

**Tripartite Board Meeting  
May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 at 10:00 am  
485 West B Street, Conference Room, Fallon, Nevada**

**Advisory Committee Members Present:**

Brad Goetsch, Churchill County Manager –  
Representative for Elected Official  
Lori Capurro, Owner Anchor Properties –  
Representative for Community Business Owners  
Karen Stoll, Director F.R.I.E.N.D.S. Family Resource Center –  
Representative for low-income families

**Minutes from February 14, 2007 Meeting**

1. Meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm
2. Minutes from the November 8, 2006 were reviewed and Brad Goetsch made the motion to approve with a spelling change of Loti to Lori Schweble 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it was cared.
3. Update on the move the Mountain strategic plan by Shannon Ernst. Miss Ernst explained this was a format change only and future approval would not be needed and the plan was due to Gary Gobelman at the State CSBG office by February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Miss Ernst also explained that she would provide copies to the board when final State approval was received. Miss Ernst updated that on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006 the plan had been presented to the Rural Nevada Continuum of Care to receive approval to utilize the ending poverty document to also be utilized as a plan to end homelessness. The committee was pleased on the results and feel the document could be utilized strategically for the HUD and CSBG required plans. On December 15<sup>th</sup>, the Move the Mountain Plan to End Poverty and Homelessness was present to the County Commissioners during their annual departmental tours; the commissioners seemed too be pleased with the efforts to detail future Social Service efforts.

4. Miss Ernst presented the results from the annual Point in Time Homeless Count mandated by HUD. The participation started on midnight on January 31, 2007. The date was chosen by the State due to lack of funds for individuals receiving Social Security Disability. The final county data has not been released to the public at this time. Miss Ernst will be participating in the Legislative Homeless Awareness event to take place over the holiday weekend. Brad Goetsch has been asked to participate in presenting to the Legislative Committee regarding bring State funding to support homeless activities in Nevada.

Conversation took place regarding the cost to support the stabilization process versus them continuing to be homeless and the benefits to the community to assist in the processes through case management.

The presentation explained the total numbers reported homeless in Churchill County, from sheltered unsheltered, and individuals / families living in places not meant for human habitation. Provider Surveys and Interviews were completed this year to look at the event causing the situation.

5. Shannon gave a brief closing statement regarding that the Holiday Food Basket Program and Wishing Tree Programs ran smoothly this year with the referrals be funneled through the Social Services Department rather than individuals and families being able to access numerous programs during the season. 332 families served with Food Baskets with an additional \$542.00 remaining in the donation account to be utilized next year.
6. An overview was given on the grant received from the United Way, EFSF, in support of the Youth Backpack Food Program. This program was supported by showing that this program will be an expansion of the current Project Food Program. Through this program collaboration between the Social Services Department, FRIENDS Family Resource Center, P&R SUMFun Program, Boys and Girls Club, and other youth agencies can be accessed to assist in the success of this program.

7. The discussion of current grants pending and submitted took place:

WNHC – Long Term Program

WNHC – Short term Program

ESG – Emergency Shelter Dollars in support of the PATH Room and Housing Counseling

CDBG – Multi-Use Facility Grant

CDBG – RNCOC in support of the statewide collaborative

HUD – in support of the long term transitional housing program

CSBG – Application completing approximately in March. \$20-\$30k will be issued as incentive funds and it has been stated that the funds will be open as to be used as needed within the agency to support the strategic planning processes.

Shannon Ernst will be representing Churchill County on the Governors Advisory Council for the CDBG applications.

A brief history was given on past surveys conducted and looking at conducting a future survey as a request of CSBG.

8. The proposed changes were presented to take place in approximately 2 years to the housing programs being administered:

Increase Expansion from 2 to 5

PATH Shelter room from 1 to 2

PATH long Term Transitional Housing Program from 10 to 5

Discussion took place that the community and other agencies are seeing the success and also could see the benefits in changing the programming.

The motion was made to decrease long term beds to 5, increase PATH Room to 2, and expansion program to be increased to 5, Brad Goetsch and second by Lori Capurro and carried unanimously.

9. Information item was presented that the county is developing a Guardianship program, to have a max of four wards in the first year.

Karen Stoll offered to assist in the referral process if guidelines were issued to FRIENDS.

10. A proposed budget and client being served format was presented and the board approved to utilize the format.
11. Training regarding Advisory Board responsibilities and roles are will take place in June 11<sup>th</sup> for approximately 2 hours. A manual will be completed at that time for distribution to be utilized.
12. Alternative dates will be emailed for a late May meeting date.
13. Meeting was adjourned at 3:25pm