

### **RNCoC Steering Committee Meeting Minutes**

**When:** September 19th, 2024 1:30 PM  
**Where:** via Teams  
**Who:** Rural Nevada Continuum of Care Steering Committee  
**Why:** To discuss alternatives to homelessness in Rural Nevada

#### **Present Members:**

Mary Jane Ostrander, Chair, Carson City Human Recourses  
Jackee Stewart, Co-Chair, Churchill County Social Services  
Jazzmine Betancourt, Nevada Housing Division  
Yesenia Aguilera, Churchill County Social Services  
Lourdes Zuniga-Perez, Nevada Rural Housing  
Chris Murphy, New Frontier  
Jackie Rhea, Advocates to End Domestic Violence  
Chelsea Heath, Nevada Housing Division  
Janet Thompson, Nevada Rural Housing  
Jim Peckham, FISH

Michele Fuller-Hallauer (WWI)  
Brandon Hallauer (WWI)  
Jordan Ernst (WWI)

#### **1. Public Comment:**

**Summary:** N/A

#### **2. Standing agenda items for updates:**

##### **Nevada Housing Division:**

**Summary:** Jazzmine updated the group that they are still working on the ESG, State Trust Fund, HOME, and HTF, which should be coming soon. Chelsea explained the challenges the Nevada Housing Division is having, and they are waiting for their formal HUD agreement for the Emergency Solutions Grant.

Jim from Carson City FISH explained their Student, Women, Men, and transitional housing were all up and running. They hope that by the end of the month, with processing from HUD, twenty of the thirty units will be filled for students starting school.

**Action Items:** N/A

**Motions:** N/A

**Vote:** No vote necessary

**Bitfocus:**

**Summary:** Brandon informed the group that the new interface is live but has not yet been turned on for the rurales. Brandon asked the Steering Committee for permission to set up a demo for the rurals so they could decide if they would like the new or old interface. The group agreed that no vote was necessary and permitted Brandon to proceed with the demo.

**Action Items:** N/A

**Motions:** N/A

**Vote:** No vote necessary

**Veterans Administration**

**Summary:** N/A

**Action Items:** N/A

**Motions:** N/A

**Vote:** No vote necessary

**3. HUD FCAA Contracts:**

**Summary:** Mary Jane explained to the group that the Governance Committee met last week to discuss the FCAA contracts because Elko FISH could no longer take over the contracts. At the last Steering Committee meeting, Michele explained that they also had FCC come forward with an interest in taking on the contracts, but the committee had concerns. Since then, Michele has been able to spend a day and a half with FCC doing site visits and obtaining additional information. Michele explained she shared the information she received from the site visits with the Governance Committee. After much discussion, the Governance Committee chose to establish a non-precedent setting exception for FCAA contracts to be transferred to FCC. A caveat was put in place that, if HUD approves and moves forward with the reassignment of the grants, for at least the first six months, FCC must provide monthly report backs to the Steering Committee on their progress and spend downs.

Michele explained that WWI crafted a letter on behalf of the CoC Steering Committee that the Chair and Co-Chair signed and has been submitted to HUD for approval. Michele updated the group that FCC has already submitted all their documentation to HUD. She explained that HUD is currently interacting with Wendy Nelson, FCC's Executive Director, to ensure they are eligible for these grants.

**Action Items:** N/A

**Motions:** N/A

**Vote:** No vote necessary

#### **4. CoC Local Competition:**

**Summary:** Michele updated the group that we are in the middle of the Local Competition. Renewal and new projects are due next Friday (09/27/2024). She explained that the local competition page on the rural Nevada CoC website is active, and everyone should check it regularly. Michele reminded everyone that regular Friday meetings on the local competition are being held along with local competition open office hours and Consolidated application workshops.

Michele also reminded everyone that the CoCBuils competition is coming up and that information will be posted on the website. Michele explained that if you or your agency are not a CoC applicant, you are still needed by the Rating and Ranking Committee to help score the applications. Brandon explained anyone interested in participating in the CoCBuils should fill out the CoCBuils application on the website [ruralnevadacoc.org](http://ruralnevadacoc.org).

**Action Items:**

1. Local Competition new and renewal projects are **due next Friday, 09/27/2024.**
2. Reach out to WWI at [rncoc@wingedwolf.org](mailto:rncoc@wingedwolf.org) for meeting invites.
3. Everyone will check in on the website [ruralnevadacoc.org](http://ruralnevadacoc.org) for Local Competition and CoCBuils information.

**Motions:** N/A

**Vote:** No vote necessary

## **5. Coordinated Entry:**

**Summary:** Brandon updated the group that the Coordinated Entry committee is in the middle of working towards what a new Coordinated Entry system would look like. The committee has completed the HUD Self-Assessment and is discussing what kind of data the CoC should be looking at in terms of monitoring the Coordinated Entry process and how it will work.

Brandon explained that he was at Clarity Connect, and learned about many functionalities to the Coordinated Entry that the CoC is not using and that moving forward may be very beneficial. Brandon explained that one idea that has been discussed, is splitting the CoC into several Coordinated Entry lists to help with current challenges. The group discussed questions and additional options that would also be beneficial.

**Action Items:** N/A

**Motions:** N/A

**Vote:** No vote necessary

## **6. CoC Coordination (Standing Item):**

### **CoC Funding:**

**Summary:** Mary Jane explained to the group that she had not seen any new contributions and that their coordinated services had not been funded. She emphasized the need to get the coordinated services funded. The group discussed different funding opportunities and if anyone could contribute. Michele explained WWI could invoice directly and enter into individual MOUs rather than going through Churchill County as a fiscal agent. Attendees agreed that Mary Jane or Jackee should reach out to the Nevada Housing Coalition and the Nevada Homeless Alliance to set up a meeting and discuss lobbying opportunities to get funding for CoC coordination for the rurals. Brandon discussed other CoC's around the country have implemented dues paid from participating agencies to fund CoC coordination.

Michele explained that for those not on the Governance Committee, WWI is bringing Civic Roundtable in as a platform to pilot with Rural Nevada for coordination and connectivity.

**Action Items:**

1. Mary Jane or Jackee will reach out to the Nevada Housing Coalition and the Nevada Homeless Alliance to schedule a meeting.

**Motions:** N/A

**Vote:** No Vote necessary

## **7. WWI Office Hours and TA:**

**Summary:** Brandon explained WWI is offering office hours for the Consolidated Application and the Local Competition, which will be held on **Friday (09/20/2024) at 11:00 AM**. Brandon explained office hours will begin ramping up in October as federal reporting is coming up, and office hours will also be available to review and discuss data.

### **Action Items:**

1. Sign up for 1-on-1 Office Hours and TA at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RNCoC-1-on-1-TA>

**Motions:** N/A

**Vote:** No vote necessary

## **2. RNCoC New Email Sign-Up:**

**Summary:** Brandon explained to the group that at the last Steering Committee meeting, the cut-off to sign up for the RNCoC email distribution list was set for September 16<sup>th</sup>, but due to missed emails, it was extended to September 20<sup>th</sup>. He explained that anyone not signed up by September 20<sup>th</sup> will no longer receive emails from the RNCoC.

### **Action Items:**

1. Sign up for the RNCoC email distribution list at <http://eepurl.com/iMAKwE>

**Motions:** N/A

**Vote:** No vote necessary

## **Public Comment:**

**Summary:** Jordan explained there was a Logo Rebranding Work Group last week, but unfortunately, only three people showed up, so it was canceled. Jordan emphasized the

importance of these meetings and what is still needed for the RNCoC website. The group discussed the best way to schedule the next meeting to get more attendance and decided to have a doodle poll sent out.

**Next Steps/ Action Items:**

1. Local Competition new and renewal projects are **due next Friday, 09/27/2024.**
2. Reach out to WWI at [rncoc@wingedwolf.org](mailto:rncoc@wingedwolf.org) for meeting invites.
3. Everyone will check in on the website **ruralnevadacoc.org** for Local Competition and CoC Builds information.
4. Mary Jane or Jackee will reach out to the Nevada Housing Coalition and the Nevada Homeless Alliance to schedule a meeting.
5. Sign up for 1-on-1 Office Hours and TA at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RNCoC-1-on-1-TA>
6. Sign up for the RNCoC email distribution list at <http://eepurl.com/iMAKwE>
7. Jordan will send a doodle poll to schedule the next RNCoC Rebranding Work Group.