

Citizens Advisory Committee
Meeting Summary
April 4, 2019

Committee Members Present: Nancy Brune (By Phone), Nora Luna (By Phone), Taurus Duncan (By Phone), Wendell Williams

Committee Members Absent: Cherina Kleven, Esther Langston, F. Gerald Mackin, Lavonne Lewis, Patrick Smith

Clark County Staff Present: Mike Pawlak, Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Randy Reinoso, Jasmine Cook

- **Call to Order**
 - By Wendell Williams at 11:36 a.m.
- **Introduction of All Members**
- **Public Comment**
 - None
- **Approval of December and February Meeting Summary**
 - We did not have a quorum; therefore this item was not addressed.
- **Announcements from Members/Social Service Staff**
 - Mike Pawlak – We are going to select the top providers in the community that demonstrate they provide not only the front-end crisis intervention services, but also have exits to positive housing placements and other required outcomes. The bid for that is tomorrow in the Gold Room at the County building at 9:00 a.m. The Requests for Qualifications is on the County website.
- **Department Update**
 - Michael Pawlak – At the last meeting we talked about how the Board of County Commissioners had contingently approved setting aside some Marijuana tax revenue to address homeless issues. They had asked Social Service to come up with a high concept plan of how that would look. We presented that to the board at the March 19 BCC meeting. We thought we would bring Michele Fuller-Hallauer to give you an overview of what we are proposing.
 - Michele Fuller-Hallauer – We have talked before about our Homeless Census numbers. As you know, 36% of the people experiencing homelessness in our community are in shelters or transitional housing, and two-thirds of them are unsheltered, which means that they are sleeping outside. The majority of the people that are homeless in our community are adults without children. Our current Homeless System of Care begins with a Housing Crisis; the leading cited barriers to obtaining housing are lack of income and the inability to afford rent. Clients who are experiencing a housing crisis enter the system by receiving a housing assessment through the Coordinated Entry System. Through this assessment, we are able to determine what the individual would need to maintain housing. These clients are entered into the Community Queue. At this point, it would be wonderful to divert those people who are experiencing homelessness from our homeless service system and they would never have to go into shelters or our housing programs, which are transitional housing, rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing. If we cannot divert folks from our systems, we need to put them into some type of intervention, emergency shelter or bridge housing, which is usually the first step, while we identify a rapid rehousing or permanent supportive housing opportunity for that person to be in, so we can really move them to that path of self-sufficiency and exiting the homeless service system and really being

sustainable in a permanent housing situation. Sometimes that is with a subsidy so that they can eventually, when they have had enough assistance be able to exit the homeless system and be able to maintain housing. Other folks need ongoing assistance whether it be because they have certain types of issues that necessitate that assistance, or they need certain types of rental assistance.

What we want to do with the marijuana tax money is to build upon the work done by the Southern Nevada Homelessness Continuum of Care (CoC), address gaps in the system using non-federal funding, and utilize flexible funding to drive innovative solutions. We have identified four overarching goals: House all families and youth in the queue; house system-involved families and youth impacting County departments; expand shelter options/housing for persons experiencing homelessness; and address system gaps using non-federal funding and drive unique and innovative solutions.

- **Membership**

- Michael Pawlak – Since we don't have a quorum we can't take action on this today. After this meeting, we will circulate this application through email so that we can get a vote and get this application to the Board for approval.
- Wendell Williams – Is it permissible to determine since we only meet every other month, if we can find a better date and time to have this meeting that might encourage more members to participate?

- **Public Comment**

- None

- **Adjournment**

- By Wendell Williams at 12:04 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 6, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. at Clark County Social Service located at 1600 Pinto Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada.