



RNCoC Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

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

Present Members:

Jackee Stewart, Co-Chair, Churchill County Social Services
Kara Fraki, Sierra Nevada Veterans Affairs
Lourdes Zuniga-Perez, Nevada Rural Housing
Roxanne Peterson, New Frontier
Jackie Rhea, Advocates to End Domestic Violence
Lovia "Vi" Larkin, Vitality Unlimited
Karyn Smith, Nye County Health and Human Resources
Jennie Martin, Nye County Health and Human Resources
Dawn Tann, DPBH Rural Clinics
Noah Largent, The F.I.S.H, Carson City
Shayla Holmes, Lyon County Human Services
Cheryl Borgstrom, HUD
Meisha Jensen, US Department of Veterans Affairs
Kayla Langley-Rudy, Nevada Housing Division
Jazzmine Betancourt, Nevada Housing Division

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

NOTE: The Steering Committee DID NOT meet quorum and, as such, could not vote on any new actions. This meeting served as an update and problem-solving meeting.

1. Public Comment:

Summary:

Jackee shared her challenges with low-income housing appeals, particularly regarding apartments not renewing the lease for tenants that have previously been homeless and have mental health needs. Jazzmine offered to look into the funding status of the apartments to ensure compliance with affordability requirements and suggested housing clients outside their county if they were open to it. Michele mentioned available legal services to assist tenants and emphasized the importance of documenting landlord communications to identify potential discriminatory practices. Various resources were shared to help tackle the housing issues faced by clients.

2. Standing agenda items for updates:

Nevada Housing Division:

Summary:

Jazzmine updated the group that they would be requesting public comment for the 2023 HUD CAPER in the upcoming week as they got the last of the ESG CAPER reports back. She reminded the group that they recently sent out the ESG agreements for execution but do not have funds available in IDIS yet. Jazzmine explained there is always a delay with HUD between when they give them their agreement and when they give them the funds, but they will let everyone know when they can submit requests for reimbursement.

Action Items:

N/A

Motions: N/A

Vote: No vote necessary

Bitfocus:

Summary:

Michele updated the group that Bitfocus is working on the LSA, and they have been sending emails. She explained that Ely and Rohan have also been sending emails and are Bitfocus team members. Please ensure you are responding to them, as they are working diligently to get everything cleaned up so a clean bill of data can be submitted to the LSA. Michele explained they have had various meetings and have been following up with some folks to get everything cleared up. She said that Bitfocus would be closed between December 25th and January 1st and that the help desk would have a skeleton crew during that period.

Action Items: N/A

Motions: N/A

Vote: No vote necessary

Veterans Administration

Summary:

Kara explained that there are no new updates for the group.

Miesha explained that she is stationed in Salt Lake City, UT, and Utah and preparing for their PIT Count. She asked the group for any information regarding Elko County's PIT count. Brandon

explained that Nevada has decided not to conduct a 2025 unsheltered PIT count but would conduct the sheltered count as HUD requires it. He explained that the report for the 2024 unsheltered count would break it down per county and can be found on the CoC website at ruralnevadacoc.org.

Action Items: N/A

Motions: N/A

Vote: No vote necessary

3. RNCoc Action Plan:

Summary:

Michele discussed with the group the meeting everyone attended in February in Churchill County and reminded everyone of the action plan that was created for 2024. Michele discussed with the group all the completed must-dos for quarters one, two, and three and the current items in quarter four. She explained she wanted everyone to reflect on the year and see the positive accomplishments the CoC has made.

Michele explained to everyone that the RNCoc now has a website where we can add documents, resources, and events; and it was able to be used during the local competition process. She explained Jordan is currently putting together an extensive resource list by county that will be used on the website. She explained that if anyone has any resources they want on the website, they should reach out to Jordan and provide her with the information.

Brandon and Jordan gave a quick update on the website and explained that the events page is not working currently and has been handed off to IT. Brandon explained that we are actively working on figuring out a workaround, but it may not look like what we originally designed.

Brandon also mentioned that when sending mass emails, especially government servers do like WWI's emails. He asked if you happen to work for a government agency and are not getting emails from mccoc@wingedwolf.org, please talk to your IT department about getting WWI whitelisted.

Action Items:

1. Reach out to Jordan at jfe@wingedwolf.org with any resources for the website.
2. Talk to your IT department if you are not receiving emails from mccoc@wingedwolf.org

Motions: N/A

Vote: No vote necessary

4. Coordinated Entry:

Summary:

Michele explained the last Coordinated Entry meeting was canceled earlier in the week as WWI received a lot of notifications from folks that they would not be available for the meeting. With it being so close to the holidays, WWI thought it was best not to have the meeting. She explained that WWI is continuing to get information on the cost of a coordinated entry redesign. WWI has been working with the developers at Bitfocus to identify the cost at the different levels for building our different components of the clarity system and for a coordinated entry redesign, along with talking to other CoCs to get an idea of what a coordinated entry redesign looks like to be able to put together a proposal for cost.

Action Items: N/A

Motions: N/A

Vote: No vote necessary

5. CoC Coordination (Standing Item) :

Summary: N/A

Action Items:

Motions: N/A

Vote: No vote necessary

Public Comment:

Summary: N/A

Next Steps/ Action Items:

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