



**AZ Balance of State Continuum of Care
Local Coalitions to End Homelessness, Quarterly Meeting**

The focus of this meeting is how LCEHs are ending homelessness in their community.
Discussion is focused on system process not individual agency functioning.

November 2, 2022, 9:00am -12:00pm, Virtual

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<p>Welcome and Introductions</p>	<p>MEMBERSHIP</p> <p><i>Apache/Navajo County</i> Marilyn Johnson (OCCAC) Allison Hephner (CPMSAZ)</p> <p><i>Coconino County</i> Ross Schaefer (FSS)</p> <p><i>Cochise County</i> Keith Dennis, Marisa De La Cruz (SEAGO), Terrance Watkins (CPSA)</p> <p><i>Gila County</i> Allison Torres (Gila County) Charles Proudfoot</p> <p><i>La Paz County</i> <i>Absent</i></p> <p><i>Mohave County</i> Nay Rush, Kelly Williams (Mohave County)</p> <p><i>Pinal County</i> Staci Parisi (Pinal County) Maria-Elena Ochoa (Against Abuse)</p> <p><i>Santa Cruz County</i> Keith Dennis (SEAGO), Terrance Watkins (CPSA), Yara Castro (Mariposa)</p> <p><i>Yavapai County</i> Anthony Cruz (CCCS)</p>

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	<p><i>Yuma County</i> Lucia Wilson (Achieve)</p> <p>David Bridge (ADOH) Cristina Benitez (ADOH)</p> <p>OTHER NON-VOTING ATTENDEES/GUESTS Megan Akens (DES) Connie Howell (ADOH) Candee Stanton - Independent Contractor</p>
Approve minutes for 7.19.2022	Keith made a motion to approve. Nay seconded. Minutes were approved. Allison Torres made one correction—she was in attendance
<p>Debrief about Special NOFO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key was local plans—resulted in AZBOSCOC Plans-themes • Applications submitted by County 	<p>David provided an overview of the NOFO process—he indicated that there are over 400 CoCs that compete during these processes. He indicated that the CoC has multiple partnerships with over 300 members throughout the AZBOSCOC. He thanked the LCEHs for their involvement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach • Emergency shelter • Permanent Supportive housing • Stability Vouchers—PHAs requested letters from AZBOSCOC <p>Candee went through the project matrix and shared what projects were included in the Special NOFO application.</p> <p>David talked about how doing the NOFO sets the planning for activities in the upcoming year and aligning to the HUD priorities. Some priorities including domestic violence, youth, LGBTQ+, coordination with health and behavioral health, diversity and equity, coordination with tribal partners.</p> <p>Keith asked when we will find out -David and Candee indicated that it could be anywhere from late this year to end of winter/early spring.</p>

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	Cristina indicated her appreciation for responses to emails and phone call. She also suggested joining the list serve for the HUD Exchange to get a sense of HUD’s direction.
<p>2023 LCEH Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding • Confirmation that Lead Agencies want to continue into 2023 • Deliverables • Committee Assignments (LCEH profile will be sent out for updates) • Goals for membership—Tribal and Youth participation 	<p>David indicated that the LCEHs are the backbone to the AZBOSCOC. David indicated that Director Simplot and Deputy Director Stotler had been having discussions statewide about funds available and administered by ADOH which include set-aside for AZBOSCOC communities with the goal of increasing housing.</p> <p>ADOH has provided a set-aside to fund LCEH supports. The purpose of the funds is for overall support of the LCEH and required LCEH functions and not for general agency funding. David asked if the LCEH Leads want to continue as leads in the 2023—and to let David know.</p> <p>David shared an overview of current activities of the LCEH as well as potential activities in the future.</p> <p>David indicated that funds would be available to fund gaps. Approximately \$80000-\$100000 would be available. Funding could be used for dedicated staff. Service support could include BNL navigation and housing locator and landlord relations. David shared that a community in Washington went from housing 30% of BNL to 80%BNL—when dedicated navigation was provided.</p> <p>Maria Elena suggested using some funds for incentives and information to use for community events</p> <p>David asked if funds to support one-time activities related to outreach. Yara—indicated that this would be of interest. Staci asked if the funds for one year. David indicated that the funds are dedicated for two years at this point. Staci also indicated that capacity building for service providers and mentorship from ADOH for agencies. Charles indicated that funding could be useful for recognition of stakeholders</p> <p>David indicated that there are some fundamentals around training –and there are funds available about implementing training AZBOSCOC. Ross indicated that she is excited to hear this discussion. She appreciates ADOH thinking about the amount of work the LCEH does. Keith indicated that SEAGO’s governing board directed SEAGO to take a role in homelessness. The LCEH funds were insufficient and there are challenges to building the foundation for Graham/Greenlee. Additional funds would be transformative for SEAGO. Allison (by chat) indicated motivational interviewing is needed.</p>

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	<p>David asked about suggesting how to get the funds into the communities: He indicated that the easiest way to amend the current LCEH contracts. Keith indicated that SEAGO is uniquely positioned for that. Staci (by chat) I don't see a problem with amending our current contract with ADOH to include the additional funding. Ross indicated that for Coconino makes sense as long as there is accountability</p> <p>David asked how LCEHs will use the funds? What are going to be the deliverables of the funds? David indicated deliverables could include—increased participation, new sectors, increased placement rates, increased contacts, new landlords. David hopes to make final announcements about allocations in December. David suggested a brief application template will be developed to start the process.</p> <p>David ask if there are other statewide stakeholders to engage—David indicated AHCCCS, youth providers and tribal communities, continued involvement with the McKinney Vento Liaisons, and Managed Care Organizations. Maria Elena suggested the DES-DV representative. Megan suggested the Tribal Liaison from DES.</p>
<p>Point In Time Count</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify LCEH Representatives • Will take place during the last 10 days of January—Where did you sleep the night of 1/24/2023—(Not final yet—awaiting HUD Notice) • Visa Cards for incidentals will be available—who wants one? 	<p>Candee provided an overview of the count for 2023. Maria-Elena suggested that members of the Social Justice and Racial Equity Group could help review the survey to ensure language and training for participants takes equity into consideration. Candee asked that someone from the Social Justice and Racial Equity Committee send the list of members so they can be invited to the meeting where the survey is reviewed.</p> <p>Ross indicated that there is some distrust locally about the accuracy of numbers particularly related to tribal involvement. Candee indicated that she will be contacting Kevin Klingbeil about tribal contacts. David indicated that LCEHs can also use their local contacts to engage with tribal communities so that counts could take place in tribal communities. Maria Elena (by chat) indicated that there are four tribes in Pinal.</p> <p>David indicated the value of local communities engaging with individuals with lived experience to get some feedback about conducting the count.</p>
<p>Expansion of collaboration between AZBOSCOG and Health systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AHCCCS Waiver 	<p>David provided an overview about the growing opportunities between collaboration between housing activities and AHCCCS. Potential funding that may be available from Medicaid—outreach, bridge</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Health Coordination—related to count and services • Community Health Networks • RBHAs 	<p>housing for those coming out of institutions, potential for shelters, move-in costs, home accommodation.</p> <p>Things to start thinking about –are MCOs and RBHAs involved in LCEHs, what are the training opportunities, additional questions in HMIS about health care, data sharing between CoC and AHCCCS</p>
<p>Reminder: The quarterly report for October, November, and December needs to be submitted through the ADOH Portal. It will be due January 20, 2023</p> <p>The Portal Link https://housing.az.gov/portals/document-upload-portals/special-needs-portal</p>	<p>David reminded that quarterly reports are due January 20, 2023 through the portal. LCEH’s we want to ensure you get your funds for the planning grant. It is very helpful to get your Quarterly Reports and RFP’s in by the due date.</p>
<p>Next Meeting—In Person— 12.15.2022, 10am to 3pm Changing Hands Bookstore/The Newton 300 W Camelback, Phoenix</p>	<p>Lunch will be served. This meeting includes the Governance Advisory Board Members, the LCEH Leads, and Subrecipients. There is a likelihood that there will be a breakout among those three groups in the afternoon. If you are part of an agency that is a part of all three groups, you may invite additional people(only one participant per group) so you have representation in each break-out. We will be sending emails how to gather contact information for those individuals and also get lunch orders. It is very important that we have an accurate count of participants so we can arrange the room appropriately.</p>
	<p>David indicated that ADOH staff would like to visit all the counties in the upcoming year and that Cristina will be sending out a note requesting upcoming dates for meetings. A survey has gone out to LCEH Leads for this information and due back on November 4, 2022.David also indicated that if there are any community events or special events coming up that would be appropriate to please include those.</p> <p>Upcoming meetings potential agenda items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standardized Training • State Agencies Involvement • Medicaid • Strategic Plan • Equity • Lived Experience

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Acronyms

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COALITION	2022.01-11	2022.04-19	2022.07-19	2022.11-02
Apache	X	X	X	X
Navajo	X	X	X	X
Cochise	X	X	X	X
Coconino	X		X	X
Gila	X	X	X	X
Graham	No local coalition			

Greenlee	No local coalition			
La Paz			X	
Mohave		X	X	X
Pinal	X	X	X	X
Santa Cruz	X	X	X	X
Yavapai	X	X	X	X
Yuma	X	X	X	X