



ARIZONA BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE

VETERANS WORKING GROUP MEETING

1110 WEST WASHINGTON, PHOENIX, Suite 280

1/4/2023—10:00 am – 12:00 am

TOPIC	TOPICS/OUTCOME	
Call to Order Introductions/Ice Breaker	211Arizona- <i>Absent</i> ADOH- Cristina Benitez AHC- Joanna Carr AHCCCS- <i>Absent</i> AZDVS- <i>Absent</i> Catholic Charities- Autumn Patton, Joe Goitia Community Bridges- <i>Absent</i> Fishers of Men- <i>Absent</i> HOHP- <i>Absent</i> JAVC- <i>Absent</i>	Kingman VA- Rebecca Ligori Nation’s Finest- Robert Robbins NAVAHCS- Joseph Acevedo, NCHP- Miguel Villalpando Phoenix VA- <i>Absent</i> Primavera Foundation- Frank Real SAVAHCS- Jocelyn Muzzin Solari- <i>Absent</i> US Vets- Justin Price
AHCCCS Housing options	NOT DISCUSSED	
Action Items from Last meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephanie will work on breaking down veterans by county, race and ethnicity in tableau- <i>still being worked on by Solari</i> • 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- <i>COMPLETED</i> • Justin will deep dive on the HMIS entries for those entered into HMIS but not enrolled into a program- <i>some progress has been made; entries have been cleaned up; developed strategies to keep the list cleaner- still working on it</i> • Providers will send Stephanie a list of available beds to make sure the bed availability data in tableau is accurate- <i>not all have been received, so if a shelter provider please submit a ticket to get this information to Solari</i> • Stephanie will send out the HMIS training out to providers- <i>no update</i> • Jocelyn will set up the data deep dive working group- <i>Jocelyn met with the Joe Acevedo, and they did some trouble-shooting but the working group needs to meet again</i> • George will send out information to providers on the Heroes Pathway to Hope program- <i>see below</i> 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joanna will send Stephanie a list of data points for veterans race equity by county- <i>data will be provided at the end of the week</i>
Minutes approval from 10/19/22 and 08/31/22	Cristina made a motion to approve the notes from the last two meetings, Justin seconded the motion; motion passed.
Review Workgroup Purpose	The group's purpose was reviewed so it's always up front and in people's minds.
Tableau Dashboard Review	<p>Joselyn reviewed the dashboard with the current information; the VA doesn't include HUD-VASH enrollees, so some of the "unhoused" data may be inaccurate. The VA has a report that could potentially be uploaded into HMIS, since the VA has a separate but similar system to HMIS and most users don't want to spend the time to enter duplicate information.</p> <p>In Yavapai County, landlords are starting to accept more vouchers; in Mohave County, rents are still not realistic; in Pima County, they tried to make it illegal to discriminate based on income, but rejected because it goes against state law</p>
38k initiative Updates	NAVAHCS, SAVAHCS, and nationally the VA have met their goals; Jocelyn shared the data
SSVF updates – recent NOFO awards	<p>Mohave, Yavapai, and Coconino Counties have able to increase to 80% of AMI, which allows more people to qualify.</p> <p>NCHP increased to 80% AMI but the housing authority in Yuma County is still only allowing 50% of AMI; shallow subsidy has been maxed out, serving 25 households for Yuma and 24 for Pinal Counties</p> <p>Rebecca recommends providers speak with those who issue the vouchers and have them discuss this with the housing authorities who won't raise the limit (it's not mandatory), since these are national programs. Miguel tried this and Yuma remained adamant they would not raise it; Jocelyn will pass this info on to the HUD-VASH authority and see if they can discuss it with Yuma County</p> <p>All SSVF providers are able to give landlord incentives to recruit, although the lack of housing stock is the barrier; those being housed can also get an incentive to help make the house more of a home, such as a TV</p>
Race Equity Update	Working on organizing the data; the group will be meeting to strategize for 2023
HPH Update	<p>Heroes Pathway to Hope- AZDVS has been working with the VA to serve veterans who need a higher level of care, such as a nursing home.</p> <p>The pilot program has had typical start-up issues, and they are extending the completion date. Nine individuals have been referred to the program; the local ALTCH representative has been super helpful.</p>

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ADOH Updates	The NOFO-funded projects haven't been announced yet; ADOH has to annually reapply for the UFA status; policies are being updated, and trainings regarding these policies will be forthcoming; HMIS access points are being expanded in the BOS
Agency Updates	AHC/ADOH- Joan Serviss, the director of AHC has been appointed by Governor Hobbs to be the new Director of ADOH There will be a StandDown in Wickenburg in January Mohave County: a StandDown in Kingman will also be conducted in May
Important Links	Tableau Dashboard: BOS Veteran Dashboard Tableau Public Meeting Minutes and Agendas: https://housing.az.gov/documents-links/forms/special-needs-continuum
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Acronyms

Action steps:

- Justin will keep the group updated on efforts to clean up the BNL and address folks who are not assigned to a program in Yavapai County
- Providers will send HMIS updates on available beds to ensure the bed availability data in tableau is accurate
- Jocelyn will be reaching out to GPD sites about veterans who have been on the list for some time
- Cristina, Jocelyn and Joanna will get together with the HMIS lead to talk about how to reconcile HOMES and HMIS data

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ADOH	X				
AHC	X				
AHCCCS					
AZDVS					
Catholic Charities	X				
Community Bridges					
Fishers of Men					
HOHP					
JAVC					
Kingman VA	X				
Nation's Finest	X				
NAVAHCS	X				

NCHP	X					
Phoenix VA						
Primavera	X					
SAVAHCS	X					
Solari (fka CRN)						
US Vets	X					