

December 6, 2012

Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Summary

Committee Members Present: Bonnie Chu
Ylonda Dickerson
Vida Lin
Nancy Brune – phone
Suzanne Dessaints
Patrick Smith
Dean Ishman - Chair
Wendell Williams – Vice-Chair

Committee Members Absent: Dr. Esther Langston, Ph.D
Taurus Duncan
Jackie Seip
E. Lavonne Lewis

Facilitator: Sherri Hess

Clark County Staff Present: Tim Burch, Bobby Gordon, Gina Olivares and Janet Brown

I. Call to Order:

- By Dean Ishman at 11:45am

II. Introduction of All Members

III. Public Comment: None

IV. Approval of the August 2nd, 2012 meeting summary: Approved

V. Announcements from Members/Social Service Staff:

Dean Ishman- Mammovan 12/19-20 free services at the Whitney Senior Center, 5712 E. Missouri Ave. #877-581-6266

Project Homeless Connect will be held on 12/6, Shannon West will be commemorated. The Homeless Vigil will be held on 12/13 at 1:00 a.m. at HELP of Southern Nevada. Everyone is invited to attend the annual CCSS Holiday party on 12/13.

VI. Working Group Update: None

VII. Youth and Social Service

Wendell Williams gave a presentation on College of Southern Nevada (CSN) data. CSN's graduation rate is low. Many of the attendees have received

assistance from Social Service. Mr. Williams commended CCSS for assisting these youths and wants CCSS to continue to help this population based upon the numerous social service issues this population faces. The Step-UP program was identified as playing a major role in assisting the youth who visit CCSS.

VIII. Affordable Health Care

October 2013 open enrollment will begin. Medicare Expansion 2013 – waiting for decision of governor. 100% of our medical clients will be going to the Medicaid or the Exchange. Members requested a working session on this topic.

IX. Department Update:

Salvation Army update- At the last meeting there was a discussion regarding how the Salvation Army had cut 3 programs and the community was on the verge of losing money based upon these cuts unless we were able to get another provider to assume the program. Since that meeting, several providers have stepped forward: HELP (PATHS), Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services and HELP (Housing support programs).

The Homeless Census will be conducted on 1/24 at 4:00am. A census of the homeless in Clark County is a prerequisite to qualify for federal funding. Southern Nevada has received more than \$13 million from these grants during the past two years. CAC members were invited to volunteer for the count.

Housing Authority MOU - “Connect To Home” CCSS as well as other community providers who are part of the Continuum of Care, have entered into agreement with the Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority to provide expedited housing for those most vulnerable in the community. There are 150 Units dedicated to the project.

IX. Public Comment:

Ylonda- Operation TPI – 8 week mentoring program for youth. She has 60 kids but only has funding for only 6. They are paid a stipend of \$600

X. Adjournment – 12:46pm

The next meeting of the CAC is scheduled for February 7, 2013 at 11:30 a.m. at the Clark County Social Service office, 1600 Pinto Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada.

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