

City of Las Vegas EFFORTS TO END HOMELESSNESS

OVERVIEW
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- The City of Las Vegas created a **CLV Homelessness Advisory Committee** to focus on homeless issues in downtown, Corridor of Hope and the Medical District (complementary to the regional work).
 - ❑ The work of the committee focuses on connecting homeless to programs and services.
- The **Southern Nevada Regional Homelessness Continuum of Care Board** focuses on regional efforts (also a cross-section of community stakeholders).
 - ❑ The work of the regional board focuses on compliance with Federal mandates, regulations and Continuum of Care (CoC) funding.

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- City of Las Vegas' Homelessness Advisory Committee meetings have been focusing on:
 - Orientation on the homelessness in Southern Nevada
 - Identify critical issues for immediate implementation and long term planning
 - Organize issues into core subject areas for further discussion/research
 - Identify resources and create partnerships that can be implemented simultaneously (some short-term, mid-term and long-term)
- The Committee began with 26 community stakeholders and quickly expanded to 31, all of which demonstrates a desire , passion and interest in getting involved to address homelessness in our community.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE



The 31 Community Stakeholders include:

- Private Businesses
- Homeless Advocates
- Faith Based
- Law Enforcement /
Emergency Response
- Homeless Providers (non-
profit and for-profit)
- Hospital
- Formerly Homeless
- Formerly Homeless
- Library District
- Banking
- Design Community
- Veterans Administration
- HUD
- State of Nevada
- Clark County

GUIDING PRINCIPLES



- More **effective use of city resources** to address the homelessness
- Address **unmet needs** that have not been adequately served
- Address “**service resistant**” populations
- Reflect **best practices**
- Implement a **bold, visionary and pioneering plan**

Challenges / Barriers



- Requirements for access to shelters
- Storage options for personal items
- Specialized Shelters for substance abuse / sobriety issues (wet shelters)
- Outreach efforts to homeless individuals is fragmented
- Available resource information of programs and services
- Lack of Intermediate Housing:
 - Temporary Housing
 - Permanent and Supportive Housing with case management support
- Mental Health issues and available resources
- Public Education on the best way to help the homeless
- Clear, effective and coordinated communication between agencies / Coordinated Intake
- Federal rules and regulations are difficult to navigate
- Panhandling
- Inadequate Resource Center / Drop In Center
- 24 hour Public Restroom Facilities
- Knowledge of available resources

MISSION



We will connect street homeless in the urban core to housing & services that improves safety, health and wellness.

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The Community Stakeholders are focusing on **5 key categories**:

- Connecting Homeless to **Services** that Addresses Critical Need
- Connecting Homeless to **Housing**
- Sustain Homeless Efforts thru **Accountability** and **Performance Measures**
- Build **Funding** Strategies that Support Ending Homelessness
- Improve **Public Safety** through Physical Enhancements / Masterplan of the Corridor of Hope.

PROGRESS



- Informational **HELP CARDS** - 51,000 printed cards on the streets
- **Wet shelter** facility for individuals with sobriety issues (Westcare)
- **Proactive Outreach:**
 - Fremont Street
 - Corridor Hope (Foremaster and Main)
 - *more to come.....*
- **Coat Check** Program that provides interim storage of personal items while making appointments or accessing services. (a public/private partnership w/ Homeless Helpers)



PROGRESS



- **Mailboxes** for homeless individuals in need of a mailing address to receive benefits or related to job placement. (public/private partnership w/ Homeless Helpers)
- **Homeless Information Management System (HMIS)** was expanded into the City's Municipal Courts, D&E and Fire and Rescue.
- **Performance Contracts** model that pays for performance to ensure deliverables are met, targets are being met and long term sustainability.

PROGRESS



- **Drop In / Resource Center** that provides a location for homeless individuals to access resources for available services, resources and assistance (public/private partnership with Homeless Helpers and Library district)
- **Housing First (CABHI Program)** that gets eligible homeless individuals into housing first and accompanied with case management (public/private partnership with HELP of SN)
- **Muni Courts Housing and Case management Pilot Program** that addresses services for clients in the court system (a partnership with Muni Courts (ASED) for homeless clients)

PROGRESS



- **Coordinating Outreach** Efforts (multiple teams assigned to different areas)
- **Educational Public Service Announcements**
 - Unintended Consequences with Street Feeding*
 - How to Donate wisely to the Homeless Efforts*
- **Master plan the Corridor of Hope** in order to improve existing conditions; including acquisition of available parcels to program for critical services.

Corridor of Hope



The Salvation Army
35 Owens Ave

**Sky View Pines
Family Apartments**
21 Owens Ave

**Horizon Crest Apartments
(The Salvation Army)**
11, 13, 15, 17 West Owens

Genesis Apartments
75 bed facility for homeless vets
1455 N Main Street

Shade Tree
1 West Owens

**The Salvation Army /
Family Services &
Corridor of Hope Office**
1581 N. Main Street

Catholic Charities
1501 N Las Vegas Blvd

Homeless Helpers
200 Foremaster

**Shannon West
Homeless Youth Center**
1417 N Las Vegas Blvd

Property Acquisition



➤ Shannon West Homeless Youth Shelter:

- ❑ Located at the corner of Las Vegas Boulevard and Foremaster (2 parcels)
 - ❑ 1417 LV Blvd. (approximately 25 units / .25 acres)
 - ❑ 324 Foremaster (administration building / .34 acres)
- ❑ Operations and services plan to move to new location in approximately 24 months
- ❑ Operations and services will continue at this location, until construction is complete of new facility
- ❑ The acquisition of the property gives the City an opportunity to comprehensively plan for other critical services.

HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVES



Mayors Challenge to End Veterans Homelessness in 2015

- On June 2, 2015, the City of Las Vegas partnered with HUD to host the Mayors Challenge to End Veterans Homelessness forum. Specifically, the call to action for mayors to make a commitment to ending Veteran homelessness in their cities in 2015.
- This was an unprecedented event with Labor Secretary Thomas Perez, Housing and Urban Development Secretary Julian Castro, and Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert McDonald.
- Mayor Carolyn Goodman, along with the mayors from Henderson, North Las Vegas, Boulder City and Mesquite signed a pledge to end veteran homelessness this year in Southern Nevada.
- Councilman Ricki Barlow represented the National League of Cities Board of Directors and their commitment to End Veterans Homelessness



INITIATIVES



Las Vegas Senior Citizens Advisory Board:

- On May 7, 2015, the city of Las Vegas Senior Citizens Advisory Board adopted a program called “DEPENDING ON YOU”
- The Board will be collecting much needed personal hygiene items (adult diapers and feminine products) that are needed for homeless individuals.

Additional Action Items **BEING DEVELOPED**



- Creating an informational kiosk at the Greyhound Bus Station
- Additional public education on how to get involved to end homelessness
- Increase and expand coordinated PROACTIVE outreach citywide
- Increased transportation services (bus passes) for appointments
- Increased case management
- Expedite processes to obtain an ID
- Increase permanent and supportive housing
- Public Bathrooms
- Identifying additional funding sources

and MORE TO COME.....

QUESTIONS

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