

ARIZONA BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE

VETERANS WORKING GROUP MEETING

1110 WEST WASHINGTON, PHOENIX, Suite 280

10/19/2022—9:00 am - 11:00 am

TOPIC	TOPICS/OUTCOME					
Call to Order Introductions/Ice Breaker	211Arizona- Absent	JAVC- Absent				
	ADOH- David Bridge	Kingman VA- Rebecca Ligori				
	AHC- Joanna Carr, George Campbell	Nation's Finest- Robert Robbins				
	AHCCCS- Absent	NAVAHCS- Joseph Acevedo,				
	AZDVS- Joselyn Wilkinson	NCHP- Miguel Villalpando, Monique Coronado				
	Catholic Charities- Autumn Patton, Jarod Brooks,	Phoenix VA- Absent				
	Danielle Holloway	Primavera Foundation- Denise Lopez, Frank Real				
	Community Bridges- Absent	SAVAHCS- Jocelyn Muzzin, Patrick Hazlett				
	Fishers of Men- Absent	Solari- Stephanie Crum				
	HOHP- Absent	US Vets- Justin Price				
Action Items from Last meeting	• Jocelyn/Joanna will communicate with Stefanie at AHCCCS regarding future disc					
	AHCCCS housing programs					
	 Joanna will share AHCCCS slides with the workgroup Community leads can contact Stefanie Smith for information on team trainings around AHC 					
	 stefanie.smith@azahcccs.gov Joanna will contact the Arizona Pet Project to see if the one pet/one need issue can be address 					
	 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					
Minutes approval from 8/31/22	Deferred to next meeting					
Review Workgroup Purpose	Jocelyn reviewed the workgroup mission/purpose statement					
Tableau Dashboard Review	https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/hmisaz/viz/BOSVeteranDashboard/Information The data is updated monthly.					

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	A smaller workgroup will be established to go through the data and discuss some of the issues the data			
	is highlighting.			
	If veterans have legal issues, there is a grant that may help providers:			
	https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/10/06/2022-21603/funding-opportunity-under-legal-			
	services-for-homeless-veterans-and-veterans-at-risk-for-homelessness			
38k initiative Updates	Jocelyn gave an update on the progress of the 38k Initiative.			
SSVF updates – recent NOFO awards	Primavera Foundation: NOFO award- working on the job description to bring in a housing navigator			
	position; one of the incentives for landlords, they have to agree to a year lease agreement, and the			
	veteran can receive up to \$1,000 to purchase household items through the agency			
	Some homeless prevention funds are still available			
Race Equity Update	Membership across the 3 CoC's is growing; the focus now is looking at data and strategies. Finding			
	there isn't a comprehensive data set per county broken down by race and ethnicity. The VA has some			
	date per region, but not by county. The working group will work with HMIS to get some by-county			
	data. The group is working with national examples to find solutions.			
Update on Veteran serving organizations not licensed with HMIS	Deferred to next meeting			
ADOH Updates	ADOH just submitted the Special NOFO as well as the regular NOFO. The Special NOFO focuses on			
	unsheltered homelessness in rural communities; all 10 of the proposed projects were funded with a			
	focus on:			
	Outreach/Navigation Services			
	Adding shelter beds in communities without them currently			
	Expanding HMIS			
	 To provide a couple more units of PSH in some communities 			
	 Expand into 4 rural communities that currently have almost no services available 			
	Augmenting current projects			
	ADOH does not yet know if any have been funded.			
	AHCCCS was approved for the waiver for social determinance of health- only the 5th or 6th state to			
	receive this:			
	Outreach			
	• Up to 6 months of transitional housing or rent for individuals coming out of homelessness or an institutional setting, such as hotel voucher or congregate settings (policies will still need to be developed)			

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	Paying for move-ins and housing start-up funds (deposits, utility deposits, etc.)				
	Expanded the population eligible for wrap-around services for acute populations (transition-				
	age youth, pregnant women, people with high health-care needs, co-occurring morbidities, etc.)				
	There will be a year to implement, so partnering with AHCCCS will be more available.				
	Currently Medicaid funds can't be used while a person is incarcerated, but there is a national push to				
	make these funds available 30-60 days prior to release so the person won't experience homelessness immediately after release while waiting for other services to be established.				
Update on HPH (Hero's Pathway to Hope)	This is for veterans who need a higher level of care; up the 3 months can be funded for assisted living				
Pilot	or other more intensive housing situations while the veteran works on a long-term care or getting connected to other services. The VA is the referring agency, Be Connected is the navigation agency, and AHC will issue the check. There have not been as many referrals as anticipated, so spread the word.				
	The Executive Director of homeless programs for the VA gave some advice for sustaining the program				
	long-term by recouping the money- once the veteran is approved for ALTEX, they will back-pay from				
	the time the veteran entered the facility and that money can be put back into the HPH program.				
	VA homeless program office just announced a new contract for funds for medical respite.				
Agency Updates	Nation's Finest hired Assistant Site Director and a new Program Support Specialist.				
	AZDVS- A \$750,000 grant has been received for the next 3 years, 80% of which will be used in rural				
	Arizona, possibly for bridging funds or transportation- let Joselyn Wilkinson (jwilkinson@azdvs.gov)				
	know if you have needs for which these funds could be used. This money could potentially be used to				
	pay off arrears in collections or to expunge an eviction from their credit report.				
	SAVAHCS is in the final option-year of national GPD- there should be a new NOFO coming out. This				
	is a great opportunity to engage providers in areas that do not have GPD programs. For more information, contact Patrick Hazlett (Patrick.hazlett@va.gov).				
	NAVAHCS- some of the successes recently have been StandDowns, great partnerships, Case Conferencing coordination for positive outcomes, and transportation is moving into Prescott Valley.				

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	The VA has a rideshare program, and there is a Healthcare for Homeless Veterans clinic with showers,			
	laundry, and different services.			
	The next meeting would fall at the end of December, so it was proposed to move the meeting to			
	December 4th from 10:00 am to noon.			
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Acronyms

Action Items:

- Stephanie will work on breaking down veterans by county, race and ethnicity in tableau
- Stephanie will re-write the definitions in HMIS for the TIP program as these veterans should be "housed" and therefore not appearing on HMIS as in shelter
- Justin will deep dive on the HMIS entries for those entered into HMIS but not enrolled into a program
- Providers will send Stephanie a list of available beds to make sure the bed availability data in tableau is accurate
- Stephanie will send out the HMIS training out to providers
- Jocelyn will set up the data deep dive working group
- George will send out information to providers on the Heroes Pathway to Hope program
- Joanna will send Stephanie a list of data points for veterans race equity by county

	2022.01-05	2022.02-23	2022.04-27	2022.06-29	2022.08-31	2022.10-19
211Arizona						
ADOH		X	X	X	X	X
AHC	X	X	X	X	X	X
AZDVS	X	X	X			X
Catholic Charities	X	X			X	X
Community Bridges	X					
Fishers of Men		N/A		X	X	
HOHP				X		
JAVC	X	X	Χ	X		
Nation's Finest	X					X
NCHP	X	X	X		X	X
NAVAHCS	X		X	X	X	X

Primavera		X			X	X
SAVAHCS	X		X		X	X
Solari (fka CRN)	X	X		X		X
US Vets	X		X	Х		X
VA			X			Х