



AZ Balance of State Continuum of Care
Local Coalitions to End Homelessness (LCEH), Quarterly Meeting
July 27, 2023, 9:30am -11:30pm, Virtual

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

Agenda Item	Lead	Notes
Welcome and Introduction	David Cristina	<p> David Bridge-ADOH-present Cristina Benitez-ADOH-present Apache/Navajo- Marilyn Johnson (OCCAC) and Allison Hephner (CPMSAZ) – Tia Evens-present Cochise –Terrance Watkins, Helen Sanchez, Cynthia Ortiz –CPIH/CPSA-present Coconino-Camie Rasband (CCCS) and Ross Schaefer (FSS)-present Gila-Richard Navarro, Kayle Lathrop, Charles Proudfoot–Gila County-present Graham/Greenlee –Terrance Watkins, Helen Sanchez, Cynthia Ortiz-CPIH/CPSA La Paz-Evelyn Ruiz-Regional Center For Border Health-absent Mohave-Nay Rush/Kelly Williams –Mohave County -present Pinal-Heather Patel- (Pinal County) Maria-Elena Ochoa AAI-present Santa Cruz – Yara Castro-Mariposa CHC, Terrance Watkins CPIH/CPSA-present Yavapai-Anthony Cruz- CCCS, Camie Rasband- CCCS -present Yuma-Lucia Wilson –ACHIEVE, Donna Montgomery-ACHIEVE-present </p> <p> Other Participants Stephanie Crum-Solari Shannon Haines--Housing Specialist-present Connie Howell –Housing Specialist-present Al De La Trinidad-AHCCCS PATH & MHBG Grants Administrator-present </p>
Approve minutes for 5.2.2023	Cristina	Camie made a motion to approve the 5.2.2023 meeting notes and Allison seconded. The notes have been approved. Maria-Elena abstained as she was not at the meeting.
Status of 2023/2024 Contracts Reporting Due Dates October 25 th January 25 April 25 July 25 Report format will be updated based on review of	Cristina	Cristina provided an update on the CoC funded planning grants. It is anticipated that the contracts will be executed in the next couple of weeks for the planning portion funded by CoC funds. A discussion took place about the quarterly report format. The following suggestions were made <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise the focus of copies of meeting notes/minutes to the LCEH meetings only and let the leads provide summaries in the report for any other meetings that take place. • Acknowledge that funds spent related to diversion will be approximate if funded by other sources other than funds in the HTF funded LCEH capacity contracts that include diversion activities. • Simplify how LCEHs can report their active membership by agency and sector so information is unduplicated.

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<p>reports submitted 7/25</p> <p>Develop roster of Member agencies submitted Q1 and Q2 of the new contract cycle/year</p>		
<p>2023 NOFO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review RFI related to 2023 NOFO • Letters from LCEH persons with lived experience committees. • PHA relationships-status • Volunteers to review bonus project 	<p>David Candee Members</p>	<p>David provided an overview of the NOFO. The NOFO can be found here. https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=349091</p> <p>As in past years, there will be the potential of new projects through bonus and DV dedicated bonus funds. David encouraged the LCEH leads to let their partners and stakeholders know about the NOFO—and any ideas for new projects. Candee provided a brief overview of the 2023 LCEH RFI. She indicated that it will be similar to last year and that the LCEHs will be provided a couple of weeks to complete. Development is pending additional documents being released by HUD. The other two major areas for LCEH involvement includes –documentation of persons with lived experience that are contributing to planning and program development. Ideas were discussed including using peer programs such as HOPE, Inc. as a documentation source. Candee indicated that she will review the requirements and develop a template that LCEHs can adopt to their specific situation.</p> <p>Candee also indicated that PHA involvement and their policies related to prioritizing persons experiencing homelessness is an important collaboration. There was discussion about how that could be documented. Candee will provide additional information in the LCEH RFI about what is needed related to the PHAs.</p> <p>Candee asked the LCEH Leads to reach out to their members and stakeholders and see if anyone is interested in being a part of the workgroups to review bonus projects. Please send any contact information for persons who are interested to Candee at candee.stanton@gmail.com.</p>
<p>Status Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referral Reporting HMIS • Health Care information HMIS • Status of data sharing agreements-AHCCCS and research project • BNL clean up 	<p>David and Cristina</p>	<p>Cristina indicated that MOUs are needed for case conferencing related to referrals. The MOUU is in draft form and will be sent out to the LCEH Leads for review. Once this is completed it will be brought to the committees (CE & HMIS) and approval by the GAB.</p> <p>Solari is going to start in-person training which will start in Mohave the first week in August. The four Southern counties will be next for HMIS basic training.</p> <p>The HMIS Committee is reviewing policies which will also be aligned to Coordinated Entry policies. Specific items that will be addressed include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • time to referral acceptance, • how many referrals can be accepted/denied by the project to which the referral was made <p>David indicated that the data sharing agreement with AHCCCS is moving forward. AHCCCS will be able to provide aggregate data but not patient data because of HIPAA.</p>

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		<p>David indicated in future months, that AHCCCS will be able to pay for some activities related to housing including items such as transitional shelter for persons moving out institutional settings, some move in costs and other items that contribute to people being housed.</p> <p>The HMIS Committee is reviewing the potential of opening up the questions in HMIS related to health care. David suggested that the LCEHs look into the Community Health Workers and Community Health Representatives- https://www.azahcccs.gov/CHW and Arizona Community Health Workers Association-https://azchow.org/</p> <p>David also indicated that there is another data sharing project with the three universities. They are doing research on areas such as individuals with high costs and high needs, recidivism and other areas that the Arizona CoCs identify.</p> <p>David and Cristina indicated that Solari is working on the BNL clean-up, but that LCEHs should also do a review with particular focus on households that have been on the BNL for long periods of time –to assess where that information is accurate or is something that needs additional information in HMIS to reflect more accurate status.</p> <p>Cristina indicated that the AZBOSCOC will have access to Tucson’s CoC Learning Management system to access a range of training topics such as CoC 101, Trauma Informed Care, and other topics. AZBOSCOC specific content will also be added. There is also a plan to collaborate with U of A so certification can be provided for some training activities.</p> <p>David/Cristina, that approximately 30 to 40 persons from the AZBOSCOC area will be attending the Housing Forum in August. Focused activities for the AZBOSCOC include breakfast on the 28th with developers including use of rural incentives related to LIHTC applications. For the last round of applications, there was a record number of applications from the AZBOSCOC geographic area.</p>
Other Items	Cristina	The meeting adjourned at 11:00

<p>Arizona Department of Housing Contact Information 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>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>
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<p>Link to ADOH Bulletin List Serve https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=001jarSHX2McaSRycGIQd2zdIkxkSWYEQC-MuzYbNIJBZGWeXqaUpUTOPciYTxRW_hl0MACBdDhOjfZujAeuNAu300I63kKkqAwNuJ9moVyXg10ivkFNKnG-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 https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/hmisaz</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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