

ICHHTA Membership Application

Revised Scoring Tool and Rationale

Purpose of This Tool

The ICHH Technical Assistance Committee (ICHHTA) is a technical subcommittee of the Nevada Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness to Housing. The ICHHTA exists to:

- Advise on the development, refinement, and implementation of Nevada’s statewide homelessness strategic plan
- Provide technical and systems-level input to the full Council
- Ensure statewide strategies reflect operational realities, cross-system impacts, and regional differences across Nevada

Because of this role, committee membership must balance lived experience, technical knowledge, systems expertise, and geographic representation. This scoring tool is designed to create a transparent, consistent way to assess whether applicants are well-positioned to contribute meaningfully to that work.

Overview of Scoring Structure

- **Lived Experience:** Binary (0 or 1)
- **All other criteria:** 0–5 Likert scale with defined anchors
- **Maximum total score:** 21 points
- **Minimum recommended threshold for membership consideration:** 11 points

The tool is not intended to rank people against each other rigidly. It is meant to establish a baseline of readiness and alignment with the committee’s purpose.

Scoring Criteria and Definitions

1. Lived Experience of Homelessness (Binary)

Score:

- **0 = No**
- **1 = Yes**

Definition:

The applicant has direct lived experience with homelessness or housing instability, either personally or as a primary caregiver or immediate family member, and can draw on that experience to inform systems-level discussions.

Rationale:

Lived experience is a critical perspective, but it is qualitative, not linear. A binary measure avoids subjective grading while clearly signaling that lived experience is valued and relevant to the committee's work.

2. Experience in Homelessness Services (0–5)

Definition:

Direct experience working or volunteering within homelessness response systems, including shelters, outreach, housing programs, Continuums of Care, prevention, or crisis response.

Scoring Anchors:

- **0:** No experience in homelessness services
- **1:** Basic exposure (short-term volunteer work or indirect involvement)
- **2:** Some direct involvement, but limited scope or duration
- **3:** Regular practitioner with hands-on experience in homelessness services
- **4:** Advanced experience with program oversight, coordination, or systems work
- **5:** Extensive leadership or strategic experience influencing homelessness service delivery or systems

Rationale:

The ICHHTA advises on statewide strategy. Members must understand how homelessness systems function in practice, not just in theory.

3. Intersectional Systems Experience (Mental Health, Substance Use, Justice, Child Welfare, etc.) (0–5)

Definition:

Experience in systems that frequently intersect with homelessness and housing instability, such as behavioral health, substance use treatment, criminal legal systems, child welfare, healthcare, education, or workforce development.

Scoring Anchors:

- **0:** No relevant intersectional systems experience
- **1:** Basic exposure (coursework, limited involvement)
- **2:** Some practical experience within a related system
- **3:** Regular professional experience in one intersecting system
- **4:** Advanced experience across one or more intersecting systems
- **5:** Extensive leadership-level experience integrating multiple systems affecting housing stability

Rationale:

Homelessness does not exist in isolation. Effective statewide strategy requires members who understand how other systems create or alleviate housing instability.

4. State Geographic Representation (0–5)**Definition:**

The degree to which the applicant represents or has deep familiarity with specific geographic regions of Nevada, including rural, tribal, frontier, or historically underrepresented areas.

Scoring Anchors:

- **0:** No meaningful connection to Nevada
- **1:** Basic familiarity with Nevada systems or geography
- **2:** Experience limited to a single major urban area
- **3:** Experience spanning multiple regions or jurisdictions
- **4:** Strong representation of underserved or less-represented regions
- **5:** Extensive, sustained experience addressing regional disparities across Nevada

Rationale:

The ICHHTA supports a statewide strategy. Geographic diversity helps prevent over-representation of any one region and ensures solutions reflect Nevada’s varied contexts.

5. Skills and Knowledge Expertise Relevant to Strategic Planning (0–5)

Definition:

Demonstrated skills or expertise that directly support the ICHHTA's technical and advisory role. Examples include data analysis, policy development, systems planning, evaluation, facilitation, community engagement, or Continuum of Care operations.

Scoring Anchors:

- **0:** No relevant skills or expertise
- **1:** Basic awareness or introductory knowledge
- **2:** Developing skills with limited application
- **3:** Applied expertise used regularly in professional or community settings
- **4:** Advanced expertise contributing to planning, policy, or systems improvement
- **5:** Extensive leadership or specialization influencing systems-level decision-making

Rationale:

The committee's function is technical. Members should bring skills that help translate ideas into actionable, statewide strategy.

Interpreting Total Scores

Maximum Possible Score: 21

Recommended Interpretation:

- **0–10:** Does not currently meet the baseline for ICHHTA membership
- **11–14:** Meets minimum threshold for membership consideration
- **15–17:** Strong candidate with solid alignment to committee purpose
- **18–21:** Exceptional alignment with technical, strategic, and statewide needs

Scores should inform decisions and not replace judgment. The Council may consider balance across lived experience, geography, and expertise when finalizing membership.

Summary Rationale (for Reviewers and Applicants)

This scoring tool exists to ensure that ICHHTA membership reflects the committee's responsibility to support statewide, systems-level homelessness strategy. Clear definitions, separate experience categories, and a minimum threshold promote fairness, transparency, and alignment with the committee's mission.