

AGENDA MEMO

CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: November 4, 2009

DEPARTMENT: NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Report and possible discussion on the Corridor of Hope Collaboration and Ten-Year Homeless Plan - All Wards

- Homelessness in Southern Nevada is an issue that requires everyone working together to effectively address. In 2009, the homeless census reported over 13,000 homeless persons in Southern Nevada, 2,000 more than the 2007 homeless census.
- Regional Partners in this effort include government (cities of Las Vegas, Clark County, North Las Vegas, Henderson, Boulder City, State of Nevada), Metropolitan Police Department, homeless service providers, faith organizations, businesses, civic organizations and citizens.
- Key regional partnership accomplishments include the provision of: outreach, shelter, housing, food, case management, treatment, counseling, basic needs, and the leveraging of funds.
- As a partner, the city of Las Vegas developed a homeless plan consistent with the regional homeless plan but focuses specifically on how the city of Las Vegas contributes to the regional partnership. The plan has 4 main strategies:
 1. Increase the Availability of Stable and Sustainable Housing.
 2. Strengthen Partnerships and/or Capacity of Community and Faith Based Organizations.
 3. Prevent Individuals and/or Families from Becoming Homeless.
 4. Facilitate the Transition from Homelessness through Case Management and Support Services.
- The City of Las Vegas implemented a Homeless Pilot program for the past 3 months and accomplished the following:
 - 20 households (52 family members) were rapidly housed.
 - Intensive case management services were given to assist with stabilization so families could access food stamps, medical assistance, mental health and/or substance abuse treatment and services, apply for social security benefits and so on.
 - An additional 80+ individuals were housed or relocated with their families in other states.

As we move forward:

- Continue our regional partnerships and collaborations to address homelessness.
- Implement HPRP Program and provide homeless services at Corridor of Hope Center.
- Recognize the short and long-term challenges our area is faced with but working collaboratively, we can effectively continue to positively help the homeless.