



AZ Balance of State Continuum of Care JEDI committee notes

March 8th 2023

Attendees:

- Joselyn Wilkinson
- Holly Figueroa
- Donna Montgomery
- Lucinda Yazzie
- Cristina Benitez
- Joanna Carr

Discussion:

1. CoC needs

- Cristina shared the HMIS and CE subcommittee are requesting members of the JEDI committee to join - this is to ensure an equity focus in these committees following new HUD policies, requiring an equity lens
- No committee member was able to commit due to capacity issues
- Resolution - Documents coming from these workgroups will be reviewed by this committee

2. CoC representation

- Discussion on how to reach and support all LCEH's
- Having a dedicated "JEDI champion" from each of the 12 LCEH's will add too many people to this committee
- Resolution: Invite the LCEH representatives to this committee once per quarter to allow check-in/TA/Guidance

3. Purpose of this working group and requirements of the LCEH

- Feedback from new members - the purpose is not clear
- This committee developed parameters for the LCEH leads around equity in 2020 - There has not been any accountability - Staffing changes at ADOH means this work was not followed up on - E.g LCEH's were supposed to do a data review and it is not clear which have done this.

- Resolution: This group will review the committee purpose document and LCEH parameters next month

4. The need for ongoing education

- A one-off presentation done back in 2020-2021 is not adequate to educate communities on equity
- Considering capacity - discussion around using outside resources for education - e.g Race Equity Partners - Possibility of sharing Maricopa County REP presentation recordings to the BOS
- Training on data - This was an action step for Stephanie in prior meetings
- Can ADOH have an equity page housing resources?

5. Discussion around the committee name

- Newer members asked about the new name - JEDI - Agreed on in January's meeting
- Justice, Equity, Diversion, Inclusion
- Comments re ensuring we are not trying to avoid offending people by removing the word "race" - We have to lead by doing the work

6. NOFO

- Concerns that the committee does not get requests for equity feedback until the last minute
- Note - HUD does not give much time and the timelines are tight
- Resolution: This group to review the last NOFO

Who runs the next meeting?

- Agreed format of not having a chair/leader to ensure everyone has the chance to run the meeting in their own way and to lead discussion
- Feedback from new members - Do not yet feel comfortable running the meeting and this may take time
- Joselyn Wilkinson agreed to run the next meeting

Action steps:

- Joselyn will check if we can use the Race Equity Partners training recordings for BOS LCEH's
- Waiting for updates from Stephanie on data 101 training for LCEH's
- Next meeting we will review our committee purpose and parameters, including step of asking for an equity lead in each LCEH
- Cristina will check if we can have a resource page on the ADOH website
- We will review the last NOFO ahead of the summer to be prepared to give feedback in the next NOFO

Other items not addressed in this meeting:

- On 03/07/23, the BOS Governance Advisory Board voted to add a tribal seat on the board and is seeking applications.
- ADOH has requested this committee creates agenda's/notes to be used to help with the United Funding Agency application