

Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Summary December 1, 2016

Committee Members Present: Erika Marquez, Esther Langston (By Phone), F. Gerald Mackin, Lavonne Lewis, Nancy Brune (By Phone), Nora Luna (By Phone)

Committee Members Absent: Bonnie Chu, David Spriggs, Eric Cordas, Ernesto Perdomo, Patrick Smith, Robert Torres, Taurus Duncan and Wendell Williams

Clark County Staff Present: Michael Pawlak, Bobby Gordon, Gina Olivares and Jasmine Cook

- **Call to Order**
 - By Vice Chair Lavonne Lewis at 11:40 a.m.
- **Introduction of All Members**
- **Public Comment**
 - None
- **Approval of October Meeting Summary**
 - Correction made: Item IV on the December 1, 2016 Meeting Agenda mistakenly stated “Approval of August Meeting Summary”; it was corrected to state “Approval of October Meeting Summary”.
 - We do not have a quorum to approve the Meeting Summary.
- **Announcements from Members/Social Service Staff**
 - Lavonne Lewis – Salvation Army will be holding their Toy Drive on December 17, 2016.
 - Nora Luna – There is toolkit now available for people to declare their final healthcare www.decidingtomorrowtoday.org.
 - Bobby Gordon –Project Homeless Connect was successful. The most utilized service at that event was again the quashing of warrants for homeless individuals with minor infraction warrants for things such as trespassing. This event plays a vital role in allowing these individuals to take advantage of services in the community. We encourage our members to attend next year.

Also, the Straight from the Streets 21st Annual Homeless Candlelight Vigil will be held on December 15, 2016 at the Federal Building.

If you are interested in volunteering for the census count in January, there is a handout in the meeting packet.

Our annual Christmas Party will be held on December 9, 2016. We will email the invitation to all CAC members.

- Michael Pawlak – There is film viewing opportunity on public housing. RethinkHousing.org was started by a vendor group that works with public housing agencies. They organized this advocacy effort to bring awareness to the issue of public housing. The film is named “Our Journey Home” and it will be shown at the Palms.

- **Department Update**

- Michael Pawlak – I attended the NACO conference in Pahrump, NV and shared the presentation that I shared with you at the October CAC meeting. I received great feedback. There are some grant opportunities for permanent housing and other homeless services. These will be available via Zoom Grants next week.

We are getting ready for the Legislative Session. We will keep the CAC informed on items we believe are of interest to the committee.

- Bobby Gordon - In July 2016, our department entered in a Memorandum of Understanding with Workforce Connections. They are currently occupying an office here at the Pinto Campus to service our clients on site.

- **Membership**

- We have a member who does not wish to renew CAC membership; therefore, there will be one vacancy on the committee. In your packet are five (5) applications for your review. However, because we don't have a quorum, we will send this information via email to all CAC members right after today's meeting and hold a vote by email for that vacant seat.

- **Public Comment:**

- None

- **Adjournment:**

- By Lavonne Lewis at 12:50 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. at Clark County Social Service located at 1600 Pinto Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada.