

APG Meeting
April 28th, 2022
9am – 11am
AGENDA (Annotated)

- I. Welcome

- II. Housing Community Resources
 - Homelessness in Southern Nevada
 - Every year in January our community participates in the Homeless Census or Point in Time count. This count helps us to measure the prevalence of homelessness in our community. From the 2021 count there were 5,083 people experiencing homelessness, 55% of those individuals were unsheltered. During the count there is a survey component where we try to identify reason for homelessness, the leading cited barrier to obtaining housing was due to a lack of income and an inability to afford rent. With recent spikes in rent rates and the lack of affordable housing we can project that these numbers are going to increase.
 - Homelessness is a community problem and there are regional, statewide and federal plans to end homelessness. Part of that plan is making homelessness rare, brief and one-time, by building infrastructure for collaboration and getting informed about programs that are available in the community. Such as what our guest speaker is going to talk about today. More information can be found <https://nevadahomelessalliance.org/>
 - HOPWA Program
 - Guest Speaker
Stephany Coaley, Grant Program Coordinator
City of Las Vegas
 - Please refer to slide deck presentation
 - Additional Community Resources
 - Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority
 - Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority- mission is to provide safe, sanitary, and affordable housing to eligible people within our jurisdictions, in an environment that fosters independence, self-sufficiency and community pride.
 - Some of the programs that the SNRHA administers includes the Housing Choice Voucher Program previously known as section 8, Public and Affordable housing. There is also a 20 minute video on their website about the Housing Choice Voucher Program- that has very useful information.
 - Also on their website you can look at the status of current waitlists. Being informed about these programs will benefit the clients that we serve
 - Please refer to slide deck presentation for additional information
 - Coordinated Entry

- Coordinated Entry is Southern Nevada’s strategy for a more efficient system to help people experiencing homelessness to access housing services. This has proven to be an effective way to assess people for multiple programs throughout the community and match them to appropriate housing as it becomes available.
- Within the community you may have heard the terms “Housing Assessment or community queue”. anyone in Southern Nevada who is experiencing a housing crisis can go through coordinated entry
 - Including those who are
 - Unsheltered (i.e., living in a place not meant for human habitation, including outside, in a car, on the streets, or in an encampment),
 - Sheltered (e.g., in emergency shelter, transitional housing, or safe haven), or
 - At imminent risk of homelessness (e.g., will lose primary nighttime residence within 14 days and/or is fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, has no subsequent residence identified, and lacks resources and support to obtain other permanent housing).
 - There are several agencies within our community that are identified as coordinated entry sites and are categorized by subpopulations. Before sending clients to complete the assessment please call to verify hours and operations as they may have changed due to COVID protocols.
- Resource Community Guides
 - Nevada 211
<https://www.nevada211.org/>
 - Pocket Homeless Resource Guide
<https://helphopehome.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/HHH-Pocket-Resource-Guide-3-24-2021-Updated.pdf>
 - Local Resource Guide
https://www.snvrha.org/docs/Guide%20to%20Local%20Resources_English.pdf
 - Royal Pages-Senior and disabled population
<https://files.clarkcountynv.gov/clarknv/Social%20Services/forms/Royal%20Pages%20%202022%20English.pdf?t=1650571310596&t=1650571310596>

III. Emergency Financial Assistance (EFA) 101

- Although the RWPA program does not provide housing we do have services that can help prevent homelessness in emergency situations, through Emergency Financial Assistance.
- Emergency Financial Assistance provides limited one-time or short-term payments to assist an HRSA RWHAP client with an urgent need for essential

items or services necessary to improve health outcomes, including: utilities, housing, food (including groceries and food vouchers), transportation, medication not covered by an AIDS Drug Assistance Program or AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance, or another HRSA RWHP-allowable cost needed to improve health outcomes.

- Emergency Financial Assistance must occur as a direct payment to an agency or through a voucher program. Direct Cash payments to clients are not permitted.
- In our policy and procedures- Clients are eligible to a maximum of 5 EFA issuance for essential utilities with a cap of \$1500 per grant year.
- A Client may receive a maximum of 3 EFA issuances for essential housing with a cap of \$3,000 per grant year.
- Referrals
 - Referrals for EFA need to be submitted through CAREWare by the clients case manager, to the appropriate agency. Referrals should be specific and provide detailed information. Including a description of the reason for the referral.
 - Clients should not self refer.
 - Referrals must include a fully completed interagency referral form, supporting documentation of the need and the cause of the emergency, such as a shut off notice, 5 day notice, loss of employment letter, unexpected payment receipt (medication, car repair etc, for rent/utilities assistance- 2 denials from alternative funding sources outside of the RW continuum is required. Referrals to NCHC a copy of the payee's W-9 will also need to be uploaded. These documents need to be uploaded in the referral attachment section on the client's demographic page in CAREWare-Before the referral is submitted.
 - Referrals will be rejected if information is missing.
- Funded Providers
 - We currently have 2 agencies that are funded for EFA in the LVTGA. Golden Rainbow and North Country Health Care.
 - Golden Rainbow
Joyce Miller
702-384-2899
jmiller@goldenrainbow.org
 - North Country Health Care (NCHC)
Carrie St Amand
928-718-4537
cstamand@nchcaz.org

IV. Recipients Office Updates

- Transportation clarification- During last month's APG meeting we discussed Medical Transportation. Clarification was sent out via email regarding the rideshare program with NARES.
- New Triyoung Helpdesk Email

<https://triyong.clickup.com/forms/18032327/f/h69p7-22587/8MIGAFKX3385R7TKVE>

- Upcoming Training- Save the Dates
 - RW Eligibility/MAGI
 - May 10th 9-12pm
 - or
 - May 18th 1-4pm
- RWISE
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 - May 17th 9-10:30am
 - or
 - May 19th 1-2:30pm
 - RWISE Viewer
 - May 17th 1-2:30pm
 - or
 - May 19th 9-10:30am
 - RWISE Viewer-EIS Providers Only
 - May 18th 1-2:30pm

- V. Case Staffing
- VI. Agency Networking
- VII. Agency Updates
- VIII. Questions, Comments, Concerns
- IX. Next Meeting- 5/26/22
- X. Adjourn