



**ARIZONA BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE
AZBOSCOG Governance Advisory Board –**

March 7, 2023 – 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

TOPIC	OUTCOME/NOTES
<p>Welcome and Introductions</p>	<p>Membership David Bridge (ADOH) – Chair Cristina Benitez (ADOH) Camie Rasband (Catholic Charities) – Co-chair Sub recipient, LCEH Kristi Denk – Care 1st Pam Moseley/Jowan Thornton (DES) – ESG and DV- <i>absent</i> Karin Uhlich (AzCH-CCP) – RBHA Joanna Carr (AHC)-At Large Maria-Elena Ochoa (Against Abuse) – Subrecipient, DV, LCEH Lead Nay Rush/Kelly Williams (Mohave County)- Sub recipient, LCEH Ross Schaefer (FSS)- At large, LCEH Co-Lead Rita Rodriguez (AZDE) – AZ Department of Education State Homeless Education Program Coordinator- <i>absent</i> Terrance Watkins (Community Partners) – Subrecipient VACANT- At Large (2 positions)</p> <p>Other Participants Megan Akens (DDD) Shannon Haines (ADOH) Connie Howell (ADOH) Candee Stanton (Independent Contractor)</p>
<p>Action: Review and approval of meeting notes from 2.10.2023</p>	<p>Camie made a motion to approve. Terrance seconded. Meeting notes were approved</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion about additional recruitment for board members – review current applications submitted. • Suggestion about one on one recruitment and outreach 	<p>Camie indicated the discussion about membership started in December and has continued. As agreed at the last meeting one of the vacant positions will go to the ACES DV Coalition. Camie indicated three applications were received. There was consensus to review the applications. Applicants reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelly Tanner-AZYP – Youth serving agency. Non CoC funded organization. David asked if Kelly was involved in the Mohave LCEH. Nay indicated that she was involved. • Carole Benedict-US Vets – Camie indicated that Carole has been on the Board previously and served as chair. They are CoC funded and also have other projects.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clayton Abernathy—indicates that he is housing developer. He did not indicate his involvement in the AZBOSCOG geographic area. Terrance indicated that he does know Mr. Abernathy from the Ideal Institute. They build tiny homes—and use the construction as a teaching option. Terrance indicated that the Ideal Institute is partnering with them on a tiny homes project in Eloy. • Kelly Williams—A discussion took place that there can only be one representative per agency. Nay indicated that Kelly will be filling in for her as needed.. <p>Ross indicated and there was consensus that a membership should be reserved for a representative from the tribal community. (This had been approved at the February meeting).</p> <p>Another discussion took place around whether to go from 13 to 15 members. Terrance made a motion to expand the board from 13 to 15. Maria Elena asked for clarification that 15 would include tribal representation and the DV Coalition. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Terrance made a motion to approve an invitation to the three individuals who have applied Karin seconded the motion. The motion passed. Kristi abstained.</p> <p>David indicated he will follow up with AHCCCS to confirm who will be the representative from AHCCCS. He will also follow up with the ACES DV Coalition to identify a representative.</p> <p>A discussion took place about outreach to recruit a representative from tribal communities.</p> <p>Camie suggested that everyone can reach out to current individuals in tribal communities involved in the LCEHs</p> <p>Joanna indicated Lucinda Yazzie is involved with JEDI. She also indicated that she is involved with Arizona Advisory Health Care for Tribal Communities organization. There was consensus Joanna would reach out and see if there was interest in becoming involved in the GAB as a board member.</p> <p>Maria Elena indicated that since there are 22 tribes, another group which is possible is the Southwestern Women’s Indigenousness Group.</p> <p>Joanna indicated there is a committee meeting tomorrow where they can discuss.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss interview or evaluation process. 	<p>Not applicable</p>

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<p>Retreat Planning—Discussion regarding agenda for the retreat in April</p>	<p>David asked for input about the Governance Advisory Board Retreat scheduled at the Franciscan Renewal Center, April 11-April 13.</p> <p>David’s initial thoughts included the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Plan • Benchmarking • performance goals • speakers including asking the Joan Serviss to come the ADOH Director. Other topics include justice and equity, and coordinated entry <p>Ross indicated that the justice and equity discussion at the conference last week was most useful. Joanna suggested committee updates take place at the Retreat Joanna suggested an equity speaker to help framing for all activities.</p> <p>Candee suggested that draft plan that was distributed in December be used as a foundation for planning. There was a consensus a general overview of Advisory Board role and CoC responsibilities would be useful. Camie agreed a discussion about diversity, equity and inclusion would be helpful. Maria Elena—suggested an environmental scan. Candee suggested the draft plan from December could be used as the foundation and the SWOT could fill in around it. David indicated sister agencies will be invited and requested Joanna plan to do a legislative update. David asked if members had any suggestions for speakers to send them to him.</p>
<p>Review and Discussion about current System Performance Measures</p>	<p>David indicated the LSA and system performance measures had been submitted in alignment with HUD timelines. David then shared updated SPMS and a discussion took place how they can be used to start having an intentionality around the goals.</p> <p>David indicated that Chris Moeller (Flagstaff) shared at the HMIS meeting that they have impacted disparity positively through some of the small changes they have made—Camie indicated they backed into the discussion to make it more meaningful.</p> <p>Maria Elena asked if barriers are identified related to the generation of the SPM –David indicated that those are the things we can look at. David also indicated that we can do a deep dive on the data as well.</p>
<p>Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LCEH contract process • 2022 and 2023 NOFOS • 2023 PIT Count • DES update (RFP) • Statewide training platform 	<p>Awards of Special NOFO—the AZBOSCOC was awarded two projects-one in Gila and one in Apache/Navajo—David indicated there may be additional awards including additional vouchers to PHAs. There have been no announcements about the regular NOFO.</p> <p>Candee indicated unsheltered PIT count went well and almost all the surveys have been received and are being entered into a database. She indicated the number of surveys may be less than last year but that doesn’t necessarily</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standing Committee Reports 1. JEDI 2. PIT Count Update 3. HMIS 4. Coordinated Entry 5. LCEH Leads 	<p>mean less individuals counted.</p> <p>David talked about the DES RFP and indicated that there are funds set aside for the AZBOSCOC. The applications are due March 23, 2023.</p> <p>Cristina and David indicated that LCEH contracts are being processed</p> <p>David reported \$120,000 is going to be used for a training platform. The AZBOSCOC is going to use the PIMA portal—there will be a separate AZBOSCOC training portal—There will be sharing of some information and have some trainings specific for AZBOSCOC—some funds are available for content development –David asked members if they are aware of resources—if so please send to him. Topics which have been discussed include: AZBOSCOC specific information, trauma, evidenced based practices, and understanding other systems of care.</p>
<p>Other items: Upcoming policy review/adoption of policies for AZBOS COC by GAB- Date to be determined for Coordinated Entry Policy and update HMIS policy. These will need to go to the specific committee first then onto GAB.</p>	<p>JEDI Joanna indicated that committee has grown it memberships and have discussed a focus on tribal relations, PIT count, training, and VISPDAT. The name of the committee has changed to Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI)</p> <p>David indicated JEDI members will be invited to Coordinated Entry and HMIS Committees David also asked if the JEDI Committee would identify appropriate training options.</p> <p>David also indicated that JEDI consider criteria for renewal project scoring. HMIS—new data standards around race, ethnicity, age standards and Medicaid reporting are being established. David indicate that a data sharing agreement with AHCCCS is being considered that would share HMIS UDE with AHCCCS and with MCOs. There is potential follow up using the BNL. AHCCCS will not be able to share much information back due to HIPPA HMIS committee approved going forward.</p> <p>Terrance indicated that the presentation at the conference from Maricopa about it was very good and thought it is a good idea.</p> <p>Cristina indicated that most individuals in CoC housing are Medicaid eligible—Megan indicated housing coordination will help identify shared populations. David indicated that a final draft will be provided to the Board for formal approval. Maria Elena confirmed that information related to survivors of DV and sexual exploitation will be deidentified. David indicated that the focus will be on households where there is HMIS information.</p> <p>An in- person Coordinated Entry meeting will be scheduled in the next month or so to begin a comprehensive review of the CE policy and VISPDAT.</p>

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	David indicated the Southern VA staffs Veterans and arrangements will be made for updates at future meetings.
Other	<p>Maria Elena indicated Ross received the 2023 Athena Award from the Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce.</p> <p>Congratulations from the Governance Advisory Board!!</p> <p>https://www.flagstaffchamber.com/athena-awards/#:~:text=2023%20ATHENA%20Awards&text=Congratulations%20to%20our%202023%20ATHENA,all%20of%20the%20award%20nominees!</p>

List of [Acronyms](#)

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David Bridge (ADOH)	X	X						
Cristina Benitez (ADOH)	X	X						
Camie Rasband (Catholic Charities)	X	X						
Kristi Denk Care 1 st	X	X						
Kelli Wilde (DES)	X							
Joanna Carr (AHC)	X	X						
Karin Uhlich (AZ Complete Health)	X	X						
Maria-Elena Ochoa At Large		X						
Nay Rush (Mohave County)	X	X						
Rita Rodriguez	X							
Ross Schaefer (Flagstaff Shelter Services)		X						
Terrance Watkins (Community Partners)	X	X						
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