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RENO
Memorandum

DATE: October 17, 2024

TO: Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Jackie Bryant, Interim City Manager 

FROM: Cynthia Esparza, Chief Equity & Community Relations Officer

DEPT: Equity & Community Relations - City Manager's Office

SUBJECT: Nevada Cares Campus Update

Due to the expected low temperatures, the warming area inside the Resource Center at the Nevada Care Campus will open beginning tonight through Saturday and will remain open 24 hours each day. Campus staff will continue monitoring the weather and extend hours as needed until the winter overflow shelter opens later this year. The winter overflow shelter is expected to open on or around December 1, 2024.

The following is a summary of the Nevada Cares Campus current availability and winter overflow plans.

Emergency Shelter

The current capacity of the emergency shelter is 549 beds. As of this morning, there are 9 beds available in the emergency shelter.

Warming Center

The warming center has a capacity of 112. The campus follows local weather warnings and opens the center 24 hours a day during inclement weather. Inclement weather could be below 35 degrees, combined rain and low temperatures, freezing rain, or snow. The warming center provides seats, does not provide beds, and people are not allowed to lie down. They may rest their head on a table while sitting.

Winter Overflow Shelter

The winter overflow shelter is scheduled to open on or around December 1, 2024, and will provide an additional 84 beds. If an unsheltered person arrives at the Nevada Cares Campus and a bed is not available in the emergency shelter, they will be able to stay the night in the winter overflow on a first come, first served basis. Each person will be provided a bed, linens, and a locker to secure personal items.

Safe Camp

The Safe Camp has 50 units. As of this morning, there are 5 units open. Clean and Safe, RISE, and Karma Box actively make recommendations for future Safe Camp residents during an application review process with the regional outreach case conferencing team.

Staff is in communication with Washoe County about shelter operations and community needs. Additional unsheltered information is available on the following link:

- Shelter Census Dashboard - www.washoecounty.gov/homeless/index.php