



**AZ Balance of State Continuum of Care**  
**Local Coalitions to End Homelessness, Quarterly Meeting**  
 Due to COVID-19, meeting will be held virtually

Wed Oct 21, 2020 9am – 12pm Mountain Standard Time - Phoenix

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

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Welcome and Introductions	<p>Apache/Navajo Counties (Marilyn Johnson, Kevin Davis)            Cochise County (Brad Roland, Dr. Lilla DeLuca, Terrance Watkins)            Coconino County (Camie Rasband, Ross Altenbaugh)            Gila County (Dorine Prine)            La Paz County (Franklin McCabe)            Mohave County (Nay Covington)            Pinal County (Braden Biggs, Rolanda Cephas, Dianna Guerrero, Teresa Tapia)            Yavapai County (Jessi Hans)            Yuma County (Miguel Villalpando)</p> <p>ADOH (Chavon Woods, Joy Johnson, Ryan Vernick)            Consultant (Candee Stanton)</p>
Approve Minutes of LCEH meeting 8.11.2020	Nay made a motion to accept the notes. Camie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
<p><b>LCEH updates (Please be prepared to provide an update about your local LCEH on topics including:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COVID 19 Response</li> <li>• Needs related to resources</li> <li>• Local policies—i.e. Charter, CE Policy and Strategic Action Plan and Gaps Analysis</li> <li>• Workforce Development Formal Agreements</li> </ul> <p><b>Please limit your comments to 3 minutes—and focus on LCEH activities.</b></p>	<p><b>Cochise</b>—the local meeting took place in August. New members attended. Sierra Vista ended the mandatory mask requirement- the shelter has been healthy (no cases of COVID-19). Hotel vouchers administered by the United Way from funding from the city of Sierra Vista—for shelter overflow and to quarantine any COVID-19 cases. All local polices have been completed. BNL meetings are monthly. Formal agreement has been signed with workforce development.</p> <p><b>Yuma</b>—the City of Yuma refused to require masks in public—Somerton and San Luis did require masks. Shelter is in lockdown because of COVID case(s)—the local coalition policy is approved and submitted; still working on the strategic plan and gaps analysis- the workforce development agreement is on the next meeting agenda, scheduled for November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Community Center. Case Conferencing has started again. The Vet Center and NCHP are handing out food boxes—some coalition members will be invited.</p> <p><b>Pinal</b>—there is no formal mask mandate in the county, some cities mandate and some don't. Trying to fill a couple of positions. Received \$600,000 replacement housing funds through HOME. Pulled 200 from section 8 waiting list—hoping to house 150 of those. Using some COVID funds for eviction prevention.</p> <p><b>La Paz</b>—will be adding a new CE HMIS entry point in Quartzite—getting help from Cornerstone Mission. Getting geared up for next year's PIT count. Winter camps are getting set up. La Paz is seeing a resurgence in # of COVID-19 cases; will be doing on-site screenings. Four Stand-downs are scheduled, as long as they aren't canceled due to the resurgence of COVID-19 cases. There is still a need for housing. Hotels are being used for quarantine for community members so not</p>

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	<p>able to use them for homeless. The Regional Center for Border Health is buying trailers for transitional/temporary housing; three in Quartzite and three in Parker.</p> <p><b>Coconino</b>—had first local meeting over Zoom since the shutdown- had over 60 participants—the county has come together for sector meetings for COVID-19 response. Still hoteling lots of folks—CE is going strong doing intakes over the phone. Case Conferencing every week. Increase in families and DV- went from 7% to 14%. Still working on the workforce agreement. FSS is operating at three different hotels for homelessness. Coconino County closed its COVID-19-response hotel so is working with FSS to send positive folks to a specific hotel (about 250 people). FSS is open with no more than 50 people; the shelter is having surveillance testing done every 10 days to make sure COVID-19 is still under control (zero have been positive lately). Working with community partners in a Housing As Health Care program, with the intention of doing a demonstration project to cross connect racial justice/criminal justice/healthcare issues and to look at the factors fostering a decrease in crime and the positive health that comes with folks being in housed in hotels.</p> <p><b>Yavapai</b>—one of the only shelters accepting new intakes. CCJ has received over \$150,000 ESG funds- will be coaching people to pay bills first with whatever income they have, and then get help for their rent. For the Gaps Analysis, the Collective Impact partnership with United Way will be taking over the lead – two of the biggest gaps are a family shelter and a youth shelter. CCJ is looking to open a mobile home park. Still trying to collaborate with Prescott and Yavapai County but it’s always an uphill battle- the local powers will be using the CARES Act funds for career development, with the thought of developing a think tank for luring jobs with higher salaries (e.g. \$60,000)- they are not planning to use the funds directly for COVID-19-related projects.</p> <p><b>Gila</b>—the Homeless Task Force has formed PIT Count and Case Management committees. Globe plans to have a resource fair around the time of the PIT count in order to facilitate and more accurate count. Housing is always an issue, especially since there is no homeless shelter in the county, although Payson has a warming center which should hopefully open November 1st- still working on logistics for CDC compliance. There is a coats, blankets and hygiene drive for the homeless currently going on to prepare for the winter. CE is still in the initial stages.</p> <p><b>Mohave</b>—will be having the first CoC meeting since the lockdown, via Zoom in November. The city mask requirement has been removed but the County offices still has it in force. There has been an increase in people needing assistance—the County received 65 new vouchers, which they are filling as fast as they can. Cornerstone shelter is back to normal with no COVID-19 cases recently. The CCS shelter in Bullhead City is phasing open. They are getting ready for the PIT count. Received 2000 pairs of socks, and were able to use the COC Planning Grant for marketing/outreach materials, so had a local printer buy backpacks filled with hygiene products and label them with the county’s phone number and address, which will be handed out during the PIT Count. Officially at capacity with VASH vouchers; Veteran Villas are being built and they hope to house the first 10 individuals there hopefully by the end of October.</p> <p><b>Apache/Navajo</b>—received COVID Cares funding for eviction prevention, focusing on homeless prevention due to COVID-19. Hondah Casino opened and then closed due to COVID-19. St. Vincent de Paul has been brining OCCAC care packages for the homeless. So far they haven’t experienced anyone who has been positive but still limiting contact with shelters (Little Colorado and Change point) - still researching where positive cases could go to be quarantined. Just had a</p>

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	huge fundraiser for holiday food boxes, so around 600 households will have holiday turkey dinners. As it gets colder more housing will be needed.
<b>ADOH Updates</b>	<p>All HUD contracts have been executed, including the three new projects and the Planning Grant.</p> <p>Data quality in HMIS has been really good. All sub-recipients are at 98%+, which is great. There are still some concerns for non-sub-recipients' data quality. All projects were at an A in September.</p> <p>Crisis Contingency Safety Net Fund contracts are starting to ramp down- this funding was to bridge the gap until the COVID Cares Act ESG funding was disseminated. Shelters including DV have really stepped up to the plate.</p> <p>PPE supplies delivery second round is completing this week, excluding a few miscellaneous items that were backordered and will be delivered by UPS as soon as they arrive.</p> <p>Getting close to launching the System Performance dashboards for both providers and LCEH- the first iteration in the next week. County dashboards will also be available soon.</p> <p>The Arizona Housing Coalition is hosting an eviction forum in place of their annual conference (November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>)- everyone is encouraged to register; ADOH is working with AHC to develop a regional virtual hangout room for each of the three CoCs to chat about content of the sessions and issues that may be pertinent.</p> <p>Ross expressed concern about if there will be additional resources for shelters or is this the end- everyone is fatigued with being in an emergency, but there is still a lot of need out there even when society moves past the emergency stage- will there still be resources down the road. Ryan suggested connected with DES since they are administering the CARES Act funding- there is a potential round two of CARES funding in amount of \$16 million to be spent over the next two years.</p> <p>There is discussion about statewide data repository that would include all three CoCs to help see homelessness statewide.</p>
<b>NOFA Update</b>	Still no guidance about whether there will be NOFA this year. At a recent TA meeting, our HUD advisor said possibly there will be late year NOFA. Heroes ACT legislation pending in Congress would allow level funding in lieu of a 2020 NOFA. If there is a NOFA this year, start thinking of potential questions that could be asked, such as COVID-19 response. Late NOFAs are not a new thing, so will have to deal with it if it happens.
<b>PIT Count Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No guidance from HUD</li> <li>• Many CoCs planning</li> <li>• Discussion about volunteer involvement if we have one.</li> <li>• Different approaches we could use</li> </ul>	<p>There is still no word from HUD on whether there actually will be a PIT count in 2021. No guidance has been issued yet.</p> <p><b>La Paz</b>—still planning to hold training for volunteers, and planning to work with the Bureau of Land Management to find camps that are being set up on federal land.</p> <p><b>Pinal</b>—many of the smaller agencies such as Genesis Projects and CG helps haven't been open, so clients are not able to access their resources; waiting for direction but shouldn't have problem finding volunteers since many are already on the COVID-19 front lines. It will be added to the November meeting.</p>

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	<p><b>Yuma</b>— won't start the process until November but will definitely want to provide PPE for volunteers, such as sanitizer, gloves, masks, etc. Will most likely do fundraising for gift bags as usual.</p> <p><b>Cochise</b>— at next week's LCEH meeting there is an agenda item for the 2021 PIT count but no other work has been done.</p> <p><b>Cocconino</b>— nothing has been planned but will be ready to start as soon as guidance has been issued.</p>
<p><b>The importance of LCEH as the key component of the AZBOSCOC— Compliance with HUD CoC Requirements related to components in place— Documents and Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Review Matrix</b></li> </ul>	<p>Planning contracts funds are to be used for developing, revising, and maintaining local policies through relationships with other local agencies. Ryan shared a tracking matrix that was developed for which LCEHs have completed required documents and which are still missing.</p> <p>A template billing invoice was shared that will help facilitate submitting payment requests so funds will be expended by the end of the grant, which is 12/31/2020.</p>
<p><b>Upcoming Initiatives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CE Assessment—Review tool, with group set realistic timeline for completion</b></li> <li>• <b>Social Justice/Racial Equity</b></li> <li>• <b>Gaps Analysis—Review Template—will need to be completed to be used for NOFA—end of 2020 beginning 2021.</b></li> <li>• <b>COVID-19 Survey—Review Template— will need to be completed to be used for NOFA—end of 2020 beginning 2021</b></li> </ul>	<p>CE Assessment Tool was shared- it was developed to help LCEHs see how their CE process is working. The completed tool will be sent out by early November, and is due by January 15<sup>th</sup>. If it is needed early for the NOFA, LCEHs will be informed.</p> <p>The GAB met a couple of weeks ago and has formed a Social Justice/Racial Equity Working Group that will develop recommendations in these areas. LCEHs will be asked for demographic information.</p> <p>Ryan reviewed the template for the Gaps Analysis.</p> <p>Ryan also reviewed a basic COVID-19 Survey on the LCEH response to COVID-19. A link to the survey will be sent out to each LCEH for them to disseminate further.</p>
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COALITION	2020.May Individual			
	2020.03-09	Meetings	2020.08-11	2020.10-21
Apache/Navajo	X	X	X	X
Cochise	X	X	X	X
Coconino		X	X	X
Gila	X	X	X	X
Graham	No local coalition	N/A	N/A	N/A
Greenlee	No local coalition	N/A	N/A	N/A
La Paz	X	X	X	X
Mohave	X	X	X	X
Pinal	X	X	X	X
Santa Cruz	No local coalition	N/A	N/A	N/A
Yavapai	X	X	X	X
Yuma	X	X	X	X

## Commonly used acronyms:

ACESDV= Arizona Coalition to End Sexual & Domestic Violence  
 Achieve= ACHIEVE Human Services, Inc.  
 ADE= Arizona Department of Education  
 ADOH= Arizona Department of Housing  
 AHC= Arizona Housing Coalition  
 AHCCCS= Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System  
 ALIP= Arizona Landlord Incentive Program  
 AZBoSCoC= Arizona Balance of State Continuum of Care  
 AZCH= Arizona Complete Health  
 AZDVS= Arizona Department of Veterans' Services  
 BNL= By-Name List  
 CAHRA= Community Action Human Resources Agency  
 CCCS=Catholic Charities Community Services  
 CCJ= Coalition for Compassion and Justice  
 CDBG- Community Development Block Grant  
 CE= Coordinated Entry  
 CoC= Continuum of Care  
 CRIT= Colorado River Indian Tribes  
 CRN= Crisis Response Network  
 CRRC= Community Resource Referral Center  
 DES= Arizona Department of Economic Security  
 DV= Domestic Violence  
 ESG= Emergency Solutions Grant

GAB= Governance Advisory Board  
 GPD= Grant and Per Diem  
 HEARTH= Homeless Emergency Assistance & Rapid Transition to Housing  
 HMIS= Homeless Management Information System  
 HQS= Housing Quality Standards  
 HUD= U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
 HVC= Housing Choice Vouchers  
 JAVC= Jerry Ambrose Veterans Council  
 LCEH= Local Coalition to End Homelessness  
 LIHTC= Low Income Housing Tax Credit  
 NAVAHCS= Northern Arizona VA Health Care System  
 NCHP= National Community Health Partners  
 NOFA= Notice of Funding Available  
 OAT= Online Application Tracking  
 OCCAC= Old Concho Community Assistance Center  
 PATH= Project Assistance in Transition from Homelessness  
 PPE= Personal Protective Equipment  
 PHA= Public Housing Authority  
 PIT= Point-in-Time Count  
 PPE= Personal Protective Equipment  
 Primavera Foundation  
 PSH= Permanent Supportive Housing  
 RBHA= Regional Behavioral Health Authority  
 RCBH= Regional Center for Border Health  
 RFP= Request for Proposals

ROI= Release of Information  
 RRH= Rapid Rehousing  
 SAMHSA= Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration  
 SAVAHCS= Southern Arizona VA Health Care System  
 SMI= Serious Mental Illness  
 SNAP= Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
 SOAR= SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery  
 SOW= Scope of Work  
 SPDAT= Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool  
 SPM= System Performance Measures  
 SSA= Social Security Administration  
 SSDI= Social Security Disability Income  
 SSI= Social Security Income  
 SSVF= Supportive Services for Veterans Families  
 TA= Technical Assistance  
 UFA= Unified Funding Agency  
 US Vets= U. S. Veterans Initiative  
 VA= U.S. Department Veterans Affairs  
 VASH= Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing  
 VAWA= The Violence Against Women Act of 1994  
 VI-SPDAT= Vulnerability Index- Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool  
 VOCA= Victims of Crime Act  
 WACOG= Western Arizona Council of Governments