



CoC Meeting Summary

<p>May is AAPI Heritage Month:</p> <p>The meeting attendees went into small group breakout sessions and discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How does being Asian American affect someone’s experience of being homeless? ○ Why do you think Asian Americans are underrepresented in the homeless community in the US? ○ What is the impact of AAPI not being represented in homeless populations? <p>Groups reported back some of their discussions and observations regarding these discussion questions.</p> <p>Website for reference: https://www.arcgis.com/apps/Cascade/index.html?appid=cbad82ec6f4c47229587a7758700fcd4</p>	<p>Laura Ellsworth, Council for the Homeless</p>
<p>Culturally Specific Engagement: Cultural Awareness, Cultural Competence, Cultural Humility</p> <p>Clara provided a power point presentation and a link to the question: What is cultural competency? It is the ability to understand the nuances of different cultures. The process by which individuals and systems respond respectfully in a manner that recognized the value and worth of individuals in communities. It works to affirm individual self-worth. And to engage knowledgably with people of a variety of cultures. It avoids categorical knowledge that would lead to stereotyping and bias.</p> <p>Cultural Humility: a lifelong process of self-reflection and self-critique whereby the individual not only learns about another’s culture, but one starts with examination of their own biases toward cultural identities.</p>	<p>Clara Johnson, Reach CDC</p>
<p>Debrief on Legislative Session:</p> <p>This was truly an amazing and historic legislative session and every single bill for which we advocated has been approved for signing.</p> <p>Right to Counsel: Requires a lawyer to assist with tenant litigation (approved \$22M) if an eviction procedure has started. Gives the court authority to appoint and it does include information about the Eviction Resolution, which is the conciliation around payment programs before a landlord can proceed with eviction. CCVLP will be coming out a with a big education campaign.</p> <p>Just Cause-House Bill 1236 – House Bill 1236 requires that landlords have a legitimate business reason to make someone move, ending the practice of giving tenants 20 day “no cause” notices.</p>	<p>Laura Ellsworth, Council for the Homeless Rebecca Royce, Clark County</p>

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<p>This closes a loophole in fair housing laws and will ensure that rental assistance doesn't just pay back landlords but keeps people in their homes..</p> <p>House Bill 1220 – Prevents cities from banning shelters, transitional housing, or permanent supportive housing; requires jurisdictions planning under the Growth Management Act to identify policies that create racially disparate impacts, displacement, and exclusion – and to identify and implement policies to undo that harm.</p> <p>Nearly 3,000 advocates took action during the session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lawmakers together received over 20,000 emails from affordable housing advocates • Over 1,000 organizations and over 3,800 individuals signed onto letters to lawmakers in support of our priorities • Many thousands signed in to register your support for key bills • Over 600 advocates attended the first ever 100% virtual Housing Homelessness Advocacy Day, including more than 60 people from Clark County. 		
<p>Upcoming Events and Announcements:</p> <p>5/14/21: Advancing Racial Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion (AREDI) Teach In: <i>Equitable Decision Making</i>: Get tickets here.</p> <p>5/25/21: CFTH May Webinar: Local Homeless System Impacts of the 2021 Legislative Session. Register here.</p> <p>System Providers Survey: Please complete survey by June 30th, 2021: www.surveymonkey.com/r/2LDY9PK</p>		

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Next Coalition Meeting: July 14, 2021, from 10:00am-11:30am

The Coalition meets on the 2nd Wed, bi-monthly for planning to prevent and end homelessness in Clark County.

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