



**ARIZONA BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE  
AZBOSCOG Governance Advisory Board –**

**April 20, 2022 9:30 to 11: 00 am**

TOPIC	OUTCOME/NOTES
<p><b>Welcome and Introductions</b> <b>Housekeeping item</b></p>	<p><b>Membership</b>            Olivia Gutzman (ADOH)            Cristina Benitez (ADOH) - <b>Chair</b>            Camie Rasband (Catholic Charities) - <b>Co-chair</b>, Subrecipient            Betsy Long (DES)- ESG and DV (<i>substitute Kellie Shepard</i>)            Karin Uhlich (AZCH) – RBHA            Denise Cox (Health Choice AZ)- RBHA            Jessi Hans (CCJ)- At Large - <i>absent</i>            Joanna Carr (AHC)- At Large            Maria-Elena Ochoa (Against Abuse) - Subrecipient, DV            Nay Rush (Mohave County)- Subrecipient - <i>absent</i>            Ricardo Fernandez (ADHS)- At large - <i>absent</i>            Ross Schaefer (FSS)- Co-Lead, At large            Silvia Chavez (AZDE) - AZ Department of Education Homeless Liaison            Terrance Watkins (Community Partners)- Subrecipient</p> <p><b>Other Non-voting Attendees</b>            Stephanie Crum (Solari)            Joan Serviss (AHC)            Shannon Haines (ADOH)            Candee Stanton (Independent Contractor)</p>
<p><b>Review and approval of notes from 02.17.2022</b></p>	<p>Maria Elena moved to approve the notes; Joanna seconded. Notes were approved with Silvia abstaining</p>
<p><b>Legislative Update</b></p>	<p>Legislature is considering a continuation budget. Affordable housing and homelessness bills will be put on pause if a continuation budget is pursued.</p> <p>Sen. Alston’s bill related to transfer ARPA funds to the Housing Trust Fund is swept up in the process.</p>

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	<p>There is also a bill related to camping sites that the coalition is monitoring. The Coalition is working with the bill's sponsor to address the issue related to enforcing camping ordinances. Through the amendment process it is still a work in progress.</p> <p>Cristina asked if there is a timeline for expenditure if funds are transferred to the HTF. These are Governor's office discretionary funds, so the question is does the 12/31/2026 date follow the funds if they are moved to HTF? At this point there is no clear answer related to that.</p> <p>Ross asked about how the local voice can be heard; how would Joan like to hear from the local voice. The sponsoring Senator is looking to integrate several housing related bills together. Joan will keep the GAB updated on this process.</p>
<p><b>Update on UFA/NOFO Submission</b></p>	<p>Submission took place on time. The 2021 NOFO funds have been approved. As part of UFA process, sub-recipient contracts will be aligned to a single contract start date. ADOH reviewed which date would be best and decided on the contract of year of 7/1 through 6/30 for future CoC grant agreements.</p> <p>During the transition this year, HUD ensures that all projects are kept whole. In some cases, contracts will include a bridge amount from HUD to bring all contracts into alignment with the 7/1 start date.</p> <p>In future years, it should streamline the process.</p> <p>Camie asked about whether there is a possibility to adjust units and funds.</p> <p>There will be a better understanding about this once ADOH gets the grant agreement from HUD.</p> <p>Maria-Elena thanked everyone for their efforts.</p>
<p><b>LAPP update</b></p>	<p>Olivia indicated that the process is continuing under the auspices of the funding from Robert Wood Johnson. An RFP was let related to vendors to administer the project. The responses are in review.</p> <p>Olivia also indicated that the actual data sharing agreement has been drafted and is being reviewed. The ADOH attorneys have reviewed as well as the State of Arizona Strategic Enterprise Technology Office staff. Both have provided suggestions related to the agreement to ensure that data sharing takes place with the utmost respect for privacy, security and confidentiality.</p>

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PIT/HIC Inventory Count Update	<p>Candee provided the following summary related to the unsheltered count:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 262 volunteers participated in the count throughout the AZBOSCOC.</li> <li>• A total of 1050 surveys were collected. Of those 996 (95%) were able to be used in the count. Those excluded were duplicates, insufficient information, and in a few cases, persons were sheltered.</li> <li>• There were a total of 1349 individuals in the 996 households there were counted.</li> <li>• Of the households, 39 included adults and children, with 144 individuals in those households.</li> <li>• One (1) unaccompanied youth was counted.</li> </ul> <p>Please note that these numbers are still subject to change and adjustment. Final reports including LCEH (county) level reports will be available this summer.</p>
Establish Workgroup to discuss Reallocation procedures in preparation for the NOFO	<p>Candee provided an overview of the need to form a small workgroup to begin to brainstorm about what the reallocation process will look like now that ADOH is the UFA. Reallocation considerations include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mid contract term process when under expenditure is taking place</li> <li>• Contract performance and tiering</li> <li>• Funding realignment related to categories—e.g. TBRA/Leasing and supportive services.</li> </ul> <p>The following individuals volunteered: Camie, Maria-Elena, Terrance, Ross</p> <p>Candee also asked Olivia and Cristina to reach out to Connie or Shannon to see if one of them will participate on the workgroup to provide expertise related to contract management and monitoring.</p> <p>The first workgroup meeting will convene sometime in May.</p>
HMIS updates	<p>Stephanie provided an overview of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Veterans dashboard; information will be updated monthly. The dashboard can be found at <a href="https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/hmisaz">https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/hmisaz</a></li> <li>• This is the same link which is where the rest of the AZBOSCOC dashboards are located.</li> <li>• System Performance Measures; Stephanie will send out her presentation. Here is the link to more SPM info from HUD <a href="https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/system-performance-measures/#guidance">https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/system-performance-measures/#guidance</a></li> </ul> <p>AZ500—AZBOSCOC system performance measures from HUD  <a href="https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/coc-performance-profile-reports/?filter Year=&amp;filter Scope=CoC&amp;filter State=AZ&amp;filter CoC=AZ-500&amp;program=CoC&amp;group=Perf">https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/coc-performance-profile-reports/?filter Year=&amp;filter Scope=CoC&amp;filter State=AZ&amp;filter CoC=AZ-500&amp;program=CoC&amp;group=Perf</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• System Performance Measures for 10/1/2020 to 9/30/2021</li> <li>• Stephanie provided the federal framework for the SPMS</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First time homeless; desired trend is to decrease, AZBOSCOG increased, but given last year circumstances not surprising. AZBOSCOG still had decrease between 2019 and 2020.</li> <li>• Length in time in shelter; desired trend is to decrease, AZBOSCOG increased, again given circumstances not surprising that households were staying in shelter for a longer period of time</li> <li>• Housing exits from shelter; desired trend is to be increasing. AZBOSCOG decreasing.</li> <li>• Returns to homelessness; desired trend to decrease. AZBOSCOG is increasing</li> <li>• All Income; desired trend to increase. AZBOSCOG increased</li> <li>• Non-Employment income (does not include COVID benefits); desired trend to increase. AZBOSCOG –increased</li> </ul> <p>Kelly asked if non-employment includes SNAPs. Stephanie indicated she will clarify.</p> <p>Denise asked if HUD is looking at the issue of disparity related to returns to homelessness. Some persons can't access housing because of prejudice or former incarceration. Stephanie indicated that the SPMs are the numbers and HUD leaves it to the CoCs to deep dive into ramifications and how policies can be changed to address inequity that may be occurring.</p> <p>Stephanie will send the presentation to everyone.</p> <p>Maria-Elena thanked everyone for understanding of the current circumstances.</p>
	<p>Camie asked that consideration be given to an in-person meeting sometime before the end of the year. This is being brought to ADOH leadership.</p>
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## Acronyms

Sub= substitute	2/17/2022	4/20/2022						
Betsy Long (DES)	S*	S**						

Denise Cox (BCBS)	X	X						
Camie Rasband (Catholic Charities)	X	X						
Cristina Benitez (ADOH)	X	X						
Jessi Hans (CCJ)	X							
Joanna Carr (AHC)	X	X						
Karen Uhlich (AZ Complete Health)		X						
Maria-Elena Ochoa (Against Abuse)	X	X						
Nay Rush (Mohave County)	X							
Ricardo Fernandez (DHS)	X							
Ross Shaefer (Flagstaff Shelter Services)	X	X						
Silvia Chavez (AZDE)	X	X						
Terrance Watkins (Community Partners)	X	X						

\* Karia Basta attended

\*\*Kelli Shepard attended

## Resources

ADOH contacts for information/concerns or issues:

1. Cristina Benitez [cristina.benitez@azhousing.gov](mailto:cristina.benitez@azhousing.gov)
2. Olivia Gutzman [Olivia.gutzman@azhousing.gov](mailto:Olivia.gutzman@azhousing.gov)
3. Ruby Dhillon Williams [ruby.dhillon@azhousing.gov](mailto:ruby.dhillon@azhousing.gov)

ADOH website: <https://housing.az.gov/documents-links/forms/special-needs-continuum>

>Special Needs-Continuum -What you will find are updates regarding NOFO BOS COC Policies/guidelines/initiatives/Governance Charter, BOSCO annual meetings note; Coordinated Entry Committee; Governance Advisory Board agenda's/notes; HMIS committee/HMIS documents/form; LCEH Committee; Point In Time Reports; Veterans Work group;

### Special Needs:

**AZ Landlord Incentive Program ALIP\*\* Based upon available funding\*\***

**Special Needs Housing Manual & Forms- HUD and Housing related**

[Arizona Landlord Incentive Program-](#)

<https://housing.az.gov/documents-links/forms/special-needs-forms>

[Az Landlord Incentive Program documents](#)

System Performance Measure Link

[https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/hmisaz/viz/BOS-](https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/hmisaz/viz/BOS-SystemPerformanceMeasures/CountyComparison)

[SystemPerformanceMeasures/CountyComparison](#)

Resources for Funding and information—many of them have list-serves so you will be updated on information:

USICH resource tool for funding for Social and other related Services

<https://www.usich.gov/tools-for-action/federal-health-and-social-service-programs-that-support-people-experiencing-homelessness/>

AZ Housing Fund (Different from the Arizona Department of Housing Trust Fund)

<https://arizonahousingfund.org/>

National Alliance to End Homelessness

<https://endhomelessness.org/>

Funds available through Home-American Rescue Plan Program

[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/comm\\_planning/home-arp](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/home-arp)

All things HUD

<https://www.hudexchange.info/>

United States Interagency Council on Homelessness

<https://endhomelessness.org/ending-homelessness/policy/united-states-interagency-council-homelessness/>

Housing Assistance Council—focus on rural areas

<https://ruralhome.org/>

Local First Arizona –Rural Development

<https://localfirstaz.com/rural-development>