



ARIZONA BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE

VETERANS WORKING GROUP MEETING

1110 WEST WASHINGTON, PHOENIX, Suite 280

06/29/2022—10:00 am – 12:00 pm

TOPIC	TOPICS/OUTCOME	
<p>Call to Order Introductions</p>	<p>211Arizona- <i>Absent</i> ADOH- Cristina Benitez AHC- Joanna Carr, George Campbell AZDVS- <i>Absent</i> Catholic Charities- <i>Absent</i> Community Bridges- <i>Absent</i> Fishers of Men- Marty Jarvey HOHP- Kim Vandenberg JAVC- Pat Farrell</p>	<p>Kingman VA- <i>Absent</i> Nation’s Finest- <i>Absent</i> NAVAHCS- Joseph Acevedo NCHP- <i>Absent</i> Phoenix VA- <i>Absent</i> Primavera Foundation- <i>Absent</i> SAVAHCS- <i>Absent</i> Solari- Stephanie Crum US Vets- Justin Price</p>
<p>Minutes approval from 04/27/2022</p>	<p>Cristina made a motion to approve the notes from the last meeting, Pat seconded the motion; motion passed.</p>	
<p>Review Workgroup Purpose</p>	<p>Joanna reviewed the workgroup’s purpose.</p>	
<p>PIT Count Discussion</p>	<p>The 2022 PIT Count general numbers have been posted on the ADOH website for the entire BOS. These will be sent out after the meeting as well. Candee Stanton is working on the individual counties’ numbers. There was an increase in numbers of homeless in the PIT Count, which wasn’t surprising. Households with children had an increase in unsheltered families. There are several “hotels to housing” programs in some of the rural communities to address these issues (Yuma, Flagstaff, Gila County). The BOS doesn’t have as big of a problem with unaccompanied minor youth as the larger metropolitan areas, but there was still a slight increase.</p>	
<p>ADOH Updates (including efforts to expand the veteran workgroup)</p>	<p>ADOH is now a UFA, and recently reapplied for the next HUD year. The NOFO was applied for last November. There is another funding source being developed for support services and outreach for the homeless, part of which is earmarked for rural communities- this is currently lacking in BOS so this will be helpful. ADOH will be the collaborative applicant, and more information will be forthcoming on how to apply for these funds.</p> <p>ADOH just completed a HUD audit, and issues were discovered, so changes will be coming to get more aligned with what HUD requires. The internet and forms will be updated, and processes will be standardized. The HMIS license procedures are also being updated.</p>	

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Tableau Dashboard Update	Stephanie shared the dashboard with the group and gave a general status update. See https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/hmisaz/viz/BOSVeteranDashboard/Information for the dashboard.
Review of last month's action steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Joanna will coordinate with the HMIS committee to get an average Length of Stay (LOS) in shelter for 2019, 2020, and 2021 ○ Jocelyn will coordinate the formation of a sub-workgroup to brainstorm strategies for long stayers in shelter ○ Joanna will coordinate with Solari to get the # of beds updated on the Tableau ○ Jocelyn will invite La Paz County's LCEH to the next Veterans meeting ○ Jocelyn will mention the need for outreach dollars at the next meeting with the ADOH director 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Average LOS has increased; in 2019 the average was 154 days and in 2020 it was 197, and in 2022 it was 215. Joanna will send out this data. ○ The number of beds was updated on the Tableau
Veterans Race Equity subcommittee updates	Joanna gave an update on the Veterans Race Equity subcommittee has been expanded to include Maricopa County and Pima County. Anyone who has interest, contact Joanna. The group is trying to align with the VA's national effort around addressing equity with veterans and housing. VA medical centers have been given the data toolkit and tasked with coming up with solutions and action steps. Solari also developed a Race Equity Toolkit now available on the HMIS website- this is program-level only, but it can be compared to the dashboard data.
SSVF program updates	There is a national NOFO for SSVF to provide funding for things like housing navigation support, landlord incentives, tenant move-in support, expanding the eligibility to raise the income threshold to 80% AMI, etc.
38k Homes Initiative Discussion	The nations VA has a target of housing 38,000 veterans, which locally will be a 5% increase over last year's numbers.
Stand Down/Coordinated Entry Update	The most recent StandDown was in Flagstaff in May and 117 people showed up, 30 of which were homeless veterans; there are several planned for the coming months. NAVAHCS was about almost 30% of the 283 goal in the first quarter.
Agency Updates	<p>US Vets- Fort Whipple is still on track to house 105-125 low income housing units for veteran seniors and the disabled; ground breaking is set for early next year and renovations will take a couple of years. A grant has been submitted for an outreach specialist.</p> <p>AHC- the AZ legislative session ended last week and an additional \$60 million will be added to the Housing Trust Fund, which was originally capped at \$2.5 million at the end of the last recession. Efforts are underway to convince the governor to double it with stimulus funds since affordable housing is such a need right now. The pilot program for veterans needing a higher level of care will be starting soon, starting with 15 veterans. BeConnected will be the referral for assignment of a navigator to assist in the placement.</p>
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Acronyms

Action Items:

- Joanna will research to find out details of the various AHCCCS housing programs available.
- Joe will share more about the Northern AZ strategies for 38K homes initiative in the next meeting
- George will connect StandDowns to the AZ Pet Project and provide BeConnected/StandDown meeting updates next meeting
- Jocelyn will find another date for the GPD length of stay workgroup
- **All will help with recruitment to this committee**

	2022.01-05	2022.02-23	2022.04-27	2022.06-29
211Arizona				
ADOH		X	X	X
AHC	X	X	X	X
AZDVS	X	X	X	
Catholic Charities	X	X		
Community Bridges	X			
Fishers of Men		N/A		X
HOHP				X
JAVC	X	X	X	X
Nation's Finest	X			
NCHP	X	X	X	
NAVAHCS	X		X	X
Primavera		X		
SAVAHCS	X		X	
Solari (fka CRN)	X	X		X
US Vets	X		X	X
VA			X	