

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF

THE NEVADA INTERAGENCY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS TO HOUSING

March 19, 2026

The Nevada Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness to Housing was called to order by Chair Tim Robb at 1:02 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, 2026. 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://dss.nv.gov/Home/Features/Public-Information/> the Division of Social Services website.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Tim Robb, Director – GSD, BRK Nevada LLC

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

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

Dr. Annie Wilson, HOPE Liaison, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department

Stephen Aichroth, Administrator, Nevada Housing Division

Emily Testwuide, Deputy Director, Nevada Department of Corrections

Judge Mike Montero, Sixth Judicial District Court, Nevada

Colonel Mary Devine, Director, Nevada Department of Veterans Services

Sheriff Jerry Allen, Pershing County, Nevada

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dina Neal, Senator, Nevada

Lieutenant Shatawna Daniel, Washoe County, Nevada

Max Carter, Assemblyman, Nevada

Judge Bridget Robb, Second Judicial District Court, Nevada

OTHERS PRESENT:

Nicole Fritz, Social Services Manager, 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, Nevada Department of Human Services Division of Social Services

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

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

Veronica Jarchow, DAG

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 and in compliance with Nevada's open meeting law. Chair Tim Robb will call the meeting to order.

Chair Tim Robb:

Thank you so much. Good afternoon, everyone. It is 1:02 pm on March 19th, 2026. I'd like to call this meeting of the Nevada Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness to Housing to order. Will you please call the roll?

[Roll Call. We Have Quorum.]

Chair Tim Robb:

Thank you so much.

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

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making a public comment via phone, please call 1-775-321-6111 and the meeting ID is 974 857 615 followed by pound. We are now open for public comment. Please unmute yourself and state your name for the council. Abigail, do we have any written public comments?

Abigail Bagolor:

There is none.

Chair Tim Robb:

Seeing and hearing no public comment, we will close agenda item number two.

Agenda Item III. [For Possible Action – Discussion and Possible Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 29, 2025, Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness to Housing (ICHH)]

Chair Tim Robb:

Is there any discussion on the minutes from the October 29th meeting? I'd entertain a motion for approval of the minutes.

Stephen Aichroth:

I move to approve the minutes.

Mary Devine:

I second.

Chair Tim Robb:

Thank you. All those in favor of approving the minutes from October 29th, say "aye".

Robert Thompson, Catrina Grigsby-Thedford, Annie Wilson, Stephen Aichroth, Emily Testwuide, Mike Montero, Mary Devine, Jerry Allen:

Aye.

Chair Tim Robb:

Any opposed? The minutes from October 29th are approved. We will move to agenda item number four.

Agenda Item IV. [For Possible Action – Discussion and Possible Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 5, 2025, Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness to Housing (ICHH)]

Chair Tim Robb:

Do we have any discussion on the minutes from the December 5th, 2025, meeting? I would entertain a motion for approval of those minutes.

Stephen Aichroth:

I move to approve the minutes from December 5, 2025.

Mary Devine:

I second.

Chair Tim Robb:

Thank you. All those in favor, say “aye”.

Robert Thompson, Catrina Grigsby-Thedford, Annie Wilson, Stephen Aichroth, Emily Testwuide, Mike Montero, Mary Devine, Jerry Allen:

Aye.

Chair Tim Robb:

Any opposed? The meeting minutes from December 5, 2025, are approved. We will now move into agenda item number five.

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

Chair Tim Robb:

Administrator Aichroth?

Stephen Aichroth:

Thank you, Chair Robb. I am going to pass the baton to Tracy Charbonneau from the division.

Tracy Charbonneau:

Thanks, Steve. I am a Grants and Projects Analyst with the Nevada Housing Division. I’m excited to report that last month we opened our preapplication for the supportive housing development account funding in combination with our homeless prevention application. We have one point five million dollars available for rental assistance contracts for supportive housing and one million dollars available in supportive services funding. We’ve also performed some targeted outreach to rural community partners to encourage application submissions, and these applications will close on March 26th. In May of 2026, we will be opening our development combined application process. We will have another round of available supportive housing development account funding for those units that are currently in development, and we will begin their lease process within twelve months of the award. Thank you.

Chair Tim Robb:

Thank you, Tracy, for the update and hard work that’s gone into moving these initiatives forward. Are there any questions or comments from council members for the Housing Division? Hearing and seeing none, thank you for everything you do. Tracy and team, please pass it along to the other folks at the Housing Division. You do amazing work and we appreciate everything you do. With that, we will move into agenda item number six.

Agenda Item VI. [For Possible Action – Discussion and Possible Vote to Adopt the Strategic Plan and the Direction to the Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness to Housing Technical Assistance Committee (ICHHTA) on How to Move Forward]

Chair Tim Robb:

Do we have somebody from the ICHHTA wishing to make any remarks?

Brooke Page:

Good afternoon, Chair Robb and members of the council. I am the Vice Chair for the ICHHTA. On behalf of the committee, we want to thank you for the opportunity to uplift the work that's happened at the ICHHTA. We've developed an action plan and adopted it at our last meeting. We have some recommendations on priority action items that we would like for the ICHHTA to consider. There's three of them outlined in a memo you all should have received. One is related to housing, another on homelessness prevention and intervention and a third on wraparound services. We also recommended targeted outreach to state agencies to help inform the update to the strategic plan in 2027 at the end of the memo, for you all to consider. Lastly, the ICHHTA is eager to support you all in this work. We have recommendations related to ways in which the ICHHTA can support you all. We've outlined some targeted ways to help translate high level strategic goals into step-by-step implementation ideas. Some of them are to provide subject matter expertise related to funding alignment and recommend future agenda items for your meetings that can inform the strategic plan and create a feedback loop with the community and local Continuums of Care as we help operationalize the strategic plan. We are hoping to get some direction from you today.

Chair Tim Robb:

Thank you so much, Brooke. We really appreciate all the hard work. I know you are working diligently to make sure you bring us robust recommendations and paths forward. Does anybody have any discussion on this agenda item?

Catrina Grigsby-Thedford:

Do we have access to the memo via email so that anyone can review it to make sure they don't have any questions or concerns?

Brooke Page:

I can share it if you all would like.

Catrina Grigsby-Thedford:

Can you give us a broad summary of the memo?

Brooke Page:

The memo is dated February 27th, 2026. A group of ICHHTA members helped inform it and was formally approved by the ICHHTA Committee at our meeting earlier this week. The purpose of this memo is to request your consideration on the work that's completed to operationalize the strategic plan to end homelessness. We would like you all to consider that with the action plan. We've adopted that plan at the ICHHTA level. It's now elevated for you all to review and help us start implementing the action plan. We've also outlined three priorities related to the action plan that we'd like you to focus on and help us advance. We've provided recommendations regarding the role we'd like you to consider the ICHHTA to fill in supporting your work. We've provided recommendations for updating the next strategic plan, which is due for update in 2027 according to statute. We also have a summary of work completed to date by the ICHHTA. We've assigned each strategic issue within the strategic plan to different champions within the ICHHTA. Each of those champions convened a smaller group of community members and ICHHTA members. Each of those issues related to housing and wrap-around supports. There are eight different strategic

issues in the strategic plan. We broke those out, convened work groups and developed the action plan that you all should have access to as an Excel workbook. Each of those tabs of the action plan are related to the strategic issue. There are various actionable steps that we are recommending for consideration in that action plan. This exercise of developing the action plan took approximately eighteen months. We've also identified substantive action items aligned with the strategic plan. We've conducted outreach through surveys distributed to the three Continuums of Care in Nevada, providers and people with lived experience. We've presented at various statewide conferences such as the Conference to End Homelessness and the Housing Conference. We are reviewing and synthesizing input from different community partners. ICHHTA members have all informed this action plan. We believe we've done our due diligence to ensure that the action plan encompasses as much of a statewide voice as possible so that we can have bandwidth and capacity to ensure that it's informed. This process surfaced consistent themes across geographies. There are three priorities that bubble to the top that we would like you to consider. These three strategic issues are outlined in this memo. Housing was one of those areas. The number one issue surveyed is a lack of housing to address homelessness. There is a recommendation that, as a state, we need to identify permanent funding sources to ensure we've got the housing stock to address homelessness. To help inform this action item, the ICHHTA recommends that the council exercise its leadership by exploring and helping advance permanent, sustainable funding sources to support housing investments across Nevada. Stakeholders consistently identified long-term funding stability as a prerequisite to scaling housing solutions. Within the plan's housing section, we suggested eight action items that can help us advance this strategic issue. We'd like you to consider those action steps and help us figure out how to advance and address housing. The second priority was homelessness prevention and intervention. The recommendation is to target prevention funds more accurately for diversion and problem solving to help prevent people from ever entering the homeless response system. If we can go upstream, help stabilize people and prevent homelessness, it also supports the ecosystem. The ICHHTA recommends that the ICHH support statewide efforts to improve how homelessness prevention resources are targeted and deployed. Specifically, the ICHH could promote alignment around diversion and problem-solving approaches, refine eligibility parameters and encourage flexibility and prevention funding to ensure resources reach households most at risk of entering homelessness. The last one that we'd like you to prioritize is wrap-around services. Our recommended action is to engage stakeholders to establish partnerships and leverage existing resources for people experiencing homelessness. This is done by facilitating partnerships across systems including healthcare, behavioral health, workforce development, education and reentry services, leveraging these cross-sector partners to underscore the importance of coordinated wrap-around services that support housing stability and long-term outcomes. The ICHH is well positioned to convene partners and identify opportunities to align and maximize existing resources. Those are the three areas that we've outlined for the priorities related to the action plan. Are there any related questions?

Catrina Grigsby-Thedford:

Did the rest of the ICHH members receive the email with this memo?

Chair Tim Robb:

I have received it. They are also posted online as part of the meeting materials.

Catrina Grigsby-Thedford:

I wanted to make sure that we can support them to the best of our ability. They are a valuable extension of what we do. I trust the individuals in that group to make decisions about what is needed in our community and where gaps are. Thank you so much, Brooke, for breaking that down.

Brooke Page:

Thank you, Doctor Katrina.

Chair Tim Robb:

Is there any other discussion on the memo?

Stephen Aichroth:

Looking at the agenda item, we can vote to adopt this. I'm going to assume a motion will be made to that effect. The second component is how to move forward. Is that something that we should be discussing now or do we discuss it in agenda item nine, which is for information only?

Chair Tim Robb:

If it's discussion on what's included in the memo and the strategic plan, we're okay to talk about how we can move things forward there. I'm always willing to put additional items on the agenda for future meetings. We should keep this tight to both the strategic plan and the direction to the ICHHTA on how to move forward. Yes, we can talk about the direction. This item includes enough language to let the memo be considered in part of that motion that we may see after discussion.

Stephen Aichroth:

In the Excel spreadsheet, there are blank cells for the different strategic issues. It would be helpful to get the opinion of the ICHHTA identifying who will take the lead on these issues and what the anticipated performance measures are.

Chair Tim Robb:

That makes sense. We can include that in part of a motion on how to move forward. It may also be on a future agenda to discuss what our thoughts on some of the blanks that we might be able to help fill in.

Stephen Aichroth:

Brooke, since you did the presentation, does that seem like something that the ICHHTA could embrace as far as making those recommendations for the things that are missing?

Brooke Page:

That's the intent of what we are asking through this memo. We would like to support the ICHH with recommendations of this living, breathing action plan. There are presentations that can help inform who can own these different steps in the action plan. There could be work that's already happening at the state and local level that can help inform this action plan. The ICHHTA wants to help move this forward by providing you with recommendations on how to strategize these action steps in the plan. We believe you have the leadership to inform and hold account some of these. Maybe there are areas within the housing division, workforce development or child welfare that can help us advance these particular action plans. Keeping you abreast and aware of these things that are happening could help us advance the action plan more intentionally. We would like to be

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the steward to help you navigate these topics and provide you with recommendations, presentations or ways you can get it informed.

Stephen Aichroth:

That's helpful. It's an impressive document. There's a ton of work that went into it. Your willingness to engage and provide those solutions is the right path. Thank you for that clarity.

Brooke Page:

Thank you.

Catrina Grigsby-Thedford:

It sounds like we are recommending or asking if the ICHHTA can assist with filing in some of those blanks and that Brooke is looking for our guidance, so we don't put the onus directly back on them. They did a lot of the heavy lifting. There may be some levels in state government where individuals on this call may have more pull to see if those entities will be willing to be supportive of what the efforts are. Moving forward, what does that look like for us? Could we share our thoughts and capacity? So we can work with ICHHTA on these items as a team. It sounds like it has been put back on the ICHHTA and we're going to potentially vote. What does that look like for us to work together on this and what is our role individually or as a council moving forward to continue to support the work the ICHHTA is doing for the ICHH?

Emily Testwuide:

I provided some recommendations for the NDOC involvement and where we could support some of those items. I don't see it on this spreadsheet. I'm wondering if we will submit some of that again.

Chair Tim Robb:

Absolutely. If there are people that have previous versions of the document that they might be able to share, I'm happy to receive them or you can send them to Abigail. We'll make sure Brooke and her team gets it so they can be considered for future document updates, helping us keep it current and ensuring that our group stays aware of the work that's being done by different agencies. I'm happy to take additional components.

Emily Testwuide:

I will send that over.

Chair Tim Robb:

Thank you so much.

Mary Devine:

We're working with people that are online today to stand up and do work with the veterans' piece of this issue, US Vets and other organizations. I'll ask my team to help work with the action team to capture some of the specific things that are happening with veterans to help this project along. We'll be providing additional information.

Chair Tim Robb:

Thank you so much. I'm also working with Chris Sewell and his team at DETR to see what components to the action plan they may be able to update or give context around their ongoing efforts. Any additional thoughts from members of the council? Hearing and seeing none, is there

anybody that would be willing to put together a motion on our path forward for actionizing the strategic plan and keeping things rolling? I will put together a possible motion and see if somebody is willing to make a motion to adopt that. I would hope for a motion to approve the adoption of the strategic plan and work with the ICHHTA to continue to flush out the action plan and get updates from applicable agencies to inform a future version of the action plan to be updated at a future council meeting.

Catrina Grigsby-Thedford:

I make a motion to approve the strategic plan and continue the work with the ICHHTA on the action plan by working with community partners, getting updates from agencies and continuing to move the work forward.

Mary Devine:

I second that motion.

Chair Tim Robb:

Thank you. All those in favor of adopting the motion, say “aye”.

Robert Thompson, Catrina Grigsby-Thedford, Annie Wilson, Stephen Aichroth, Emily Testwuide, Mike Montero, Mary Devine, Jerry Allen:

Aye.

Chair Tim Robb:

Any opposed? Motion passes. Thank you so much, Brooke, for all the hard work that you continue to do. I am grateful to the Attorney General’s office that were able to give us a decision that we have the authority to take these steps and work in a way that’s collaborative and inform future strategies that we can pull together.

Brooke Page:

Thank you so much, Chair Robb.

Chair Tim Robb:

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

Agenda Item VII. [For Information Only – Southern Nevada Continuum of Care Homeless Update]

Chair Tim Robb:

Do we have someone from the Southern Nevada CoC?

Brenda Barnes:

Good afternoon. My name is Brenda Barnes. I am the Southern Nevada Continuum of Care Director. I am also working with Clark County Social Services. Our Mission and Vision statements are that we want to promote a community-wide commitment to ending homelessness where everyone is feeling safe, has access and is dignified. Our CoC board is composed of fifteen voting members but is represented by eighteen members when including the ex-officio that fit the lead positions. These include a collaborative applicant, HMIS lead and a coordinated entry lead. Our community does not have a coordinated entry lead but the collaborative applicant and HMIS lead

help to support that role to ensure our coordinate entry system is constantly improving. Our charter includes having three board members with lived expertise. Additionally, there is one member from Youth Advisory Board. We have eight elected representatives that are community-based and four from our jurisdictional partners that contribute to the funding towards the CoC. There are four government agencies that contribute to our consolidated plan. Those are Clark County, North Las Vegas, City of Las Vegas and City of Henderson. We would like to highlight the funders that contribute to the CoC. The collaborative applicant is responsible for the notice of funding and responding to the funding opportunity. Our funding priorities in Southern Nevada focus around permanent housing and permanent supportive housing. At our most recent NOFO for 2025 and 2026, the board voted to prioritize our permanent supportive housing before rapid rehousing. This ensures that the most vulnerable people who are in the most need are filling that permanent supportive housing capacity that we already have. Knowing that we are going to potentially lose some, we prioritize that within our local competition. The application process involves a scoring and ranking team. Our local providers must submit a competitive application. We had some delayed funding projections. We had some programs that ended in the first quarter of this year. We've been able to start receiving some of those awards given all the complications that we've been seeing from the administration at this time. We want to highlight that those projects that are applying to our local competition must meet thresholds that include how we determine scoring how they can handle managing federal funding dollars, their financial oversight and capacity to do that, as well as performance data to keep the scoring objective. Regarding monitoring, we have generally hired or contracted with a third party to provide more monitoring for the Southern Nevada CoC. This year, we are working with the monitoring team to train and elevate the CoC support team so that we can open funding in other directions to support some of the other groups we fund with planning grant dollars. This highlights a slight nuance from our Northern Nevada Partners. I wanted to focus more on some of the reporting that we've recently submitted to HUD. As of today, we are still waiting to hear responses on our system performance measures that we submitted on March 4th. HUD sometimes asks questions or clarifying details. We've determined we may have to make some additional data cleanup. Concerning the system performance measure data cleanup, we had over two thousand data elements that our street outreach teams from those four jurisdictions came together and reviewed to make sure that our data reported to HUD was accurate, clean and as on the mark as possible. It was a huge lift locally. We saw huge amounts of successful exits directly from our street outreach efforts. That could mean from unsheltered homeless straight into a shelter, transitional housing, rapid rehousing or permanent supportive housing in our community. The increase went from twenty-three-point five percent in 2024 to thirty-four-point thirty-six percent in 2025. We've already seen it and can't give you a measurable increase yet because we want those final numbers from HUD. Although this isn't LSA or system performance data, the AHAR that we have highlights how things have looked locally. This is a ten-year trend. Although it's all the reporting that we have together, it does not include the housed at the time of HIC and PIT. I want to highlight the AHAR report in that nature. When you see all our reports together and how they've been moving along over the years, generally our PIT data seems to be flatter at the bottom with some ebbs and flows, but consistent. The LSA data indicates that the households and people throughout the year has grown significantly after COVID in 2020. This household size is also increasing from one-point-one-nine to one-point-three-one. As households are growing, it's also harder to place them together. Families are larger than they used to be and without affordable housing and housing units available to them, it makes things more

challenging for the boots on the ground working with the community. Housing numbers do grow, but around 2022, after the spike from COVID, is when we saw that it hit home for us. Concerning our point in time, Catrina with the Northern CoC did a phenomenal job and we followed suit. We execute our PITs similarly. I don't want to dive into that but wish to highlight that it is a single day snapshot. This doesn't speak to what it looks like all year long. It is still valuable information. HUD does require it. We share that out and utilize the outreach data for more of the drilled down demographic and methodology when we respond to HUD. Our Housing Inventory Count was done the same night as the PIT. This shows some of the trends and what that looks like. We have seen growth over time coming after 2022 with heartaches from COVID. In Southern Nevada, we were able to expand some of our shelter capacity. We had a lot of non-congregate shelters come on board, two of which were specific to families. We saw a huge spike in families experiencing homelessness because they met the definition of homelessness. The caveat to that is we eased the child welfare system's burden by reunifying foster children with their families who previously weren't eligible because they were couch surfing or staying in places that didn't want to be involved with the system. They weren't literally homeless. They weren't captured in our homeless system because of their resourceful nature. By finding a location to keep those families together or reunify those families, it increased numbers in our homeless system, but it created better outcomes on our child welfare side and putting families together. Our Longitudinal System Analysis Report shows unduplicated counts of individuals and households over a time period. If there are multiple episodes, entering shelter, exiting and reentering, it is only counted once. We have seen a growth of individuals per household through this report. In 2018 and 2019, it's about one-point-one-nine. In 2022, it was around one-point-two-three. In 2025, it's one-point-three-one. That is a breakdown of how the household size is increasing. Keep in mind that household doesn't necessarily mean a family. It could be two adult individuals living together or with the intention of staying intact together. We shared this with our CoC membership, and they wanted to highlight how it is harder to house families. In the LSA data for 2025, it reflects that families had less homeless days at ninety-four than adult-only households who experienced one-hundred-seven homeless days. Exit to a permanent destination was at a higher rate of forty percent as opposed to adults-only at fifteen percent. Families have higher rates of entering directly into rapid rehousing at eighteen percent than adult-only households at four percent. Adult-only households have higher rates directly to transitional housing at eleven percent versus families at one percent. Families can utilize permanent supportive housing, shelters and rapid rehousing versus transitional housing. We have an amazing relationship with our Northern and Rural CoCs in that we collectively try to identify and come to agreement on the day that we conduct our point in time count. We both skipped last year which positioned us for a reset and move forward in a meaningful way that aligned with HUD but made sense to our community. Doctor Catrina Grigsby-Thedford is part of those efforts. We appreciate her input and guidance as we navigate a new approach this year. We are looking forward to the years to come to be doing it the same way. That is what it looks like on an executional level. It took about ten hours and twenty minutes for all census tracks that we conducted PITs within for our CoC and volunteers. This was the above the ground count only. The tunnels took a little bit longer. We appreciate the outreach teams that primarily focused on the tunnels and all the efforts of everyone else throughout the day. We started at 3:00 am with the City of Las Vegas. That was focused on our Courtyard and Corridor of Hope and expanded from there. We had over five hundred twenty-six staff and volunteers that supported every deployment site throughout the valley. We completed two thousand three surveys. The previous year, we only

completed about one thousand five hundred surveys. That's how many people we were able to engage on the day of the PIT. The PIT takes the most time as we ask them various questions, some are required by HUD and a few more that are specific to our community. A total of two thousand twenty-one surveys, including Mesquite and Laughlin, were conducted. Everyone wants to know when they are going to get PIT data. When can we share the numbers and what's happening next? It takes time. Not only do we have to complete the physical PIT count, which we have done, but the location data must be cleaned up. Survey data is downloaded from the app. It's checked for location issues. It might be in California. All those things must be cleaned up and made sure that we're not duplicating counts. Some surveys were performed outside the CoC where they were unable to get geo-located or canceled. Those are things that they're working on to clean up. Once the location issues are resolved, the tunnel count and the main count are compared again to make sure that we aren't duplicating any individuals between the tunnel and our regular teams. Then, we review the interviews from the main survey, and they're compared by initials, date of birth and information that further minimizes duplication. Then, we start reviewing the demographic data and with the knowledge that response rates are never one hundred percent, HUD publishes their own tools for demographic extrapolation. It does require an eighty percent response rate of the surveys. Although we had more surveys than we've had before compared to the total count numbers, we didn't hit eighty percent of those experiencing homelessness to utilize the survey data. That's where we start utilizing our annual outreach data that we collect throughout the year to pull from for what we submit to HUD. Then, there's a final review and submission. Once the deduplication is complete, our demographic profile is applied, the report is ready for review. A good method to check the report is either to enter the HUD submissions portal where it flags all our possible data entry errors or quality issues or working on it locally. Ultimately, we use that process. We do as much as we can and ensure it's as clean and accurate as possible. HUD always responds with questions as to why the numbers are different from previous PIT counts. Once HUD has issued their final approval and it is entered into the AHAR, we're able to release it to the community. That is why there's such a long delay and why we get counted so frequently on where the PIT data is and when it can be used. I like to provide resources and redirect people online. Clark County's website is ClarkCountyNV.gov. HelpHopeHome.org is the Southern Nevada Continuum of Care site. We have a live resource dashboard. Depending on your location, you can look up a certain topic, and it will let you know what's near you. For those that don't have access to transportation that you might be trying to assist, there is Nevada 211. We appreciate having the time to report. Thank you.

Agenda Item VIII. [For Information Only – Northern Nevada Continuum of Care Data Update – Catrina Peters]

Catrina Peters:

I am Catrina Peters. I am a coordinator with Washoe County Human Services Agency. I also serve as our CoC Coordinator for the Washoe County or Northern Nevada Continuum of Care. I'm going to share information about the CoC and our general roles and responsibilities. I'll talk on some of the details on how we handle it specifically in Washoe County. We operate in similar ways to the Southern Nevada CoC and are beholden to federal requirements. I often get asked what the CoC is.

It's a group of people working together to solve homelessness in their community. We do that work through shared policy, shared data, and by agreeing to certain priorities for the resources that are available. We know that we don't have as much funding as we need to solve homelessness in our community, although we would love that opportunity. Agreeing to those priorities helps us be the most strategic we can be in the resources that we have available. It also helps us to avoid silos. This work involves many different agencies across the community and it's an amazing opportunity to bring everyone together to make sure that we're all rowing in the same direction. From a technical standpoint, the Continuum of Care is a HUD program, and they define it as program in their regulations. In true HUD fashion, they have a technical definition of what that HUD program is. The National Alliance to End Homelessness also provides a definition to explain what the CoC is. I like people to hone in on this one because it includes key language that describes the work that we do very well. They describe the CoC as a regional or local planning body that coordinates housing and services funding for homeless families and individuals. I like to highlight and underscore the word coordinates because it really does take all agencies, nonprofits and local governments coming together to be able to solve homelessness in the community. The CoC assigns some specific responsibilities to an agency that is described as the collaborative applicant. That collaborative applicant receives some funding directly from HUD in a non-competitive fashion. With that funding, we're required to fulfill six main responsibilities. The first is that we complete a consolidated application for funding. Historically, that was annually. In 2024, HUD came out with a two-year funding cycle that was authorized by congress. HUD recently put out a NOFO that's subject to a lawsuit. There is some back and forth. We will see how it develops. We're required to put together a funding application at least every two years. We're also required to monitor the CoC grantees. HUD provides funding directly to agencies at the local level, but the collaborative applicant is required to conduct some annual monitoring to help ensure clients are working in compliance with the federal regulations. That monitoring also affects each agency's subsequent application scoring during that funding application cycle. It incentivizes people in being fully in compliance with those federal regulations. We're also required to manage a coordinated entry system. This is a no wrong door approach, utilizing standard assessment that results in a single prioritized list of people experiencing homelessness in the community that housing referrals are made off once there's a housing funding spot available. We conduct the Point in Time count per federal regulations. We're required to conduct a shelter count each year. An unsheltered count must be conducted at least every other year, and that count must occur in the last ten days in January. We're required to maintain a homeless management information system that is a community-wide database for people experiencing homelessness including shared data and information for all agencies to be able to put client data on and see where clients might be interacting with different agencies across the community. We are required to submit some reports annually that are aggregated numbers across the community. Concerning the consolidated application, there are a couple important steps in the process. The first is that each agency completes their own program application for funding. Historically, the allowable program types were permanent supportive housing, rapid rehousing and some smaller supportive services grants to support the facilitation of that coordinated entry system. With the notice of funding opportunity that HUD released this past fall that was rescinded due to ongoing litigation, new program types were allowed. In the future, there may be some different allowances. Historically, it was these three program types. Those applications are filled out, and we facilitate a rating and ranking committee. Each application is scored based on the criteria that we have agreed to at the CoC

governance level. Those applications are also ranked. This allows a numerical score to be assigned to each project based on some set criteria. The committee has the latitude to rank applications in a way that reflects the priorities of the community. Permanent supportive housing was the top priority, but not the top scoring application. The committee has the latitude to pull that project up and potentially be higher ranked than what its numerical score would indicate. We complete what is called a CoC application. This is an application that we put together that reflects the work of the entire community. This application impacts our scoring at the national level. There's some funding that's guaranteed and some that we must compete with nationally. That CoC application impacts those applications that must compete nationally for that funding. In FY24 for our CoC, we received about one point three million. It is a substantial amount of funding for our community. Clark County gets a more substantial amount. For our community, this funding is important and reflects the size of the community, as well. In Washoe County, we utilize a contracted facilitator for rating and ranking because Washoe County is a grantee. There are some options for funding to be reallocated. That can be voluntary. An agency can indicate that they will not spend all their money and make it available for somebody else to take advantage of. There's also involuntary reallocation where it is decided that a specific application doesn't meet the priorities and funds are assigned to a different agency. Both reallocations are allowed by HUD. We look to the NOFO to dictate what different funding opportunities there might be and what rules may apply to different reallocation limitations. The timelines vary and are dictated in the notice of funding opportunity. We're required to have at least sixty days to put that application together. That puts us in a tight timeline. For people who have participated in those rating and ranking committees, you will appreciate how challenging it is to get all this information put together and go through the required steps in sixty days. Concerning Tier 1 and Tier 2, which was a hot button issue with the NOFO that was released and rescinded this fall. Each year they break down the funding available into two different categories, Tier 1 and Tier 2. Tier 1 is generally understood as guaranteed to be funded and historically about ninety percent of our annual funding amount was allocated to Tier 1. Tier 2 must go out for national competition using the CoC score combined with the project score as factor to decide who is funded for Tier 2. In the NOFO that HUD released in the fall, instead of ninety percent, they brought that down to thirty percent in Tier 1. In Washoe County, that would have resulted in a one point eight million dollar reduction from what we normally consider guaranteed versus what we would have to compete nationally on. That put our funding in a precarious position, was alarming and is something we are still concerned about. We will see what comes out and what happens with the current pending lawsuit. If that had happened, it would have been one point eight million dollars locally and eighty-eight households that would no longer have that funding resource and that housing assistance, reflecting a drastic cut for our community. While we monitor each grantee annually, HUD also monitors grantees once every five years. That audit could result in financial impacts for the agency. We use this annual monitoring as an opportunity to provide training and technical assistance. These grants are challenging to implement. There are a tremendous number of regulations that apply and challenging calculations on how much rental assistance to provide. We try to train people to make sure we set them up for success if and when they're subject to a HUD audit. Our Point in Time count is required by HUD for sheltered count each year. The unsheltered count is at least every other year and must be in the last ten days of January. That applies nationally so that everybody is conducting a Point in Time count at the same time. When we gather that data, it is submitted to HUD, released to the community and gets significant media coverage. This is the data that HUD uses when they announce the number of

people experiencing homelessness nationwide, which is data from each community's point in time count reflecting a national average number. In Washoe County in 2021, we did an observation only count due to COVID-19. In 2022, 2023 and 2024, we did our standard methodology of doing a sheltered count with data pulled from HMIS and doing an unsheltered count where we count people in person on a specific morning, starting at 4:00 am. In 2025, we only did a sheltered count, so we don't have an unsheltered number. In 2026, we returned to our standard methodology and did both sheltered and unsheltered counts. We are often asked what the purpose of the Point in Time count is and whether it serves critical functions. It allows us to gather data and compare ourselves to other communities of similar sizes and to national trends. It helps our community better understand what resources we need, especially with the unsheltered number. We have other ways of polling people who are participating in a street outreach program. That in-person count of unsheltered people is time-consuming but is our best opportunity to get a good count of how many people are experiencing unsheltered homelessness. It's required to stay in compliance with federal regulations and maintain federal funding, which is crucial. The PIT count is broken into two distinct categories. The first is our sheltered count. We pull that data directly from HMIS. This includes anybody who is in an emergency shelter or transitional housing program. It also includes safe havens. We don't currently have any safe haven programs in Washoe County, but existing ones would be included in the sheltered count. The unsheltered portion is people who are living in a car, park, abandoned building or any place that is not intended for human habitation. This is an in-person count. We're amassing volunteers. We've got specific zone assignments. People are deployed at a certain time in the day to do that in-person count and ask people who are unsheltered a series of questions. Historically in our community, we did a motel count. This was not required by HUD. People who are living in a motel paid for with their own funds don't meet the HUD criteria for homelessness. We have subsequently stopped doing the motel count. We didn't have good enough participation. We like to make people understand why we did that and why we are no longer including that number in our materials. We have a standard data we put out each year to try to keep some standard year-over-year metrics. Data concerning years we did an unsheltered count is included in the demographics. We breakdown the number of people who are in emergency shelters or transitional housing. We include that utilization data on this document. The point in time count is not only a great opportunity to count how many people are experiencing homelessness, but it also gives us a standard point in time to look at our utilization number and dig into some of the trends and make sure we're aligning those resources with the housing types that are most utilized. In our year-over-year data, between 2021 and 2022, we had a substantial decrease in our unsheltered count. In between those two counts, we were able to build and bring online our Nevada Cares Campus. We added a tremendous number of emergency shelter beds. You can see that reflected in our numbers and in drastically reducing that unsheltered count. In subsequent years, 2023 and 2024, there were similar numbers of unsheltered people. We will be releasing an unsheltered number for our 2026 data to examine those trends. We also have our utilization data. What we like to message out are the program types that have our highest utilization, which is permanent supportive housing. This is an important piece of data because it tells us where the need currently is in our community. There is high utilization in emergency shelters, as well, but we want to transition people to permanent housing and long-term housing solutions. The lowest utilization is in transitional housing programs. This trend has held consistently true year-over-year. When bringing new program types online, we want people to look at programs that have high utilization to best meet needs. HMIS is the database that we use

across the community to pull housing utilization and sheltered bed data. We have a statewide instance. We're all putting data into the same database. Bitfocus is our statewide vendor. We're able to take advantage of Clark County's master contract, of which we are appreciative. That works to the benefit of the entire state. Bitfocus is a fantastic partner in this work. At the local level, we have continued to focus on making sure that every agency who is serving people experiencing homelessness is entering data directly into HMIS. In 2023, we were able to get the percentage of providers who are putting data directly into HMIS from forty percent, which is where we were in 2021, to ninety percent. We've maintained that ninety percent coverage rate since 2023. This allows us to pull that rich aggregate data so we can see community-wide trends. We use this data to post our monthly actively homeless numbers on our website, allowing us to see that data month-over-month. Within our local structure, we have a leadership council that operates per approved bylaws. We have a specific governance structure and a formal membership roster following Robert's Rules of Order. In this group, we focus most of our time around policy and drafting whatever policy needs there are for the community. We have a regional alliance to end homelessness. This is our stakeholder group. This operates under a come one, come all model. This is where we share information on new policy, new programs and general updates. We encourage new staff working in the field to come to this monthly meeting so they can get plugged into this network and be sure to receive all those updates on any new resources that are coming online. Our website, www.washoecounty.gov/homeless, is where we have all our policy documents. If anybody wanted to dig into those details, that would be the best place to start. That wraps it up for me.

Chair Tim Robb:

Thank you so much. Are there any questions for either of our Continuums of Care? Hearing and seeing none. Thank you both for the work that you do and for bringing us that information. We look forward to seeing the point in time counts come out when those are published. We are happy to have you back to discuss those numbers and any progress or challenges that we may be able to bring to this team to help work through. With that, we will move to agenda item number nine.

Agenda Item IX. [For Information Only – Discussion of Agenda Items for the Next Meeting, May 21, 2026]

Chair Tim Robb:

This is a discussion of agenda items for the next meeting, which is May 21st, 2026, at 1:00 pm. We will start with an update from the ICHHTA on any additional changes to the action plan and additional engagement that members of the ICHH have been able to find and address to keep the action and strategic plans alive and well with things moving in the right direction. The other item that we typically have is the housing division update. That item is required by statute. Any additional items? Colonel Devine?

Mary Devine:

Would we have the opportunity to add to the agenda the results of the grants that we've talked about and who the awardees of the grants were? That might be helpful to our different organizations so that we can amplify the message of who got the grant and what's available.

Chair Tim Robb:

Are you talking for your department specifically or additional departments or the CoC?

Mary Devine:

In general.

Tim Robb:

Awesome. Financial updates are something we should be looking at, especially as we build budgets towards the 2027 legislative session. Let's brainstorm offline about who might be best to bring that to the team. Thank you. Any additional thoughts for future agenda items? Feel free to reach out if anything comes up in the time between now and the next meeting. With that, we will close agenda item number nine.

Agenda Item X. [General Public Comments]

Chair Tim Robb:

Item number ten 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 974 857 615 followed by pound. We are now open for public comment. Please unmute yourself and state your name for the council. Does anybody wish to make public comment? Hearing and seeing none, I will take liberty to thank the staff that put all this together, all our presenters and those who have shown up to this meeting. I'm thankful for every time we get to meet quorum. Thank you for being here. This meeting is adjourned at 2:20 pm.

Agenda Item XI. [Adjournment 2:20 pm]

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



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