



ARIZONA BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE  
 VETERANS WORKING GROUP MEETING  
 1110 WEST WASHINGTON, PHOENIX, Suite 280

5/5/2023—10:30 am – 12:00 am

TOPIC	TOPICS/OUTCOME	
Call to Order Introductions/Ice Breaker	211Arizona- <i>Absent</i> ADOH- David Bridge, Cristina Benitez AHC- <i>Absent</i> AHCCCS- <i>Absent</i> AZDVS- Nisha Dorsey Catholic Charities- Autumn Patton Community Bridges- William Boyer Fishers of Men- <i>Absent</i> HOHP- <i>Absent</i> JAVC- <i>Absent</i>	Kingman VA- Rebecca Ligori Nation's Finest- <i>Absent</i> NAVAHCS- <i>Absent</i> NCHP- Serenity Dewey, Tabitha Avery Phoenix VA- <i>Absent</i> Primavera Foundation- Frank Real RCFBH- Evelyn Ruiz SAVAHCS- Jocelyn Muzzin Solari- <i>Absent</i> US Vets- Bryan Campbell, Valerie Crossman
Action Items from Last meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providers will send HMIS updates on available beds to ensure the bed availability data in tableau is accurate</li> <li>• Cristina, Jocelyn and Joanna will get together with the HMIS lead to talk about how to reconcile HOMES (the VA system) and HMIS data</li> </ul>	
Minutes approval from 2/22/23	Recording was lost, so no notes available	
Tableau Dashboard Review	Some of the bed counts are not accurate; if data shown on the Tableau is not correct, please contact Jocelyn (jocelyn.muzzin@va.gov), Cristina (cristina.benitez@azhousing.gov), and Stephanie Crum (stephanie.crum@solari-inc.org) to discuss discrepancies. The VA uses a separate HMIS system, and they are going to start uploading a report that the BOS HMIS system can use to show the VA data. Jocelyn suggested adding an overall trend line to show data from year to year; David suggested having the VA data (goals and achievements) on the BOS dashboard just to see how it's going at the federal level	
38k Initiative	Jocelyn showed the status of the 38k initiative and how the Northern and Southern VA are doing	
SSVF updates	The Stafford Act regarding COVID expires May 11 <sup>th</sup> , so SSVF will return to its normal program guidelines- for example, the Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) limits were increased from 3 days of emergency housing assistance to 60 days; the general housing assistance (move-in items, household items, application fees) to almost \$2,000; an increase in miscellaneous move-in costs (for leases up to 1 year minimum) up to \$1,000 to help the veteran feel more at home, such as books, puzzles, a bicycle, etc.;	

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	TFA is going to reset, so funds spent on veterans over the last two years will start over (excluding shallow subsidies)
HPH Update	Postponed until next meeting
ADOH Updates	<p>ADOH personnel have been visiting some of the LCEHs; there is additional funding that different LCEHs are using for outreach, CE, additional case managers, etc. ADOH has a contract for a pilot project with the Homeless ID Project for Gila, Mohave, Cochise, Yuma, Yavapai, and Navajo Counties to assist with obtaining lost or stolen IDs for the homeless. Cristina will put together a flyer on the information.</p> <p>PIT numbers are done and posted on the ADOH website (see below or <a href="#">here</a>); the numbers went up from around 2,300 to just under 2,400 homeless persons in the state; one of the positive notes is due to increases in shelters and other programs for the first time in several years the unsheltered number went down (about a 16% decrease from the previous year), and the chronic number went down as well.</p>
Agency Updates	<p>US Vets- been focusing on the Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program (SSG Fox SPGP) and The Milonovich Trust in western Arizona in the Tribal lands with the goal of reducing barriers.</p> <p>AZDVS- StandDowns are continuing; the Heroes Pathway to Hope pilot project is up to 14 referrals (still working through ALTCS approvals); would like to partner with the Community Based Outpatient Clinic (C-BOC) to see how they can help with referrals for the elderly homeless population of veterans.</p> <p>RCFBH in La Paz County is using the Capacity Building Grant from ADOH to assist with security deposits</p>
Important Links	<p>Tableau Dashboard: <a href="#">BOS Veteran Dashboard   Tableau Public</a></p> <p>Meeting Minutes and Agendas: <a href="https://housing.az.gov/documents-links/forms/special-needs-continuum">https://housing.az.gov/documents-links/forms/special-needs-continuum</a></p> <p>Arizona Veterans StandDown Alliance <a href="https://www.azhousingcoalition.org/avsa.html">https://www.azhousingcoalition.org/avsa.html</a></p>
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List of [Acronyms](#)

	2023.01-04	2023.02-22	2023.05-05			
211Arizona						
ADOH	X		X			
AHC	X					
AHCCCS						
AZDVS			X			
Catholic Charities	X		X			
Community Bridges			X			
Fishers of Men						
HOHP						
JAVC						
Kingman VA	X		X			
Nation's Finest	X					
NAVAHCS	X					
NCHP	X		X			
Phoenix VA						
Primavera	X		X			
RCFBH			X			
SAVAHCS	X		X			
Solari (fka CRN)						
US Vets	X		X			

RECORDING MISSING- NO NOTES POSSIBLE