employed with Nevada Homeless Alliance. We are committed to showing up for people with lived and shared experiences by engaging our community year-round and ensuring their voices shape service delivery and decision making at every level. It is imperative that the expertise of those with past and current experiences of homelessness is recognized, respected and integrated in a thorough, informed and meaningful way. Through the referral tab on the Nevada Homeless Alliance website, as well as direct email requests, we continue to receive increasing calls for our expertise. Here's a quick glance of our requests. This represents a seventy-seven point twenty-seven percent increase since 2023. Our project highlights reflect just how busy we stay continuously elevated lived experience across the community through a variety of spaces, platforms and partnerships. Within the COC governing board and committees, we

are proud to hold two board seats within the Southern Nevada COC and to have representation across key communities with one member on the COC Programs Committee, two on the HMIS Steering Committee and three on the Board of Service Committee. This is how we ensure that voices of people of lived and current experiences of homelessness are not only heard but are actively shaping the service delivery and decision making at every level by being fully present and active within our COC. Since 2022, a member with lived experience has been an integral part of the scoring and ranking team for the special NOFOs issued by HUD, ensuring that lived expertise is included in this vital decision-making process. Solving Homelessness 101, also known as Academy 101, Elaine De Coligny and myself gathered the experiences of people living at various stages of homelessness. I guided Elaine through the tunnels and provide space to conduct her interviews. Additional members of the Lived Experience Team also contribute their expertise to develop this impactful twenty-five hour training course. It's a great course. A few of our members have been involved with the HPS or Housing Problem Solving initiatives since its first drafts in Las Vegas in 2023. We continue this important work throughout this year. In 2024, we led HBS training collaborative client centered problem solving to prevent homelessness and promote housing stability. Our team contributed to a regional heat map analysis by providing firsthand anecdotal data on the lived experience of unsheltered individuals during extreme weather events. These powerful narratives have been instrumental in deepening understanding of climate vulnerability. Some of our members with lived experience of youth homelessness have served on the YEH Steering Committee, elevating their expertise to help address youth homelessness. Four members of the Lived X Team facilitate trainings for the Youth Action Board, and we are continuing these efforts into this year. As part of our ongoing commitment to ending youth homelessness, our team contributed valuable expertise to the Nevada Youth Experiencing Homelessness study. Two of our consultants support the Washoe County Lived Experience Advisory Board, who Doctor Catrina and I formed by integrating leadership into their work. LEAB members presenting their findings across various platforms and agencies and their insights have since been integrated into directed projects within Washoe County. Our team developed a survey specifically for individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness, which was first implemented during Project Homeless Connect on November 21st, 2023. During the event, we surveyed two hundred forty-one individuals and here are key findings. The longest length of time we surveyed was one to three years. That's in the green. Then, three to five years and the next one is six to twelve months. The ages are shown here. Thirty-five to forty-four, forty-five to fifty-four and fifty-five to sixty-four make up a large percentage of the homeless population with age. For race and ethnicity, there's very little between White or Caucasian and Black or African American. For what services were thought to be missing in the community, housing and shelter were listed as number one. Another answer was resources, meaning different types of resources such as events and knowledge of resources. Our community feels that they're missing the knowledge of knowing where to receive the resources. This is a big one for us. When we compile data, we see what our community can be better at, and the number one answer was empathy and caring. Our community, the people experiencing homelessness, feel they are not being cared about. They're not seen and that shows in the data. Participants were asked what the one that can end homelessness right now. The number one answer was housing, of course. If you notice, the third one over is housing, employment and community unity. That is a huge one that I want to elevate. In 2024, we lost three hundred fifty of our unhoused neighbors here in Las Vegas. We honor

their lives and their humanity with this statement from our team. The next few slides will highlight individuals who made a lasting impact in our community through their advocacy, lived experience and unwavering commitment to end homelessness. Harvey Austin was a long time volunteer at Care Complex. Juan Salinas was Director of Social Services at the Salvation Army. Anthony James Phillips was cofounder of Street Dogz. Pastor Henry Darnell Sneed was a board member of the Nevada Homeless Alliance. Lewis Hickson was a program manager at CPLC and a member of the Lived X Team. He is greatly missed. Our team is actively engaged in several ongoing efforts throughout the community including presenting findings from our original Camping Ban Ordinance survey and the follow-up survey. We are also contributing to the conference planning for the Nevada Homeless Alliance's Mission Possible Conference happening on September 29th. In addition, we continue to provide updates to coordinate entry access points alongside the ongoing projects we've highlighted throughout this presentation. We also have a contract with CSH to cocreate and facilitate training for funders, developers and service providers. We hope to launch this on October 1st. Here is our contact information if you would ever like to request our expertise. Thank you and have a wonderful day.

Chair Tim Robb:

Thank you so much, Ms. Martinez. We appreciate all the work that you're doing in the leadership and this space, as well. Is there anybody on the council that has any questions for the team?

Catrina Grigsby-Thedford: Donica, can you talk more about the Capitol Hill Day and advocacy that the Southern Nevada Lived X Team participates in?

Donica Martinez:

Yes. Since 2023, we have been going out to the Nevada Homeless Alliance To End Homelessness Conference and participating in Capitol Hill Day. How we do that is ensuring that we have a diverse team consisting of LGBTQIA, veterans, people with lived experience, front line workers and leadership staff, so that when we go before our legislators, we are able to provide them with real-time lived experiences while we're making our asks of support. I would say that our team does an amazing job. The people that register to come help us on Capitol Hill day do a great job, as well.

Catrina Grigsby-Thedford:

Thank you. Good work.

Chair Tim Robb:

Any additional comments or questions? Awesome. Hearing and seeing none. Thank you so much for the time today and thanks for your continued work. The data is helpful in contributing to the conversation and helping our policymakers make informed decisions. With that, we can move into agenda item number nine.

Agenda Item IX. [For Information Only – Nevada Homeless Alliance, 2024 Overview and Future Outlook – Doctor Katrina Grigsby-Thedford]

Catrina Grigsby-Thedford:

My name is Doctor Katrina. I'm the executive director of the Nevada Homeless Alliance in Las Vegas. I've been in this role since 2021. We're doing a lot of things in the community and I'm grateful to be able to share some of those things with you guys today. I also sit on this council in the lived experience seat. I'm happy to be part of this group and elevating the voices of people with lived experience by offering up for Lived X and, early on, for the Washoe County Lived Experience Advisory Board. When I first started, I put them on the spot to present to this board a couple years back. I always start with gratitude, thanking our partners and stakeholders for making a difference. This is an overview of 2024 and at the end, we'll talk about what we're doing now and what's to come. Our mission is to advance collaborative strategies to end homelessness in Southern Nevada through advocacy, public awareness, education and coordination of services. Our vision is to end homelessness in Southern Nevada. At Nevada Homeless Alliance, our pillars are Policy and Advocacy followed by Education and Awareness. We do a lot of collaborations and also provide direct service. Most of this information we'll be talking about collaborations and direct service with a little bit about policy and advocacy. As the executive director, I, along with Donica, are the Capitol Hill Day co-captains for the State of Nevada for when we go to DC during the National Alliance to End Homelessness Conference. They're good about making appointments with elected officials locally and at the national level to talk about needs in the community. We also participate in a lot of working groups as it relates to policy. We do a lot of education and awareness. We partner with professional trainers to provide in-person and online training on best practices in working with people experiencing homelessness. Right now, we have a platform where community partners who are working with people experiencing homelessness, they don't necessarily have to be a homeless service provider to learn best practices in interviewing and self-care and many different topics that are valuable in working with the vulnerable population. We are approved by the Board of Examiners for Social Workers to provide CEUs as well as by the Nevada Certification Board to provide CEUs for community health workers, doulas, peer recovery support specialist, etcetera. Also, our lived experience team are involved in ensuring all of our fact sheets and public awareness data sheets are posted to our website for the public. We do four to eight resource fairs in the community per month. We go to areas that are highly populated with people experiencing homelessness and provide on the spot resources. We're intentional about only inviting providers who can provide services. This means partners like Department of Welfare and Social Services providing individuals with the opportunity to sign up for Medicaid, food stamps and things like that. We have our managed care organizations out there such as Anthem, Molina, Silver Summit and whoever is available. We have legal aid there. We have behavioral health, which includes substance abuse and mental health providers. We have housing providers and we have the shower truck there. We set up a clothing store. We do safe sex tool giveaways as well as harm reduction like fentanyl test strips and clean needles. We want to meet people exactly where they are to get them those on-the-spot services because we know that if an individual goes to one agency today, they may need three or four other things, and they get one bus pass and then are often told to go to these three places and come see the provider tomorrow or the next day. Often people are giving up and our events are easy by allowing people to simply walk across to, for example, the purple or red tablecloth to get the service they need. We also make sure that we're helping to transport people to detox, substance abuse facilities and housing if they're willing to accept at that point. We served five thousand three hundred ninety-nine unique individuals last year. It's not like

we're going out feeding without actually sitting at tables, providing services, signing people up for resources and doing whatever that client feels is the next step in their journey. We had thirty-six pop up events. We had thirteen Family Connect events where we partner with Title 1 Hope and Clark County School District. All thirteen of those events were at Title 1 Hope coded schools. Our goal for that was to assist those low-income families who may be homeless or at the risk of homelessness to access services. The biggest thing is that we provide a lot of recovery. The recovery number is for mental health and substance use services and a lot of medical services. We work closely with our street medicine partners as well as with our Southern Nevada Health District to provide vaccines. This may mean wound care, blood pressure checks, diabetes check. Those services were a big hit last year because we promoted health. Individuals who got one of those medical services were able to get a ten-dollar gift card. They were coming for the gift card but then get some information about what they need to do as it relates to their health, as well. It was a great thing and those services, the recovery and medical services, are always high on the totem pole for us. Individuals come for that. We did a lot of IDs and birth certificates. I don't have the birth certificate number on here, but we do assist individuals with purchasing those IDs because they often don't have an address or the money to pay for them. In order to get many of the services, they need an ID and often the birth certificate comes first. Our agency, as well as many other agencies in the community, help with those ID recovery documents. These are our programs that we had in 2024. We just talked about pop-up events. We talked about the Family Connect events. We have our people with lived experience group, and we've just been approved a couple of months ago with our county supporting us in hiring two full-time Nevada Homeless Alliance staff members. One of the priorities is they had to be people with lived experience. They're involved in the work. Our lived experience team includes two full-time staff members, nine independent contractors, and two other staff members, one being a street outreach supervisor and the other is our community engagement specialist. They're all under the people with lived experience team. We had some homeless diversion and barrier busting programs last year that ended with ARPA funding. We're still continuing to do that work and were also funded by Southern Nevada Health District to have vaccine pods to make sure that vaccines and healthcare were easily accessible to the most vulnerable. We still have our homeless service provider training on a platform called LearnWorlds. You can visit our website and click on training, and it will take you directly to the site to read about those courses and possibly sign up if you're interested. We had our 2024 Nevada Statewide Conference last year at The Flamingo. We hosted the Thirty-First Annual Homeless Candlelight Vigil last year. We also attended the National Alliance to End Homelessness Conference and Capitol Hill day last year. Donica and I attended the National Coalition for the Homeless. They had a 2024 Lived Experience Leadership Conference which was very valuable, and we brought a lot of the information right back home so we can implement some of those strategies. We talked about the pop-up events, thirty-six in 2024 and thirteen family connect events. Concerning lived experience leadership, in the beginning, we assisted the Washoe County Board with forming the Lived Experience Advisory Board. That contract ended in 2024 and now they're self-sustaining through their Washoe County funding. It was a great experience for us to be able to go up North and help our state in general build these boards. We continue to feel like proud cousins of the Washoe County Lived Experience Advisory Board. I'm proud of your guys' work and I just mentioned our Southern Nevada Lived X Team. Our barrier busting and homeless diversion was launched in 2022 with ARPA funding. One hundred percent of the individuals we serve were under fifty percent area median income. Some

people were at risk of homelessness. Some were homeless. We served about two thousand seven hundred individuals under that funding source. Over one thousand eight hundred ID recoveries, that's just ID and driver's license, and eight hundred fifty birth certificate assistance since 2022. We also did a lot of financial help for people who are at risk of homelessness. Those individuals who were in a federal or state program where, for instance, the federal or state funds may only cover two times deposit, we would go in and cover that third time. We also work assisted individuals with work cards, work, clothing and transportation. We use some of those funds to go inside the NDOC to meet with individuals who were expiring their sentence within 90 days because we don't believe that prison exits should be a homeless entry point. That was a good program that we launched in the NDOC in 2022 and 2023 with ARPA funds. Donica talked a little bit about Capitol Hill Day and there are a couple of pictures of some of the Lived X Consultants, other individuals from our community and myself. I see Lawrence from Washoe County in this picture that's posted here with Dina Titus. We did have our 2024 Nevada Statewide Conference last year at The Flamingo. This is just a few pictures of our partners, elected officials and national partners who came out and participated to provide a lot of valuable input for our audience. This picture is from our candlelight vigil. We invited our mayor out to speak. Straight from the Streets is an organization that's been in our community a year or two longer than Nevada Homeless Alliance. They've been doing this candlelight vigil. This is the thirty-first year. They were nice enough to allow Nevada Homeless Alliance to host it last year. We're going to be hosting it again this year on behalf of Straight from the Streets. Similar to the Lived X slides, we recognize some of our community partners who passed while doing this great work last year. I wanted to talk a little bit about one of my main things that I focus on besides positing advocacy, which is the intersection between incarceration and homelessness. A lot of us have heard these stats. We know that a lot of individuals are leaving incarceration and going back to homelessness, especially at a time now where being homeless is being criminalized. A lot of people will say that means there's just no camping on the streets. Who camps on the streets besides people experiencing homelessness? That means homelessness is being criminalized. There are a few stats from national research that suggest that fifteen percent of incarcerated people experience homelessness in the year before admission to prison. It's important to dive deep into these facts as this board is responsible for a lot of thing as it relates to ensuring that, on the local, state and national level, we're working together to make the lives easier for people experiencing homelessness as well as to come up with strategic plans to put a dent in some of the things that are going on. I worked with the Sentencing Commission in 2023 session, and they were able to add into AB31 that the prisons would start checking housing status at entry and exit via a simple drop-down box. We don't know if people are going into prison from homelessness or exiting to homelessness if we're not collecting that data. There is an intersection, but or state can't see what that is because the data is not being collected or shared. We kind of fall for that and are in the process of following up to see if we are actually tracking that or if we just pass it and are not doing anything yet. A lot of formerly incarcerated people rely on shelters, both immediately after their release and over the long term. In my years of working at the Salvation Army, I would see people show up every day in their all blues and with their clear bags because they've been discharged from the institution straight back to the streets. We can't do anything about recidivism when we're discharging people to the streets and not looking at the things that people need socially. We're looking a lot at criminogenic factors instead of social factors. There's some other stats about the people who have been incarcerated and higher rates that they have. Some of the buzz I heard

when I was working in this space and when I was getting my doctorate in public policy was that people didn't want to share where they were going when they expired their sentence. I feel like a lot of our reentry efforts are focused on people who are on probation or parole, and we have to realize that when people are expiring their sentence, they are reentering the community, too, and should be included in that. I would hear they're no longer DOC responsibility. There are laws in place that just give them gate money of one hundred dollars and medications and drop them off, if that's part of a release plan. It's sad that a release plan would include dropping you off with medications, a bus pass and gate money and not access to resources. If we want to decrease recidivism at the NDOC prisons, we should be working closely with our partners in the community. If people have some support in the community and place to go, they may be less likely to reoffend. I looked up Nevada's reentry vision. In the second paragraph, it says successful offender is defined as having stable housing. There is a gap there because people are still discharged to homelessness. That's on the website. You can read that full statement if you like. There's link between poverty and incarceration nationwide. There's no data specifically about recidivism in Nevada or if there's data, it's not collected, shared or run against homeless service data as it relates to incarceration,. People who are returning to a free life from prison, I like to call them returning citizens, face the same challenges that lead to homelessness. They have some unique barriers. There is a lack of ownership of the problem in general, in a lot of communities, not just our community, about recidivism and about people going from institutions to homelessness. It should be a collaboration between the government agencies, the prisons and the community organizations, not just one individual entity's problem. Communication and collaboration is the key, right? It's crucial that we and local leaders in state and nonprofit agencies understand the connection between homelessness and criminal justice to develop opportunities and communities to ensure everyone has a safe and stable housing. We will work tirelessly to do this work. Here are some suggestions. I know there's a few reentry task forces, but it's more about Medicaid. We need something more in tune with actual people in that space working with individuals on this side of the space in the housing and homelessness sector to work together on how to communicate appropriately to make sure that we're reaching people who are incarcerated to inform them about housing options. They need to be screened before they exit prisons and make sure that they are provided with housing, secure placement and financial assistance while they're in prison so that, at exit, they can maybe catch an Uber or bus to an apartment or non-congregate shelter instead of the Salvation Army or rescue mission. We thank god that those places are there to accept those individuals when they have nowhere else to go. But we have to do a little better. Looking ahead, we will be launching our Nevada Homeless Alliance app this year. That will be a session at our 2025 conference that's coming up September 29th and 30th at the College of Southern Nevada Charleston location. We have our ongoing pop-up events with four to eight events per month. We're going to be doing monthly Family Connect events at our local libraries, community centers and Clark County School District locations. We're going to be continuing to do our employment connects where we're linking individuals with employment opportunities as they are trying to resolve their housing crisis. We will be conducting medical connects where we will be working with all of the medical trucks and street medicine doctors in quarter three to ensure that we have quarterly medical connects that will go right out into the community and provide those on the spot resources for individuals. We're going to be launching our monthly Youth Connect events in quarter three, as well, because we're part of the community planning for our Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project. We're funded for that

grant the we got in our community, so we want to make sure we're not just focusing on one thing. We're focusing on youth, medical, employment, families and everything that could impact a person's housing stability. Now we are currently doing pet deposits and fees. We're finding that individuals who are getting housing opportunities are saying no to housing because some federal grants won't pay for pet deposits and pet rent. We want to come in and fill that gap. We have some funding from Silver Summit. We've launched our reentry program where we are assisting people who are exiting from institutions to the streets to put them up for a few months and link them to some workforce programs so they can get those resources and support that they need in order to obtain and maintain permanent housing. We have our homeless service provider training CEUs that are approved. For the first time ever, Nevada Homeless Alliance has a new home. We've been co-located in the community with other partners since 1992 and 2025 marks the year that we literally got our own space with our own key. We're just happy to still be deep in this work over thirty years later providing impact for the clients we serve as well as supporting our partners on the local, state and national level. Our conference is coming in September, the YHDP Guided Home. We have a navigation program we're launching in October. Our Project Homeless Connect is every two years. We're going to be at the World Market Center in Las Vegas in November. We're going to have our annual candlelight vigil in December 2025. That is all I have.

Chair Tim Robb:

We appreciate it. The time is well spent hearing all the great work that you guys are doing. Thank you. Does anybody have any questions for the Nevada Homeless Alliance?

Bridget Robb:

Are you aware of the prison reentry specialty court that's in Washoe County?

Catrina Grigsby Thedford:

No, maybe we can link up and you can tell me more about that.

Bridget Robb:

Contact me offline and we can talk a bit more about that because we recognize the issue that you're talking about, and we actually have a specialty court. Not everyone is eligible but certain inmates can be part of that program.

Catrina Grigsby-Thedford:

Yes. If you don't mind, shoot me an email so I can have your information.

Bridget Robb:

I will.

Catrina Grigsby-Thedford:

Thank you so much.

Mike Montero:

To my recollection, there might be a reentry specialty court in Southern Nevada, as well. Maybe Judge Robb can help us link you with that if there is.

Catrina Grigsby-Thedford:

That would be great.

Bridget Robb:

Judge Montero, I'm not as well versed with what they have in the Eighth District, but I can certainly see if they've got something like that that is in process.

Mike Montero:

Perfect.

Catrina Grigsby-Thedford:

A lot of times the population of people reentering that we try to connect with the most, that are the most vulnerable, are the people who are expiring their sentence. Often, if you're getting put on parole, you have to have an approved housing plan, and some supports around that. Often individuals who are expiring who may have burnt bridges with all their family or their family is not in state anymore is the population that we want to have a safety net for. Although, we work with all other populations who are reentering the community. I will put my feelers out there to see if they have a reentry specialty court in the South. Thank you for mentioning that.

Chair Tim Robb:

Awesome. Anything additional for the Nevada Homeless Alliance?

Catrina Grigsby-Thedford:

Thank you.

Chair Tim Robb:

Thank you and I appreciate your continued leadership in this space. It's incredible to see that most of the teams that we've had on our agenda today came from your recommendation. Thank you so much for continuing to make things happen and making sure the voices are heard from all the good work that's happening across the state. With that, we can move into agenda item number ten.

Agenda Item X. [For Possible Action – Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness to Housing Technical Assistance Committee (ICHHTA), Update on the Strategic Plan and ICHH's Involvement Moving Forward – Brooke Page]

Brooke Page:

Hi everyone. Thank you, Chair Robb. I'm here to give a reminder update about our presentation that was given on May 22nd. We provided an overview of the Strategic Action Plan that the Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness to Housing Technical Assistance Committee has been working on, has developed and shared with this body. If you recall, this workbook outlines the various components of the action plan. We have a summary document that provides an overview of the various different strategic issues from housing to services. We have homeless prevention, wrap-around services, education and workforce development, coordination of primary behavioral health, coordination of data

and resources, policies and long-term planning are the eight strategic issues. There are multiple goals related to each of these strategic issues and proposed action items that the technical assistance workgroup had been working over multiple months to put together for you. We elevated that for some direction on how you would like the Technical Assistance Committee to proceed with this work. We're hoping to receive some guidance so we can do what's necessary to address homelessness throughout the state. I'll pause there to see if you have any questions or thoughts.

Chair Tim Robb:

Awesome. Do members of the council have input for Ms. Page?

Catrina Grigsby-Thedford:

From my understanding, we are to give guidance to the Technical Assistance Committee on the work that they're doing. It sounds like they're waiting for us to give the red light. I'm encouraging all the members here to review the strategic plans, goals and action items to ensure that we're okay with what they've done to figure out what works best for the community. They're a group of smart individuals that's doing work in leadership or direct service. There's some good stuff in there and I'm not sure, as a council, if we can actually vote it in or out or if the individual members haven't reviewed it to make sure there are no conflicts or anything like that giving anyone heartburn about the actions and goals and how they want to get that. That's just my prompt and push to all of us to actually review it. They've been on hold waiting for us to give them guidance and feedback on what's next and we should be able to give them that.

Chair Tim Robb:

I agree. This is on the agenda for possible action. If there's a motion at the end of this discussion, to approve the path forward that they're hoping to get from us, that is more than okay. Is there any input from the team?

Catrina Grigsby-Thedford:

I was going to ask if Brooke had anything else that they needed from us.

Brooke Page:

There were four questions we proposed in May. One of them was we wanted some guidance on the role that the Interagency Advisory Council wanted the Technical Assistance Committee to play moving forward. We've been tasked, through state statute, to help develop the Strategic Plan. We've gone and developed, also the Action Plan to support the Strategic Plan. Therefore, guidance on how you all would like us to move forward is our request. If it's continuing to support the activities related to ensuring that those action items move forward. We believe we've done what we were supposed to do statutorily and want guidance on how we should move forward. Should we continue to serve in an advisory capacity? As Doctor Katrina mentioned, we have subject matter experts on the Technical Assistance Committee that could advise you on all the work things that we believe are important base off of feedback that we've received from the community throughout the state and areas that we think could help move the needle and move these actions items forward. Are we expected to support the process of managing the actual Action Plan? That's a robust workbook as you all have seen. There's eight different strategic issues and they've got various different goals within that. Do you foresee us helping to update the action

plan moving forward and providing feedback on ideas of ways we could move the needle on those action items as a state? How can we best align our efforts with the council's priorities and the timelines that you all have in place and goals that you all have? How can we support you all so we could be an active partner to support addressing issues and challenges?

Chair Tim Robb:

I appreciate the realignment to where we need to head with this and would love and input from members of the council. The amount of work that you guys have put into this is pretty incredible. The direction that's been set through the Strategic Plan and the work you have put on paper is truly informing us, as a council, on how we can help fill some of the gaps. I do know that we have limited resources and availability of time, effort and things of that nature. The continued information that you continue to provide is valuable. I appreciate the ability to have these conversations and see where some of the gaps are based upon your truly informed experiences through talking with our community partners and working with some of the agencies across the state that are doing work in the space that enable you to bring us that light is valuable. The tracking is going to be a Herculean effort that I hope isn't put squarely just on this advisory team. It's a necessary thing so that we can see what progress is being made over time. Where that work can sit, I'm not sure. It's valuable to have that data over time of what we've been able to check off the list of accomplishments and help inform some of the stuff that we need to be working towards in future legislative sessions with some of our local jurisdictions, some of our nonprofit partners and even some of our for profit partners that have been able to help fund things in the past or even going forward with things like Campus for Hope. I hope we're able to find a way to elevate the work that Ms. Page and the team are doing. I'm open for any additional input there.

Bridget Robb:

You're talking about tracking, and we need to have the data. Do we have a vehicle to collect the data? Having that kind of vehicle would be the first thing that we'd need to develop if it's not already done. I'm brand new to this group. If this has been done, please let me know.

Chair Tim Robb:

Senator Neal, do you have some input on that?

Dina Neal:

The county passed their ordinance. Do the counties have any data that they're collecting and even some of the other groups? I thought there was some form of data collected, even if it was not centralized.

Chair Tim Robb:

There's some that's associated with some of our federal funding mechanisms and some that's with our state funding mechanisms, as well. I don't know if there's a central repository, necessarily. Mister Thompson might have some ideas on where that is or if there are resources available. It will take staff to be the folks that are combining all those sources into one place and informing the direction we're able to see within the strategic plan and see what those things are that are getting checked off the list on some of the gaps that we're filling. I'm not sure if there is a central place that happens right now.

Robert Thompson:

There was a central place where the county was attempting to track homeless data. I do not remember

the name of it. I'm going to have to follow up with my IT deputy and see if anybody in my agency is aware of that being out there. There was always difficulty with my division being able to interface with it because our federal requirements of keeping the SNAP, Medicaid and TANF specific client data locked down and we were not able to go back and forth. I remember being at a meeting several years ago where they had these same discussions. I'm going to have to go back through emails and talk to some people to see if I can find it.

Chair Tim Robb:

I appreciate that.

Catrina Grigsby-Thedford:

The Strategic Plan was the goal of this council, correct? Then, the Technical Assistance Committee spearheaded that, right? Is it then our responsibility to determine how we're going to get the information. From what I remember, that we're responsible for collaborating with state and local agencies to promote the cooperation. The county may have county data. Another entity has other data. NDOC has their data. When we're looking at all these different strategic goals and all the things that they have, the data may not come from one source. I want to help us figure out where we would be getting these different pools of data because this is a statewide strategic plan and it's not just county. We have to look at multiple different data sets, the tracking and all that stuff. I would like to know what the role of the Technical Assistance Committee is. Do we want them to serve as an advisor on this? Are they expected to support the plan or are they just going to do the plan and we are going to spearhead this plan? It would be great to get a little more clarity on where we go from here. Do we need to develop the vehicle to track the data? Is that different entities and people who have access to different data and is bringing it to the table so we can put it where it goes? What does that look like for us as a council?

Chair Tim Robb:

Senator Neal?

Dina Neal:

Since we are moving into agenda item eleven, let's make an agenda item for the September meeting and put some of those agencies that we believe are collecting the data, so we can know who has what. Also, keeping Brooke and the Technical Assistance Committee on the agenda. Then there is a way to hear and condense those presentations and identify who we want to present the data. We know that as committees and people change, information gets lost. If we generally know that there are agencies collecting, why not just put them on the agenda for September? Not all of them but at least five of them and have a discussion on what they're collecting, county being first, and specifically any other group that we know has data. We know that the counties such as Washoe and Clark as well as NDOC have data. If they come back and tell us they aren't collecting data, that's another discussion, not for us but for some other people.

Chair Tim Robb:

That's a great idea and happy to work towards that for the next agenda for our September 18th meeting. It would be good to get this in front of some of those partners that are engaging in helping fill some of these gaps that are identified in our plan that's being put forward by Ms. Page and the team. Definitely

something we can work towards and maybe on a longer term we look at an NSHE institution taking leadership and bringing all that information together and resourcing the collection and analysis of data so that we can truly be working towards something great. Doctor Catrina, go ahead.

Catrina Grigsby-Thedford:

I have a question for Brooke. Who has seen or has access to the Strategic Plan? Is it just the Technical Assistance Committee and this group? Has anyone else in the community seen this or had access to it to see if they would be a viable partner in helping get data?

Brooke Page:

Right now, we, as a Technical Assistance Committee, developed the workbook. We elevated it to you all for review and approval to go forth and start identifying who's collecting this information. It has not gone external to our two bodies. It could be an important scenario for the Technical Assistance Committee to help identify because we also have representation of the local Continuums of Care. We would love to get feedback from the school districts and different folks that are impacted by this Action Plan to where we could identify and strategize how to collect information and elevate to you all to report on the outcome. That way, the work doesn't necessarily have to live with the council. Some of that work can be done at the technical assistance level. We could be gathering it, tracking it and then reporting to you all on the status. That was something that was proposed and we thought could be helpful. We recognize you all have limited capacity. A lot of the folks at the technical assistance level are in the trenches doing the work and have access to data and information and could be tracking it over time.

Chair Tim Robb:

That is appropriate. Having seen this in our public forum in this space, it's more than appropriate to share with any partners and get that feedback, input and understanding of what data is out there and what services are being provided. Getting that holistic view is what would help inform anything going forward from this group. I don't think that there's any hesitation on my end. I don't think any other members of the council would have any concerns with getting what you guys have put together out there to the world and see what thoughts other people have in the space. If we need to take action to approve that to go forward, I will entertain that. Anything additional on this item?

Catrina Grigsby-Thedford:

Are we going to take a vote or whatever we need to approve for it to be shared externally and for the Technical Assistance Committee to start seeking out partners that can help?

Chair Tim Robb:

In the absence of legal counsel on the call, I don't know what we would need to do on the disbursement piece. The attorney general's office is working through some changes. We don't have somebody on here today. With that said, I don't know that we need to take action for approval to continue the work and continue sharing it with the partners. We have already had the discussion, and that it was included in the board materials that were posted online as well for the last meeting. It is out there in the wild and if it is a matter of communicating it out to partners, I would be more than comfortable with allowing that to happen with or without action by the council unless anybody else has concerns with that.

Brooke Page:

Would you all be okay with us continuing to identify activities that are happening related to the action items and goals that we've identified? And just keep you all updated on those activities moving forward? How would you like for the Technical Assistance Committee to continue moving forward?

Chair Tim Robb:

I would appreciate that. If we can help with being a conduit to that, I'm happy to do that.

Brooke Page:

Great. Thank you so much.

Chair Tim Robb:

OK. Seeing no others, we are good to move into agenda item number eleven.

Agenda Item XI. [For Information Only – Discussion of Agenda Items for the Next Meeting on September 18, 2025]

Chair Tim Robb:

To Senator Neal's point, having a discussion with some of the partners that may be collecting information already would be helpful. We'll work with the advisory team and staff to get that agenda together. Are there any additional pieces that anybody thinks would be important to the conversation in September? Go ahead, Director Devine.

Mary Devine:

There's some great information put out at every one of the meetings, but we don't always get the PowerPoint presentations as a follow-up or an attachment. If we could somehow work that out. The amount of information and the resources that are provided to us in each of these meetings is amazing and a little bit overwhelming. It's also information that I would love to share and refer back to frequently. If we could somehow get that information pulled together so that we could use it for other briefings and share the information, that'd be helpful.

Chair Tim Robb:

Absolutely. That is doable and we'll work with Abigail and the team to get those things out. I'm not sure if they're typically posted online but that may also be an avenue. Then, we can share those links with our partners as well as we have those conversations with other folks. Any additional pieces for the upcoming agenda? Hearing and seeing none, I will move into agenda item number twelve.

Agenda Item XII. [General Public Comments]

Chair Tim Robb:

Item number twelve on our agenda is public comment. No action may be taken upon a matter raised

under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an item upon which action may be taken. Comments will be limited to three minutes. If you are making a public comment via phone, please call 1-775-321-6111 and the meeting ID is 525 220 583 followed by pound. We are now open for public comment. Is anybody online wishing to make public comment today? I appreciate all of the folks that are on the line and the work that you are doing every day. k It's important that we keep the ball rolling. I appreciate all that everybody is doing and the lived experience communications that we've had on this meeting have been incredible, as well. That is a vital piece of the conversation that we need to keep up. The person with the phone number ending in five nine came off mute. Do you wish to make a public comment?

Annie Wilson:

My name is Doctor Annie Wilson. I work with Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department as a homeless liaison. I don't know about the other prisons and jails, but at Clark County Detention Center, we do have a discharge plan. The goal is for no one to be released to the street or no one to be released to homelessness. We partner with Clark County Social Services. They're there twenty-four hours at the Clark County Jail. The goal is to make sure these individuals are housed, have the right documents, and have their ID. We have a number of services there. I just wanted to bring that up, so everyone is aware that we do have services at Clark County Detention Center to make sure no one is releasing to homelessness.

Chair Tim Robb:

Fantastic. We can definitely consider putting that on an upcoming agenda. If there's a more robust conversation, it might be good, on the release plans that you guys have. William, do you have a public comment?

William Macauley:

I just wanted to say I would like to hear about or see some conversation about these efforts engaging with higher education in the state. There are a lot of young people on our college and university campuses who are eager to jump right into trying to make the world a better place. We have all kinds of opportunities for internships, externships, work studies and all different venues for that. It feels like an untapped resource. These institutions have a big presence in our state and a big role to play. As our higher education system becomes more oriented towards practical lived experience once you graduate, if the housing and homelessness sector could be more deliberate or overt about their connections, collaborations and interactions with higher education, that would be productive. I'd love to see it and am happy to make that happen if I can. Thank you.

Member of the Public (Metro Police Department Intern):

I'm a Las Vegas Metro Police Department Intern. Our Unhoused Contact Meeting is on Tuesday, August 26 at 10:00 am. They will be addressing the encampment ordinance at that time. If anyone is available to come, that would be amazing. We would appreciate it.

Chair Tim Robb:

Thank you so much for the information. We will move to official adjournment now at 2:54 pm. Thank you all.

Respectfully Submitted:



Abigail Bagolor, Committee Moderator

Approved by:



Robert Thompson, Vice-Chair
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