



AZ Balance of State Continuum of Care

Local Coalitions to End Homelessness (LCEH), 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.

May 2, 2023, 10:00am -11:30pm, Virtual

Agenda Item	Notes
Welcome and Introduction	<p>MEMBERSHIP</p> <p><i>Apache/Navajo County</i> Marilyn Johnson (OCCAC), Allison Hephner and Nate Updike (CPMSAZ), and Tia Evans (ReCenter)</p> <p><i>Cochise County</i> Terrance Watkins, Helen Sanchez, and Cynthia Ortiz (CPSA)</p> <p><i>Coconino County - Absent</i></p> <p><i>Gila County</i> Allison Torres (Gila County)</p> <p><i>Graham/Greenlee Counties</i> Terrance Watkins and Cynthia Ortiz (CPSA)</p> <p><i>La Paz County</i> Evelyn Ruiz (RCBH)</p> <p><i>Mohave County</i> Kelly Williams and Cheisea Marshall (Mohave County)</p> <p><i>Pinal County</i> Staci Parisi (Pinal County) and Maria-Elena Ochoa (Against Abuse)</p> <p><i>Santa Cruz County</i> Terrance Watkins (CPSA) and 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) and Donna Montgomery (CBI)</p> <p>David Bridge and Cristina Benitez (ADOH)</p> <p>OTHER NON-VOTING ATTENDEES/GUESTS Connie Howell and Shannon Haines (ADOH) Candee Stanton - Independent Contractor</p>
<p>Approve minutes for 0 1.31.23</p>	<p>Kelly made a motion to approve with corrections and Anthony made a motion to second. Evelyn indicated that she attended in place of Todd—Cristina indicated that she would make that change. The minutes were approved.</p>
<p>NOFO Scoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • System Performance Measures 2022 Report/ Review • NOFO scoring 	<p>David provided an overview of the NOFO process. He talk about the requirement for the governance process which over the years resulted in the LCEHs. The NOFO is a competitive process. The AZBOSCOC renewal amount is approximately \$5 million. The AZBOSCOC received level funding. David indicated that the AZBOSCOC also received funds from the Special NOFO and was only one of 38 CoCs that received funding.</p> <p>David reviewed the AZBOSCOC scoring over the years in comparison to the rest of the approximately 400 CoC. CoCs are more likely to get bonus projects if the CoC scores above the median. 2021 was the lowest AZBOSCOC score. In 2022, it increased but still below the median.</p> <p>David shared the NOFO scoring by category. He indicated that the system performance measures were the most important category. In other areas, the AZBOSCOC is scoring well in the other areas.</p> <p>Coordination is also an area where improvement can take place—the partnerships that HUD is specifically looking at are partnerships with health care, the PHAs, and other housing systems.</p> <p>David indicated that a LCEH Request for Information will be sent out again related to the 2023 to gather data to respond to the NOFO questions.</p> <p>David reviewed each of the SPMs-length of time homeless. –It has been creeping but there may be some ideas about the LCEH can impact the measure. We are working with Solari to get additional information and a report related to long-term stayers. LCEHs can look at length of stay as a part of prioritization.</p> <p>Allison from Gila indicated that they are working with Solari to clean up their data.</p> <p>David asked if there are ways to share information about data quality. Staci asked if that should be a responsibility of the LCEH HMIS Lead to discuss with other agencies.</p> <p>David indicated that we can work with Solari to produce LCEH level reports related to data quality. Staci indicated that it would be helpful to know what agencies from the LCEH area are included in HMIS.</p> <p>Returns to Homelessness: Most folks are not coming back into the system but there are some things around data quality, connecting to mainstream resources, looking at long term retention strategies. This measure can be impacted by collaborations and partnerships.</p>

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	<p>HMIS Count—for 2023 –folks in emergency shelter and transitional housing went up while the number of folks unsheltered went down. It would also appear the households that meet the chronic homeless definition also went down. The LCEHs have contributed significantly to the quality of the unsheltered count that took place.</p> <p>Income Increase—possible improvements—data quality—working with Workforce programs and increasing case management and service connection.</p> <p>First Time Homeless—continues to be high—affordability impacts this.</p> <p>Successful Exits—could be data clean up—can shelter be bridge housing instead of defining as emergency or transitional housing</p> <p>PSH Retention-This intervention does work with a 96.6% retention rate. May consider exit report monitoring.</p>
HIC/PIT submission and overview	Candee provided a brief overview of the unsheltered PIT information.
<p>LCEH Capacity Building Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contracts all sent out • Status of LCEHs in process of hiring staff • Increase in Access points/street outreach 	<p>Cristina indicated that all contracts have been sent out.</p> <p>Staci indicated that they have a work plan to fill their new positions through their sub contractor.</p> <p>Terrance indicated that their subcontracts are in process with most of them using current staff except for Mariposa which will be hiring new staff. Current staff were doing the work but not getting compensated for the work—this funding will allow that to change.</p> <p>Allison—Gila indicated that they are creating and posting an administrative assistant position shortly.</p> <p>Allison-Apache/Navajo—staff have been hired. Tia is focused on coordinated entry and HMIS and Nate is focused on outreach. Marilyn continues to provide support and the collaboration among OCCAC, ReCenter and CPMSAZ is going well.</p> <p>Mohave has posted case conferencing/HMIS position—will be doing interviews in the next few weeks.</p> <p>Lucia-indicated that the LCEH coordinator position will be advertised this week.</p> <p>Cristina indicated that La Paz has posted for the LCEH Coordinator.</p>
AHCCCS requests how to incorporate Health Plans for LCEH participation	<p>Cristina indicated that a common goal of the AZBOSCO and AHCCCS is to improve coordination between the local plans and the LCEHs. David indicated that AHCCCS will be able to pay for shelter, move in costs, deposits, and more wraparound services with a focus on SMI. This process will start in October. David indicated that AHCCCS will make a presentation to the LCEHs in the future. The RBHAs are key—Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) and the network providers are required to work with the CoC. David asked what gaps could the MCOs and network providers fill?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in planning • Participate in case conferencing • Terrance indicated one of the strategies they are working on is enhanced shelter. • Nate indicated that working with the AHCCCS case manager could really be useful. <p>David indicated that a pilot data share is in process with AHCCCS.</p>
<p>Funding Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Az Housing Coalition 	AZ Housing Coalition is releasing funds for capacity building in rural communities—some areas could include direct service.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DES-update 	
2022 and 2023 NOFO Status Update	Tentative word from HUD that the 2023 NOFO will be coming out in June.
May 16, 2023 In Person CE Lead Meeting	Review current ADOH CE policy is aligned with HUD Standards. Review is needed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of use of VI-SPDAT (equity, inclusion) • Prioritization process review needed to change at COC and Local Coalition level • Functional systems • Local barriers/challenges for BNL • Request for toolkit to take back to local coalitions, provide training, how local coalitions can improve
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Link to list of [Acronyms](#)

<p>Arizona Department of Housing --Contact Information</p> <p>1-Cristina Benitez--Continuum of Care Coordinator Cristina.Benitez@azhousing.gov 602-771-1017</p> <p>2-David Bridge--Special Needs Program Administrator David.Bridge@azhousing.gov (602) 309-6542</p> <p>3-Keon Montgomery--Assistant Deputy Director Keon.montgomery@azhousing.gov 602-771-1209</p> <p>Link to ADOH Bulletin List Serve https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=001jarSHX2McaSRycGIQd2zdIkkxSWYEQC-MuzYbNIJBZGWeXqaUpUTOPciYTxRW_hl0MACBdDhOjfZuyjAeuNAu300I63kKqAwNu9moVyXg10ivkFNKnG-4Zry2dA34qGqhDyXB26kVzRfREQ2MnZlDiLBNYUBlxMCNuqmUWdG-Ujg-KZQavPaZhbSziPBoCdh4zrG9EGas%3D</p> <p>ADOH website: https://housing.az.gov/documents-links/forms/special-needs-continuum Special Needs-Continuum -What you will find are updates regarding NOFO BOS COC Policies/guidelines/initiatives/Governance Charter, BOSCO annual meetings note; Coordinated Entry Committee; Governance Advisory Board agenda's/notes; HMIS committee/</p> <p>Special Needs: AZ Landlord Incentive Program ALI** Based upon available funding** Special Needs Housing Manual & Forms- HUD and Housing related Arizona Landlord Incentive Program- https://housing.az.gov/documents-links/forms/special-needs-forms Az Landlord Incentive Program documents</p> <p>System Performance Measure Link https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/hmisaz/viz/BOS-SystemPerformanceMeasures/CountyComparison</p>	<p>Resources for Funding and information—many of them have list-serves so you will be updated on information:</p> <p>USICH resource tool for funding for Social and other related Services https://www.usich.gov/tools-for-action/federal-health-and-social-service-programs-that-support-people-experiencing-homelessness/</p> <p>AZ Housing Fund (Different from the Arizona Department of Housing Trust Fund) https://arizonahousingfund.org/</p> <p>National Alliance to End Homelessness https://endhomelessness.org/</p> <p>Funds available through Home-American Rescue Plan Program https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/home-arp</p> <p>All things HUD https://www.hudexchange.info/</p> <p>United States Interagency Council on Homelessness https://endhomelessness.org/ending-homelessness/policy/united-states-interagency-council-homelessness/</p> <p>Housing Assistance Council—focus on rural areas https://ruralhome.org/</p> <p>Local First Arizona –Rural Development https://localfirstaz.com/rural-development</p>
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COALITION	2023.01-31	2023.05-02		
Apache	X	X		
Navajo	X	X		
Cochise	X	X		
Coconino	X			
Gila	X	X		
Graham/Greenlee	IN PROCESS	X		
La Paz	X	X		
Mohave	X	X		
Pinal	X	X		
Santa Cruz	X	X		
Yavapai	X	X		
Yuma	X	X		