



AZ Balance of State Continuum of Care
Local Coalitions to End Homelessness, Quarterly Meeting
 Due to COVID-19, meetings are being held individually with each LCEH Lead
 May 2020

By teleconference or web meeting

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

MINUTES (This is a summary of information from each individual meeting)

Agenda Item	Notes
<p>Approve Minutes of 3/9/2020</p>	<p>The minutes were approved unanimously. Individuals in attendance included: ADOH—Karia Basta, Ryan Vernick Apache/Navajo—Marilyn Johnson, Kevin Davis Cochise—Sidney Potter, Brad Roland Coconino—Camie Rasband, Ross Altenbaugh Gila—Dorine Prine, Malissa Buzan La Paz—Ortensia Yazzie, Franklin McCabe Mohave- Nay Covington Pinal—Adeline Allen, Braden Biggs Yavapai—Carole Benedict, Jessi Hans Yuma—Miguel Villalpando Other—Candee Stanton</p>
<p>Check in –How is the LCEH responding to COVID-19? Holding meetings? Conference call, Zoom, other platform? Challenges? What are the issues that the LCEH is addressing? COVID related or not? Discussion on priorities? Chronic vs. virus positive or symptomatic?</p>	<p>Apache/Navajo—Individuals have to make appointments to access services. Working with Change Point to establish case conferencing. OCCAC foodbank operating as drive-thru and working well. Asking individuals as they come to foodbank if they are in need of housing. Benefited from funds available because of Covid-19. Using for eviction prevention also received supplies that were available.</p> <p>Cochise—LCEH has been meeting since March. Cochise Health Department assigned a shelter liaison—so that there can be close collaboration related to Covid-19. GNA is getting calls about the need for rental assistance. SEAGO has reached out to collaboration. Working with City of Sierra Vista related to plan to address homelessness. Indicated appreciation to ADOH for all the assistance during the recent transitions that Good Neighbor Alliance has experienced.</p> <p>Coconino—CCS is able to do mobile testing. Intakes are being completed over the phone. The number of intakes has gone down, with many calls asking for information. Case Conferencing has continued by phone and zoom. Several agencies contracted with T-Gen directly for testing. Flagstaff Shelter Services had positive cases among clients and staff—Moved clients to motels for quarantine and isolation. Staff are at the motels 24/7.</p>

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	<p>Coconino County has been coordinating some efforts and Flagstaff opened CDBG funds to address issues. There is need for bridge housing between the stay in hotel and permanent setting. Agencies serving Veterans have been active in identifying Veterans who are in shelter and using veteran resources for permanent housing. DV shelters have been very responsive to the increase in incidents related to stay at home requirements. Outreach has taken place to representatives from Native American groups as well. The hope is to build relationships during this critical time that will continue beyond the pandemic. Focus continues on ensuring that staff are safe and focusing on self-care. Some apartment complexes have agreed to roommate rentals—thus increasing the capacity of RRH.</p> <p>Gila—Partnerships have increased. Food Bank in Globe is trying to expand through a drive thru process. They have gone from 500 boxes to 1000 boxes per month. The Payson Food Bank was having challenges in getting supplies—community members have been donating which has been a significant help. ADOH eviction prevention is really helping—been able to the eligibility online—the process could be replicated in the future for utility assistance.</p> <p>Dorine is now chair of the LCEH. Meetings are continuing via Internet meetings. Communication among agencies has increased. Businesses have also become involved which has made a significant difference. Payson has drive-thru testing. San Carlos Tribal Community closed the community—at the time of this meeting San Carlos had no active cases.</p> <p>La Paz—Border Health is getting ready for accreditation. Clinic will be opened in Parker in two weeks—will be behavioral health/primary Also working on transitional housing center which will house five male and five female. NCHP hired two Veteran Outreach workers—focus on homeless veterans—will include coverage of Quartzsite. University of Arizona is providing COVID funding to address and educate about COVID 19. Agriculture area at Vicksburg has had an outbreak. There has been an outbreak in Salome, CRIT—has had a few cases as well. Testing outside of hospitals taking place. Some communities will start offering walk in tests. Going to start with testing employees first. Lots of folks coming from CA coming to the river .CRIT closed all boat launches from Parker to Blythe.—resulting in folks heading to LHC. They have been doing more outreach—folks want supplies but aren’t interested in housing.</p> <p>Mohave—Most meetings are taking place by phone/Internet. Cornerstone Mission has been able to assist in food distribution through a partnership with WIOA. Other volunteers have also helped. Veteran organizations have been working closely with us. A workflow change occurred which has contributed to effectiveness. There has been strong collaboration with the Mohave County Health Department. There is going to be a Rapid Test Team as well as testing for antibodies. The shelter is of particular focus for testing. Individuals who are most vulnerable are a particular focus—more folks are being housed. WIOA is paying for rent for those enrolled so they don’t lose housing while unemployed.</p>

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	<p>Pinal—Coordination has been a challenge. Currently testing taking place at Banner Hospital in Casa Grande. Testing is also taking place at some clinics and labs. First Responders are priority. Karia mentioned that testing is also occurring at One Life Medical Center in Queen Creek and it might be free.</p> <p>Yavapai—There have been changes in staff at many agencies which has been challenging. In addition, some communities in Yavapai, because there have not been many active cases, are less engaged. Outbreak numbers have been going up as of the date of the meeting. The bathrooms at camps and parks have been closed creating many concerns. Jessi and Carole are going to discuss opening up their own campground—want to rent land from the city. Parcel and design are already in process. As of the date of the meeting no one at the shelters have tested positive. Continuing to hold virtual LCEH/Collective Impact meeting. The Winter Symposium is still planned. More community support has been happening –lots of in-kind support=cleaning supplies, gloves. CCJ opened lodges—moved 4 clients in capacity for 12. New homes –folks moved in April 27th. Amazing housing project—would like to duplicate in the future. Created lots of relationships to do it again. Already have a property purchased for the next one. Agape House, which is a faith based organization—bought duplex—space for 8 families—first true family shelter. Using ESG funds for vouchers for motels for quarantine. Motels have been very responsive –been a great partner. Law Enforcement has been collaborating. Spectrum Health Care been very responsive.</p> <p>Yuma—The guidance from the Yuma County Health Department is being followed. NCHP is seeing folks in person. WACOG is providing eviction prevention through telephone contact—currently not doing interviews in person. LCEH meeting is going to meet virtually. One of the co-chairs may be changing. We have job descriptions for roles and responsibilities for community members.</p>
<p>Check in- How is Coordinated Entry Functioning— What has been the need and are households able to access available housing? And case conferencing?</p>	<p>Apache/Navajo—considering connections with Salvation Army, NACOG, and CAPs to build foundation for CE.</p> <p>Cochise—There was a brief hold on accepting folks into shelters—this is no longer in effect and the shelters are working with the Cochise Health Department for quarantine locations as needed; Shower program has continued. . Case Conferencing is taking place and folks are still being placed in housing. BNL is being used—CPSA, VA, have been great partners. The SVDP has also connected. Outreach contacts seem to be down at the moment.</p> <p>Coconino—Coordinated Entry is continuing and addressing issues as they are identified.</p> <p>Gila—Households needing eviction prevention are seeking help. The number of persons who are homeless have not been asking for help. Case conferencing is on hold.</p> <p>La Paz—Border Health is working with CRN to gear up for HMIS participation. Referral process is going well. Cornerstone is supporting them.</p>

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	<p>Mohave—Case conferencing has continued. Process has allowed some changes to move folks among funding sources, increased capacity. There has not been influx. Being able to track will provide a better understanding of how individuals are moving through the system—everyone working together makes a significant difference—using funding collaboratively key.</p> <p>Pinal—Coordinated Entry Committee has not met recently. Unclear whether case conferencing is taking place.</p> <p>Yavapai—Coordinated entry and case conferencing still happening. Running smoothly. PATH and Verde Valley Homeless Coalition getting into HMIS. The coalition’s space has potential to serve –Agency is going to be on solid footing.</p> <p>Yuma--Going to be meeting about how Coordinated Entry and case conferencing is going to work. Speaking to Lucia—things are going smoothly among WACOG, NCHP, and ACHIEVE. Still working on getting people housed. Hope to have CE functioning at optimum level by next quarter.</p>
<p>Check in—Funding—have agencies represented in the LCEH been successful with other available grant funds?</p>	<p>Apache/Navajo—funds received included DES, funds for foodbank, AG funds for 55+ eviction prevention and utility assistance, got approved for PPP.</p> <p>Cochise—The Legacy Foundation locally has helped out. GNA applied for PATH funds. Northrup Grumman made funds available and ADOH provided funds. GNA moving to 24 hour shelter.</p> <p>Coconino: Increased funding has come from CDBG. USDA has increased funding for food boxes. The community has been very generous. There are concerns about long term implications—the motel rooms are running \$30,000-\$50,000 per week.</p> <p>Gila—Gila House (currently the DV shelter) is expanding to other housing. A motel was purchased through funds available from DES (from a lawsuit settlement). Funds are now being sought for rehabilitation of the building. The intent is to provide housing for singles—but there will be a few units for families. It is anticipated that rent will be about \$200 per month. The hope is to be open by late fall. Target population are persons with very low income and/or who are homeless.</p> <p>La Paz-- Funding for stand down in Parker is available –was scheduled in June—will be rescheduled. \$6500. Hygiene bags have been received from Border Health. WACOG—looking at utility assistance. RRH vouchers available—issue is with elderly folks not being able to afford utilities in the summer.</p> <p>Mohave—Got 2000 pairs of socks from Bombas—this will be ongoing. Cornerstone has used all of its RRH. VRC is getting two new grants for Veterans. Eviction prevention is being managed by WACOG. Got shelter supplies from ADOH. Cornerstone also got some motel vouchers. DES also will be handing out additional funds. ADOH provided bridge \$\$\$. CCS got funds for the shelter opening in July. ADOH is continuing RRH funding—will give Cornerstone RRH for La Paz.</p>

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	<p>Pinal-- CDBG got COVID funds—coalition members were able to apply—HUD didn't provide clear guidelines—Pinal got \$1,000,000. Pinal has four cities that are a part of the county. A selection review committee has reviewed applications, but no final decisions have been made at this time. Non entitlement communities were also supposed to get some COVID funds. Karia indicated that parameters for second wave of funds is somewhat different. Food Bank funds are available. Braden indicated they need funds for their Heat Relief project—have applied for \$10,000 for Association of Food Banks</p> <p>Yavapai--CCJ and US Vets—submitted applications to FEMA. CCJ had a non-event—raised more funds. CCJ—donations from Salvation Army, restaurant owner, has been very involved in providing food for residents. Grant makers and foundations—have been providing operations funds. Got Vet project for VA.</p> <p>Yuma-- received \$500,000 for rapid rehousing and eviction prevention. NCHP received \$700,000 in funding for homeless veterans.</p>
<p>Check in— Strategic Plan Update—what strategies within the plan have been achieved? What is the LCEH working on? Have any activities taken place related to identifying gaps?</p>	<p>Apache/Navajo—Plan to meet with Camie to get some ideas about LCEH.</p> <p>Cochise—Committees have been established and outreach is ongoing to expand membership. Segments being recruited include hospital, jail, and county health department. Hoping to establish more of routine and focus on strategies previously identified as things settle related to the pandemic.</p> <p>Coconino: LCEH has been focused on the emergent issues that have impacted the community but there are collaborations that have been established that will benefit future activities.</p> <p>Gila—No updates at this time.</p> <p>La Paz-- Tentative meeting was set for 5/29 to review strategic planning, CE, membership. Membership will be determined by participation in the LCEH as a whole. Committees will be considered workgroups until the LCEH has more experience. Lots of services dedicated to veterans—They have a representative from Senator Sinema's office.</p> <p>Mohave-- Still working on CH and Vets. Looking at PIT numbers—still planning on doing some marketing—once we are through the pandemic crisis. Looking at front door website similar to Coconino.</p> <p>Pinal—Planning to do membership recruitment for additional partners to fill in missing sectors. Ryan would be happy to help out with the agenda for next meeting in June. Braden wants to create a logo for the LCEH.</p> <p>Yavapai--Had virtual meeting in meeting in March—developed list of immediate resources and working on updating plan for the upcoming meeting. Starting to get back into structure. Relationships have been very strong throughout the crisis. Focus on the present.</p> <p>Yuma-- Making changes to charter—to encourage participation. Miguel will send to Ryan to take a look at.</p>

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Update Submission of UFA/NOFA	Karia indicated that request has been made not to issue a NOFA—HUD is currently focused on CARES Act funds—At this point no date has been set for the NOFA. HUD may not be able to not have NOFA because of the law. Status of UFA has not been determined. Karia indicated that AZBOSCO scored really well in the NOFA.
PIT status report-First draft of PIT data has been disseminated. It can be used for discussion purposes, but it is not for distribution. Data is preliminary – Additional refinement will take place as data is developed for HUD report. County Reports will be available by the end of June.	<p>Apache/Navajo—focused on recruiting volunteers for 2021.</p> <p>Cochise—Process went well. Surveying took place in a variety of locations.</p> <p>Coconino—New volunteers did an amazing job.</p> <p>Gila—count went well with county coverage.</p> <p>Mohave—Had several volunteers who covered the county.</p> <p>La Paz-- Still need more volunteers—going to look at strategies for smaller communities. Continue to target coverage. Folks in smaller communities don’t know that resources are available from WACOG—as Border Health outreach team goes out—want to take information out about partner resources.</p> <p>Pinal—Used centralized volunteer process with regional coordination. Planning to create PIT sub-committee. Regional coordinated effort was successful—volunteers were willing to travel throughout Pinal. Offered gas cards to volunteers. Also completed virtual trainings. Able to expand the count in the copper corridor.</p> <p>Yavapai—Count went well.</p> <p>Yuma—Count went well.</p>
HMIS updates— County Level Dashboards, Coordinated Entry Hotline, 211 Enhancements statewide	<p>CRN working on county level and agency level dashboards.</p> <p>Cochise—Karia and Ryan asked if Cochise would be interested in being included in the counties covered by the CE Hotline.</p> <p>Gila—Dorine gets the By Name List but it is not being used. Follow up is needed with CRN—Most of the individuals on the list might be Veterans.</p>