

**MINUTES**

**SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE  
Standing Committee to the Laughlin Town Advisory Board  
February 18, 2014  
8:30 A.M.**

**Laughlin Regional Government Center  
101 Civic Way, LAUGHLIN, NEVADA**

**Members Present:** Roger Burtraw  
Victoria Conely  
Joe Marr  
James Williams

**Members Absent:**  
Cheryl Seipke, Excused

**Others Present:**  
Tim Burch, Clark County Social Services  
Donna Stanley, DWSS Welfare  
Anthony Frost, DWSS Welfare  
Michael Lewis, Laughlin Behavioral Health  
Julie Fairman, Laughlin Times  
Mike Conner, River Fund  
Donna Moyer, Laughlin  
Darryl Dauenhauer, Colorado River Food Bank  
Becky Hochstedler, Colorado River Food Bank

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

- A.** Conformance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.
- B.** Agenda items may be taken out of order if deemed necessary.
- C.** The Social Services Committee may combine two or more agenda items for consideration.
- D.** The Social Service Committee may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item at any time.

**2. ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS**

- A.** Approval of the February 18, 2014 Agenda.

**Roger Burtraw** moved, **James Williams** seconded the approval of the agenda.  
Motion carried 4-0.

**B. Approval of the January 21, 2014 Minutes.**

The January 21, 2014 minutes were not available. This Organizational Item was tabled to the March 18, 2014 meeting.

- 3. COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC: This is a period devoted to comments by the general public about items on *this* agenda. If you wish to speak to the committee about items within its jurisdiction but not appearing on this agenda, you must wait until the “Comments by the General Public” period listed at the end of this agenda. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. Please step up to the speaker’s podium, clearly state your name and address and *spell* your last name for the record. If any member of the committee wishes to extend the length of a presentation, this will be done by the Chair or the committee by majority vote. The committee retains the discretion to take additional public comments during times other than during a Public Hearing or during the Public Comment Sessions. In all other instances, a citizen may speak on any matter before the committee for consideration, after receiving recognition and consent of the Chairman of the committee.**

**4. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

- A. Discuss the selection of a Social Service Committee Co-chair for 2014 and take any action deemed appropriate.**

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Roger Burtraw moved to nominate Victoria Conely. James Williams seconded the nomination. Victoria was re-elected as Social Service Committee Co-Chair for 2014.

- B. Discuss the selection of a Social Service Committee Secretary for 2014 and take any action deemed appropriate.**

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

This Organizational Item was tabled to the March 18, 2014 meeting.

- C. Receive a presentation from Clark County Social Services Department on the services and opportunities that are available for Clark County residents.**

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Tim Burch, Director of Clark County Social Services began his presentation by mentioning he brought along members of the Nevada Division of Welfare & Supportive Services (DWSS).

He stated allot of the services they provide are complimentary. He stated his

purpose for his visit was a fact-finding mission to see what our needs are here in Laughlin. He stated will be providing a one-page handout, which explains the services they provide, and lists contacts. He mentioned the services they provide, including: 1. Medical Assistance to Childless Adults for help with Medicaid. 2. Financial Assistance Product providing rent support for one month per year and in some cases up to 6 months. Their goal is to move clients to sustainability. 3. Transportation for clients to go back to the community they came from, if they are unable to support themselves. This is only for people who have been in Clark County for less than six-months. They validate there is a party who will provide them housing. 4. Homemaker-Home Aid Program provides help to people, so that can stay in their own home. 5. Long Term Care Program: for people go into long-term health care facilities and are not covered by Medicare, Medicaid, or other sources. This helps pay to keep them in these facilities, getting them the medical care and experience quality of life. 6. Regional Homeless Response Team provide shelter, housing programs, job programs. Tim said they work closely with our partners to get them the SNAP benefits they need. He also works with Food Banks to screen individuals.

Donna Stanley, Manager of the Henderson Welfare Department gave a brief overview of the services they provide: 1. Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) also known as Food Stamps. 2. Cash Assistance Program is an ongoing Cash Grant only available for families with dependant children. 3. The Affordable Care Act Childless Adult Program.

Anthony Frost from DWSS is available every other Tuesday at the Community Resource Center, at 55 Civic Way. They provide Temporary Assistance for a Needy Family (TAFNF) interviews for cash assistance, SNAP assistance. There is a social worker there to ask questions. Phone number to contact customer service (702) 486- 1001 800 992-0900 web site <https://dwss.nv.gov> and the Nevada Health Link <https://www.nevadahealthlink.com/>

Tim closed his presentation by thanking all those present and he is looking forward to getting some closer contact with the agencies here in Laughlin. He also mentioned if there is something Clark County Social Services can help partner on do not hesitate to contact him.

**D. Committee to discuss specific goals for 2014.**

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

This Organizational Item was tabled to the March 18, 2014 meeting.

**E. Committee to discuss public service information that may potentially be submitted to the media and take any action deemed appropriate.**

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

**Julie Fairman**, Laughlin Nevada Times, is present at today's meeting and will make a report in the local newspaper. **Julie Fairman** states that information must be submitted by noon Friday to be included in the following week's edition.

5. **COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:** This is a period for the Public to comment on items within the jurisdiction of the Social Services Committee, but not appearing on this agenda. If any member of the committee wishes to extend the length of their comments, this will be done by the Chairman, or the committee by majority vote. When speaking during a specific item or during the Public Comments sessions, please step up to the speaker's podium, clearly state your name and address – please spell your name for the record – and limit your comments to no more than three (3) minutes. No vote may be taken on any matter not listed on the posted agenda.
  
6. **NEXT MEETING DATE:** March 18, 2014, 8:30 A.M., Laughlin Regional Government Center, 101 Civic Way, Laughlin, Nevada. Agenda items due no later than March 7, 2014.
  
7. **ADJOURNMENT**  
**Victoria Conely** made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 a.m., seconded by **James Williams**. Motion carried 4-0.

**NOTE:** *These meeting minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the March 18, 2014 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the minutes of the April 15, 2014 meeting.*