



ARIZONA BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE

VETERANS WORKING GROUP MEETING

1110 WEST WASHINGTON, PHOENIX, Suite 280

08/31/2022—10:00 am – 12:00 pm

TOPIC	TOPICS/OUTCOME	
<p><b>Call to Order Introductions/Ice Breaker</b></p>	<p>211Arizona- <i>Absent</i>            ADOH- Cristina Benitez, David Bridge            AHC- Joanna Carr, George Campbell            AHCCCS- Stephanie Smith            AZDVS- <i>Absent</i>            Catholic Charities- Autumn Patton, Jarod Brooks, Danielle Holloway            Community Bridges- <i>Absent</i>            Fishers of Men- Marty Jarvey            HOHP- <i>Absent</i></p>	<p>JAVC- <i>Absent</i>            Kingman VA- Rebecca Ligori            Nation's Finest- <i>Absent</i>            NAVAHCS- Joseph Acevedo            NCHP- Miguel Villalpando            Phoenix VA- <i>Absent</i>            Primavera Foundation- Denise Lopez, Frank Real            SAVAHCS- Jocelyn Muzzin            Solari- <i>Absent</i>            US Vets- <i>Absent</i></p>
<p><b>AHCCCS Housing options</b></p>	<p>Stephanie gave a presentation on the housing options through AHCCCS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AHCCCS Housing Programs Guidebook: <a href="https://www.azahcccs.gov/AHCCCS/Downloads/HousingPrograms/AHCCCSHousingProgramGuidebook.pdf">https://www.azahcccs.gov/AHCCCS/Downloads/HousingPrograms/AHCCCSHousingProgramGuidebook.pdf</a></li> <li>• ACOM448: <a href="https://www.azahcccs.gov/shared/Downloads/ACOM/PolicyFiles/400/448.pdf">https://www.azahcccs.gov/shared/Downloads/ACOM/PolicyFiles/400/448.pdf</a></li> <li>• HEAPlus: <a href="https://www.azahcccs.gov/Resources/CommunityPartners/HEAplus.html">https://www.azahcccs.gov/Resources/CommunityPartners/HEAplus.html</a></li> </ul> <p>See also <a href="https://azabc.org/ahp/">https://azabc.org/ahp/</a>  <a href="https://www.hominc.com/ahcccs-housing-program/">https://www.hominc.com/ahcccs-housing-program/</a></p>	
<p><b>Action Items from Last meeting</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joanna will research to find out details of the various AHCCCS housing programs available.</li> <li>• Joe will share more about the Northern AZ strategies for 38K homes initiative in the next meeting</li> <li>• George will connect StandDowns to the AZ Pet Project and provide BeConnected/StandDown meeting updates next meeting</li> <li>• Jocelyn will find another date for the GPD length of stay workgroup</li> <li>• All will help with recruitment to this committee</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Minutes approval from 6/29/2022</b></p>	<p>Cristina made a motion to approve the notes from the last meeting, George seconded the motion; motion passed.</p>	
<p><b>Review Workgroup Purpose</b></p>	<p>The mission of the BOS Veteran's Workgroup is to provide guidance and leadership in ending veteran homelessness in the Arizona Balance of State. We encourage participation and</p>	

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	<p>collaboration of individuals and groups across the Balance of state that are working to end Veteran homelessness.</p> <p>The purpose of our workgroup is to focus community planning, data analysis, strengthening stakeholder partnerships, and policy/project development. The BOS Veteran's Workgroup is dedicated to coordinating statewide efforts to enhance veteran housing resources and to assist veteran provider agencies in networking all available veteran programs and Services.</p>
<p><b>Tableau Dashboard Review</b></p>	<p>Jocelyn gave an overview of the HMIS Tableau dashboard.  <a href="https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/hmisaz/viz/BOSVeteranDashboard/Information">https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/hmisaz/viz/BOSVeteranDashboard/Information</a></p> <p>Joanna suggested forming a work group to delve deeper into the data presented on the dashboard, such as long-stayers.</p>
<p><b>38k initiative</b></p>	<p>Joseph presented to the group the VA's 38k initiative</p>
<p><b>Arizona Pet Project</b></p>	<p>This project based in Maricopa County but is available statewide- they received funds from AZDV to provide funding for veterans with barriers to housing due to having pets; funding can be used for boarding, deposits, food, veterinary care. The program is not receiving as many referrals as anticipated, so the word still needs to be disseminated.</p>
<p><b>SSVF updates – recent NOFO awards</b></p>	<p>NCHP: for the Yuma County, Pinal County, and Tempe offices were awarded funding for a housing navigator to work with the HUD Vash program, allowing them to enroll veterans in the area that are 80% AMI instead of the usual 50%.</p> <p>Another area the NOFO can potentially cover is SSVF landlord incentives including double deposits and 2 months up-front rent, and another pocket of money for general housing (furniture, computers, etc.).</p>
<p><b>Race Equity Update</b></p>	<p>This work group has been expanded to include the other two CoCs for statewide collaboration, and additional stakeholders have been added. Areas to work on are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Digging into the data, since it's available from HUD in a region-wide format and not by county, so it's not as useful as it could be. A data toolkit was developed to assist veteran service organizations to guide them on how to look at data so it's useful- this will be sent out to the CoCs for dissemination.</li> <li>• Researching interventions for veterans who are under-represented (i.e. providing a targeted housing placement)</li> <li>• Identifying best practices and change-ideas to support the national VA effort as the local VAs look at the data to try to create action ideas.</li> </ul>

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	Reach out to Joanna if interested in serving on this workgroup
Update on Veteran serving organizations not licensed with HMIS	<p>ADOH has instituted a new procedure for requesting HMIS licenses by submitting a ticket and sending the forms to Solari; ADOH is also trying to lower the cost barrier to enroll more access points in the BOS. Reach out to Cristina (<a href="mailto:cristina.benitez@azhousing.gov">cristina.benitez@azhousing.gov</a>) if there are questions.</p> <p>VI-SPDAT is no longer supported in HMIS; there are some YouTube trainings from OrgCode-ADOH and Solari are considering a refresher course on the VI-SPDAT.</p>
ADOH Updates	ADOH is working on the regular NOFA and the Special NOFO, which is time-consuming. ADOH appreciates everyone's patience while this takes precedence right now.
Agency Updates	<p>AHC- the pilot program for veterans needing a higher level of care is underway and a couple of referrals have been received. The goal is to get them into assisted living or "board and care" then work on their income so they are more financially self-sufficient and can maintain their housing once the program is no longer proving funds to them. Send these people to George (<a href="mailto:george@azhousingcoalition.org">george@azhousingcoalition.org</a>) if you have people who fit this criteria.</p> <p>There is a Stand Down in Williams, La Paz County, and then in Yavapai coming up in September. Tribal Stand Downs are coming up in Solomon, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, and the Tohono O'odham in September and October.</p>
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### Action Items:

- Jocelyn/Joanna will communicate with Stefanie at AHCCCS regarding future discussion on AHCCCS housing programs
- Joanna will share AHCCCS slides with the workgroup
- Community leads can contact Stefanie Smith for information on team trainings around AHCCCS - [stefanie.smith@azahcccs.gov](mailto:stefanie.smith@azahcccs.gov)
- Joanna will contact the Arizona Pet Project to see if the one pet/one need issue can be addressed
- Joanna will reach out to Pat to ask him to attend the new data deepdive committee
- Joe will ask GPD staff to join the data deepdive committee
- Jocelyn will set up a first data deepdive committee (George, Autumn, Joe)
- Marty will join the race equity subcommittee - Joanna will send the invite
- Joanna will contact AZ Pet project with feedback of barriers to access for Mohave County

	2022.01-05	2022.02-23	2022.04-27	2022.06-29	2022.08-31
211Arizona					
ADOH		X	X	X	X
AHC	X	X	X	X	X
AZDVS	X	X	X		
Catholic Charities	X	X			X
Community Bridges	X				
Fishers of Men		N/A		X	X
HOHP				X	
JAVC	X	X	X	X	
Nation's Finest	X				
NCHP	X	X	X		X
NAVAHCS	X		X	X	X
Primavera		X			X
SAVAHCS	X		X		X
Solari (fka CRN)	X	X		X	
US Vets	X		X	X	
VA			X		