HELP HOPE HOME Southern Nevada’s Plan to End Homelessness Implementation Schedule

The long term solution to the problem of homelessness is to provide affordable and accessible housing for all local residents. The Help Hope Home plan defines core strategies and details the following Implementation Schedule that we will use to make this change a reality. These strategies and their objectives, along with the activities that support them, form our local agenda for change over the next ten years. Our core strategies are based on best practices and proven methods that have decreased the incidence of homelessness in communities that are successfully implementing plans across the country.

After two years of initial planning and infrastructure building, Southern Nevada rolled out the first Help Hope Home Business Case in September 2007 for the region. This Implementation Schedule and a detailed Work Plan supports the business case and identifies the strategies, action steps and evaluation methodology to be used to ensure that progress is made toward the overarching goal of ending homelessness. We will move forward using the information gained from the community planning sessions, local best practices in use and research data that aligns with the needs of the community. The three key strategies to change are:

1. HELP- Planning for Outcomes - Design a roadmap for change, including objectives, activities and evaluation plans for each of the key strategies that will drive community outcomes. Build the infrastructure that will deliver services, increase access to housing opportunities and support through increased collaboration and strategic alliances across the region.

2. HOPE- Closing the Front Door to Homelessness- Prevent homelessness whenever possible. Improve the availability of prevention programs, expand the types of prevention strategies, and evaluate their effectiveness in preventing homelessness. Provide people at risk for homelessness with wraparound services. Improve access to wraparound mainstream services that link clients to services and community support to keep the client in safe, affordable housing and address health and wellness issues.

3. HOME- Opening the Back Door out of Homelessness - Rapidly re-house people who become homeless. Expand the availability of affordable permanent housing and improve access to sustainable housing options. Implement the transition from the existing tiered shelter system to a system that focuses on providing housing.
The implementation schedule will include specific focus areas and action step attainment with an emphasis on accountability and reporting. Evaluation will be ongoing and will include all aspects of the plan. We will use the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) across the region and will utilize its reporting capabilities to report outcomes, as well as use the information to guide the provision of technical assistance for countywide programs. As we move forward in partnership with community partners, a method will be employed to match programs and services across region based on client need in a detailed Work Plan. The Work Plan will drive the activities being addressed in each one of the focus areas, as well as be the home to the evaluation tools, methods and reporting schedules that will keep us accountable to the benchmarks we have set. The Work Plan will be the third companion piece that will support the Business Case and the Implementation Schedule.

The Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition and its Committee on Homelessness are responsible for implementation and evaluation of the Help Hope Home plan to end homelessness. Coordination will be provided by the Office of the Regional Homeless Coordinator. Every two years the Office of the Regional Homeless Coordinator will publish a report for the community on the progress toward achieving the outcomes identified in the plan. Interim reports will be provided during alternate years to update changes to the plan, report on accomplishments to date and identify new priorities.

The following Implementation Scheduleactualizes the 10 Year Plan for Southern Nevada. Each key strategy is identified along with the necessary action steps, time frame, proposed partners, community impact and funding requirements. Help Hope Home is broken into four focus areas, under which key actions steps will be taken to address homelessness in Southern Nevada.