

MINUTES

**SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
Standing Committee to the Laughlin Town Advisory Board
August 19, 2014
8:30 A.M.**

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

Members Present: Victoria Conely
Roger Burtraw
James Williams
Pat Gutierrez

Members Absent:
Cheryl Seipke, Excused
Kathy Whitney, Unexcused

Others Present:
Charles Ellis, Trailways Mental Health
Curtis Wilkerson, Trailways Mental Health
Toni Mims, Trailways Mental Health
Susan Haut, Laughlin Behavioral Health
Pedro Gabino, Laughlin Behavioral Health
Julie Fairman, Laughlin Times
Stacey Stutsman, Westcare

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 August 19, 2014 Agenda.

James Williams moved **Victoria Conely** seconded the approval of the agenda.
Motion carried 4-0.

- B. Approval of the July 15, 2014 Minutes.

Pat Gutierrez moved **Victoria Conely** seconded the approval of the minutes.
Motion carried 4-0.

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. **Receive a presentation with an overview of services provided by Trailways Mental Health.**

Charles Ellis gave a power point presentation of Trailways Mental Health located in Las Vegas, with services offered in Laughlin. **Stacey Stutsman** states that this program provides mental health services in a person’s home. **Toni Mims** states that Trailways has been unable to find office space in Laughlin, the company has been turned down at three locations due to mental health services already being provided in Laughlin. **Toni** adds that Trailways is currently meeting the needs of over 25 homes in Laughlin, and there are a substantial number of residents with no services as they have no insurance. **Toni** states that the public is being made aware of their services through word of mouth and through the students/schools. This committee is given a printout of the power point presentation.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- B. **Committee to discuss specific goals for 2014.**

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This committee’s goal is to educate the community of the services available in Laughlin. There is no one scheduled at this time to make a presentation at the September 16, 2014 meeting. **Julie Fairman** will give **Victoria** contact information for the new VA clinic. Other suggestions included: the local churches, casinos that have employee organizations that help the locals, and the

EZ Fast Pharmacy that is scheduled to open later this year in Laughlin.

C. 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.

Susan Haut, CPM, LCSW, State of Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health, introduces the new director of Laughlin Behavioral Health Center **Pedro Gabino**. **Pedro** has been with Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services (SNAMHS) for a number of years and will continue to be based at SNAMHS, and will be coming to Laughlin weekly to oversee the clinic.

6. **NEXT MEETING DATE:** September 16, 2014, 8:30 A.M., Laughlin Regional Government Center, 101 Civic Way, Laughlin, Nevada. Agenda items due no later than September 8, 2014.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

James Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m., seconded by **Victoria Conely** Motion carried 4-0.

NOTE: *These meeting minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the September 16, 2014 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the minutes of the October 21, 2014 meeting.*