

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF

THE NEVADA INTERAGENCY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS TO HOUSING

October 29, 2025

The Nevada Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness to Housing was called to order by Chair Tim Robb at 1:07 p.m. on Wednesday, October 29, 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://dss.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

Judge Bridget Robb, Second Judicial District Court, Nevada

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

Dina Neal, Senator, Nevada

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

Stephen Aichroth, Administrator, Nevada Housing Division

Emily Testwuide, Deputy Director, Nevada Department of Corrections

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Judge Mike Montero, Sixth Judicial District Court, Nevada

Colonel Mary Devine, Director, Nevada Department of Veterans Services

Sheriff Jerry Allen, Pershing County, Nevada

Lieutenant Shatawna Daniel, Washoe County, Nevada

Max Carter, Assemblyman, Nevada

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

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

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 1:07 pm on October 29th, 2025. 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 129 817 521 followed by pound. We are now open for public comment. Please unmute yourself and state your name for the council. Moderator, do we have any written public comments?

Abigail Bagolor:

There is none.

Chair Tim Robb:

With that, we will close this agenda item.

Agenda Item III. [For Possible Action – Discussion and Possible Approval of Meeting Minutes from August 21, 2025, Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness to Housing]

Chair Tim Robb:

Is there any discussion on the minutes from the August 21st meeting? Not seeing any, I would entertain a motion to approve those minutes.

Robert Thompson:

I motion to approve.

Chair Tim Robb:

Thank you, sir. Is there a second?

Bridget Robb:

Second.

Chair Tim Robb:

We will now take a vote. All those in favor of passing the minutes from the August 21st meeting, please unmute yourself and indicate by saying “aye”.

Robert Thompson, Bridget Robb, Catrina Grigsby-Thedford, Dina Neal, Annie Wilson, Stephen Aichroth, Emily Testwuide:

Aye.

Chair Tim Robb:

Any opposed? Motion passes. We will now move on to agenda item number four.

Agenda Item IV. [For Possible Action – Discussion and Possible Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 18, 2025, Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness to Housing]

Chair Tim Robb:

Is there any discussion on the minutes from the September 18th meeting? Not seeing any, I would entertain a motion to approve those minutes.

Stephen Aichroth:

I move to approve.

Chair Tim Robb:

Thank you, sir. Do we have a second?

Robert Thompson:

I second.

Chair Tim Robb:

Thank you, sir. All those in favor of passing the minutes from the September 18th meeting, please unmute yourself and indicate by saying “aye”.

Robert Thompson, Catrina Grigsby-Thedford, Dina Neal, Annie Wilson, Stephen Aichroth, Emily Testwuide:

Aye.

Bridget Robb:

Chair Robb, I wasn't present for that meeting, so I need to abstain.

Chair Tim Robb: Thank you, we will note it. We will move on to agenda item number five.

Agenda Item V. [For Information Only – Rural Nevada Continuum of Care Homeless Update – Michele Fuller-Hallauer]

Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

Good afternoon, Chairman Robb, members of the council and the public. I'm Michele Fuller-Hallauer with Winged Wolf Innovations. Today, I'm wearing the hat of the Rural Nevada Continuum of Care Coordinator. We had the unfortunate situation where HUD has not accepted or validated the 2025 point in time and housing inventory count numbers yet, so we haven't shared them out publicly. The data I'm going to be referencing is focusing on 2024 and longitudinal data. I will start with national data, continue with state and narrow down to data at the rural level. Nationally, housing rents are unaffordable. They are running about one thousand four hundred dollars a month for a one bedroom. In the State of Nevada, they're running just over one thousand six hundred dollars. There's a discrepancy. Rents are increasingly unaffordable. The national monthly minimum wage is just over three hundred dollars, and for our state it's just over five hundred dollars. There's a huge discrepancy. The inventory count is an assessment of the housing we have across our community. This includes our emergency shelters, transitional housing and permanent supportive housing, which is rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing. Thirty-one out of every ten thousand Nevadans experience homelessness. The gross median rent was over one thousand three hundred dollars. This is a plot to show where we identify across the nation with other states. Per one hundred thousand residents, the balance of the state has seen fluctuations over the last decade. In the most recent years, we have shown a clear increase in the people who are experiencing homelessness in our rural and frontier communities. By gender, both men and women saw an increase in 2024, with a higher share of unsheltered or folks that are sleeping outside who are not coming in for a shelter or transitional housing. By gender, we have two hundred four percent more men that are experiencing homelessness than women in our rural communities. Gender-expansive people, while being a small number, remain entirely unsheltered. These figures highlight the urgent need for inclusive shelter policies. I also want to indicate that

adults over the age of twenty-five are most likely to be unsheltered, with more than eight in ten living out of doors. The stark rise in our older adults may signal a troubling trend in those folks that are aging into homelessness and what we call our silver tsunami or those folks that are older, and rents are rising to the point where they can't afford their rent anymore so they're entering a homeless situation. We saw this start in our urban communities, and it is rolling into our rural communities. From 2015 to 2024, we saw some stark shifts. Chronic homelessness has more than doubled in our rural community. Our veterans and unsheltered populations have also sharply increased. On the other hand, our family and child homelessness have declined. This shows where targeted interventions have worked, but it also highlights where we have some urgent gaps. On average, our households, in the balance of state or urban and frontier areas, spend between two and three months homeless before they are being housed. However, our families with children often stay homeless longer, averaging over one hundred days. This shows that we have a huge disparity in being able to get those folks moved into a permanent housing situation. We think that's because of having access to rental opportunities that will house our families and having capacity in our rural homeless service agencies. Nationally, seven percent of communities have enough shelter beds on any given night. The trend in our rural communities has seen a decline in emergency and transitional shelter beds. We've seen a severe and significant decline since 2007. This loss of short-term options directly contributes to more people staying unsheltered. I want to caution you, however, that people who are in a shelter bed, emergency bed or transitional housing situation are still considered homeless. We want to increase our permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing beds. Permanent housing has told a mixed story. While permanent housing had peaked in 2017, it has declined since. Other permanent housing representing rapid rehousing has had some growth. We have had a struggle to meet the needs, because this is the largest need that we have in our rural communities. This is where we need to focus in our rural and frontier communities. Of those that are leaving homelessness in our rural and frontier communities, fewer than four in ten exit to a permanent housing destination. One third of those people move into a temporary situation. Another third moved into a situation where we are not sure where they go.. Our veterans fare a little bit better. Just over half of them exit to a permanent destination. Again, this highlights the fragility of our veterans in our rural areas and their ongoing need for support, not only in rent, but in other wrap-around services. What are the implications? We know that it is possible to end homelessness in rural Nevada. There are some things that we need. We need more shelter beds to get people off the streets. What we really need is more affordable housing providers in rural and frontier areas to partner with homeless service providers. And we need more case management support to successfully provide sustainability for people who are experiencing homelessness and help them move to housing that is permanent so they can sustain that housing. This ends my report. I am open to any questions that you may have.

Chair Tim Robb:

Thank you so much. Very insightful, as usual. I appreciate your efforts. Are there any questions or comments from the members of the council for Michele?

Robert Thompson:

I have no questions. Thank you so much for the presentation.

Chair Tim Robb:

Any additional? Thank you so much, Michele. This is always helpful to get your presentations and

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get a better picture of what we're looking at and the many areas on our topic that you work in. I appreciate all your efforts to continue to make progress and advocate and inform policy makers on how things work and where we should be trying to look at putting resources, policy or anything we can do to help connect things and take care of Nevadans.

Michele Fuller-Hallauer:

You're welcome and thank you for allowing me to present to you today.

Chair Tim Robb:

With that, we will move on to agenda item number six.

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

Stephen Aichroth:

Thank you, Chair Robb and members of the council. There are not any more applications. However, to recap where we are and provide understanding, all the agreements in the first issuance are executed and will support one hundred seventy permanent supportive housing units. In the state, Washoe County Cares Campus has forty-five of those, Line Drive Apartments has fifty units, Reno Housing Authority Carvel Court Project has eleven permanent supportive housing units supported by this program, the VOA Highway Forty permanent supportive housing will ultimately have fourteen units, and the Coordinated Living of Southern Nevada South Nellis Project will have fifty permanent supportive housing units. Effectively, what the division is doing is working with the Urban Institute and Corporation for Supportive Housing for our program evaluation, capacity building and training. That's where the emphasis is from now until Spring. We've done a couple of different presentations, and we should have more information probably in the first or second quarter of next year when we reopen the application process. We will hopefully have more applicants come into the fold through that training and capacity building project. I will say that our first project that we have supported is starting lease up. That is at the Cares Campus permanent supportive housing and has started two days ago. Things are happening in this space. That concludes my overview of where we are at. We do have staff available to answer any questions. I would try to answer any questions, but we do have staff as attendees at this meeting. I'd be happy to turn it over to them if they have further comments or if there's any questions.

Chair Tim Robb:

Happy to hear from additional members of the Housing Division if they have more to add. We can open it up to members of the council with any questions or comments about the progress of the Housing Division. Hearing and seeing none, thank you so much, Administrator Aichroth. I know this is one of many things that you and your team are working on to reduce the cost of and increase the availability of housing across the state. Thank you for your efforts on this and all the other things that you guys are working on. I know that there's a lot going on in housing. I appreciate all your efforts.

Stephen Aichroth:

Thank you.

Chair Tim Robb:

With that, we will move on to agenda item number seven.

Agenda Item VII: [For Information Only – Discussion of 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:

Ms. Page, are you planning to make comments on this one?

Brooke Page:

Thank you all for keeping this topic on your agenda. We wanted to regroup to see how the council is wanting to decision the action plan. The technical assistance work group has been meeting, and we have recognized that we're kind of at a standstill and need some direction from this council on how to move forward with the action plan that we presented. We're hoping that you all may have a discussion topic or some decisions that could be made to give direction to the technical assistance work group on what role you want us to play. Is there a need for us to continue working on the action plan. We've done our due diligence with developing the strategic and action plans. Now, it's at the council's level to help us figure out how to move forward.

Chair Tim Robb:

Awesome. Thank you so much. I know there's been some questions and concerns from members of the council, the TA and some of our stakeholders as to whether we can formally adopt and approve the strategic plan. Unfortunately, the Attorney General's office has not been able to staff our meetings recently. Since our agenda was posted, the DSS team advocated on getting some additional legal representation on how we can move forward with the council and what authorities we have to approve or adopt things. We'll be looking towards the next meeting to get an opinion out of the Attorney General's office on whether we can move forward with a vote to formally adopt it. With that said, with all the work that has been done, the stakeholders that have engaged and all the incredible efforts of Ms. Page and team, I would feel comfortable saying that we would be supportive of taking action in the direction of many of the things in the strategic plan. I don't think that would take formal adoption or even a vote of the council to say that we would be in support of moving forward with many of the things in the plan. With that, I'll open it up for additional comments from the council.

Catrina Grigsby-Thedford:

Thank you for providing a little clarity on what we can and can't do. I want to echo what you said. As a member, I am also in support of supporting them to move forward with implementing some of these vital and crucial things they came up with in a statewide plan for the community. I am willing to assist and help our where I can as they are moving forward with action on the goals and objectives that are in the plan.

Chair Tim Robb:

Perfect. I would echo that, as well. I'm always here to help and advocate in the directions we can.

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I'm definitely supportive of the direction of the strategic plan. Do any other members of the council have any questions or comments?

Stephen Aichroth:

I had my staff provide commentary to the action plan created. We're supportive of whatever actions need to be done to facilitate moving those action steps into the strategic plan.

Chair Tim Robb:

Thank you very much, Administrator Aichroth. Any additional comments or questions from members of the council? I'll close this agenda item. I've reviewed the NRS and I'm not a lawyer. It's not something I feel comfortable in making an interpretation on. I do hope that we will be able to get some answers on a path forward if we have the authority to take an official vote. I know there's other items on this and some of our previous agendas that do have possible action. Those typically have some sort of statutory or legislative ability or requirement to do so. We will continue to get some traction with the Attorney General's office to get an answer on that. My personal hope is that we would be able to officially adopt on a future meeting through a vote of the council, as long as we have the authority to do so. Anything else on this agenda item before we move on?

Brooke Page:

No, but thank you, Chair Robb. Thank you for the context. If there's anything the technical assistance working group can do to support you all in your work, we are of service. There's a lot of motivated folks that want to be put to work and to help advance the goals of the council. Thank you for your time and service.

Chair Tim Robb:

Fantastic. Thank you so much for all the time and effort you put into the work you do. It is something that each of us on the council appreciate. We look forward to working with you on implementing it, as well. Let's move on to agenda item number eight.

Agenda Item VIII. [For Information Only – Discussion of Agenda Items for the Next Meeting on November 20, 2025]

Catrina Grigsby-Thedford:

I will say that we should add the strategic plan again, so that we can see any progress and where any support is needed. I'm sure they're going to need some time to figure out the next steps. This will keep us updated on what we may need to do to assist or what's happening in the community as it relates to the plan.

Chair Tim Robb:

That sounds perfect to me.

Catrina Grigsby-Thedford:

Thank you.

Chair Tim Robb:

Any additional items? If you think of things in between, feel free to reach out to me and let me know if there's additional items that you think we should consider for a future agenda at the next

meeting or a meeting after that. I'm happy to entertain additional content that might be helpful to this team and the conversation on homelessness to housing in general. Please feel free to reach out to me or our staff at DSS. With that, I will close this agenda item.

Agenda Item IX. [General Public Comments]

Chair Tim Robb:

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Annie Wilson:

I wanted to make sure that we take Lieutenant Gorrell's name off the list and add my name, please, from the Metro Police Department.

Chair Tim Robb:

We will make sure that the next meeting agenda and materials reflect that. Thank you so much.

Annie Wilson:

Thank you.

Chair Tim Robb:

Any additional comment from members of the public? We are good to move to adjournment. We will adjourn this meeting at 1:39 pm. Thank you all for joining.

Agenda Item X. [Adjournment 1:39 pm]

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Abigail Bagolor, Committee Moderator

APPROVED BY:



Robert Thompson, Vice Chair

Date: 11/05/2025