



**ARIZONA BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE**  
**AZBOSCOG Governance Advisory Board**

**January 14, 2021 9:30am -11:00am**

TOPIC	OUTCOME/NOTES
<p><b>Welcome and Introductions</b></p>	<p>Betsy Long (DES)            Camie Rasband (Catholic Charities)            Candee Stanton (Independent Contractor)            Chavon Woods (ADOH)            Cristina Benitez (AZCH)            Denise Cox (Health Choice AZ)            Jessi Hans (CCJ)            Joanna Carr (AHC)</p> <p>Joy Johnson (ADOH)            Maria-Elena Ochoa (Against Abuse)            Nay Covington (Mohave County)- <i>Absent</i>            Ricardo Fernandez (AZDHS)- <i>Absent</i>            Ross Altenbaugh (FSS)            Ryan Vernick (ADOH)            Silvia Chavez (AZDE)            Terrance Watkins (Community Partners)</p> <p>Betsy indicated that she will have a vacant position as of 1/20/2021; there will be an RFP out for rapid rehousing, street outreach, and homeless prevention soon.</p> <p>Joanna- indicated there are federal funds for eviction prevention.</p> <p>Ross- indicated they are still using two hotels including one COVID-19 positive hotel with the other hotel also on its way to being a COVID-19 positive hotel. She asked that a discussion take place about advocacy efforts for vaccinations for our clients.</p>
<p><b>Approval of the Minutes from 12/09/2020</b></p>	<p>Cristina made the motion to approve. Terrance seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.</p>
<p><b>Discussion Items to be added from Members.</b></p> <p><b>Requirements related to Prevention covered in CE</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ross would like to discuss vaccinations for our clients.</li> <li>• Cristina asked if the vaccination information being requested by HMIS is a part of Ross’s concerns.</li> <li>• Discussion about eviction prevention and vaccinations- related to HMIS.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ryan indicated that CRN sent the suggested questions to add to HMIS related to eviction and vaccinations. The questions would be incorporated into the client UDE sections.</li> <li>○ Denise asked if a person can decline to answer questions. Ryan indicated that clients can choose to answer or not answer the questions.</li> <li>○ Christina asked what the information is going to be used for- Ryan will follow up with CRN.</li> <li>○ Maria-Elena asked if the vaccination question would be used to screen individuals out of congregate settings- Ryan will follow up with CRN.</li> <li>○ Joanna indicated that the eviction questions can contribute to understanding social equity and racial justice- the purpose to get more clarity about who is being evicted.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<p><b>Availability of COVID-19 resources</b></p> <p><b>Debrief phone call with Chris Pritchard</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● One of the counties (Mohave) in the AZBOSCOG had popped up Chris's list about increased positive COVID-19 cases. Chris wanted to know if there has been discussion about that and are any COVID-19 resources needed.</li> <li>● Camie indicated that several counties have high rates.</li> <li>● Ryan believes there is a pivot to emergency management support from the TA groups.</li> <li>● Jessi indicated concern that Arizona is the highest in the world- knowing it is a problem, does that translate into resources?</li> <li>● Ryan indicated that no one from Mohave County has expressed concern that there are insufficient resources.</li> <li>● Denise feels like it is a civil rights issue and coercive related to vaccinations.</li> <li>● Denise also indicated when we can intervene and object early while we can, then there is more power.</li> <li>● Maria-Elena asked what does emergency management support mean? Ryan said that Chris didn't provide much information about that. Does that mean more resources for housing or other needs?</li> <li>● Camie indicated that the numbers are accelerated- there is limited support for providers. What is the emergency aid being offered?</li> <li>● Silvia indicated that education TA is also offering resources. Silvia suggested that a discussion with Mohave take place to understand what the needs are in Mohave County.</li> <li>● Cristina indicated that BOS counties do great things with limited funds, so they might not have asked.</li> <li>● Maria Elena indicated she received assistance from the Arizona Department of Administration –but the collaboration was ADOA and ADOH for distribution of PPE. The remaining funds was contracted out to shelters throughout the state to meet their staffing, operating, and alternative space needs. Ryan indicated there</li> </ul>

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	<p>are remaining funds and discussions are taking place as to how the remaining funds can be expanded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Camie suggested that Ryan reach out to Nay for information.</li> <li>• Jessi- housing is a health disparity; there seems to be a consistent theme that health areas are intersecting with housing; how do we create the conversation around what it is we do, and about what we can and can't do within our system.</li> </ul>
<p><b>ADOH updates</b></p> <p><b>NOFA updates</b></p> <p><b>PIT Count update- Letter to William Snow</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a new Special Needs Administrator, Olivia Gutzman- she will be joining the GAB in future meetings.</li> <li>• The ADOH Housing Forum is coming up at the J.W. Marriot in Tucson, August 18-20, 2021.</li> <li>• There was no NOFA for 2020- level funding will be awarded for all renewal projects. The process to renew the sub-recipient contracts will be forthcoming.</li> <li>• HUD revised the process that allows CoCs that conducted an unsheltered count in 2020 to not have to take further action for not conducting an unsheltered count in 2021. ADOH is sending a notification letter to document this to William Snow and HUD.</li> </ul>
<p><b>LCEH meeting debrief</b></p>	<p>Meeting was successful. An extensive review of the work plan took place. LCEH leads should expect to receive planning contracts in the next couple of weeks.</p>
<p><b>LCEH Planning Contract Structure and Status Update- New Leads</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apache- will have its own</li> <li>• Yuma</li> <li>• Navajo</li> <li>• Cochise</li> </ul>	<p>New LCEH lead agencies are going to be performing CoC Planning in Navajo, Yuma, and Yavapai counties. A new LCEH lead agency in Cochise county is still under discussion.</p>

Action Items:

- Ryan will follow up with CRN what the vaccination questions, if added to HMIS, will be used for
- Ryan will ask CRN for training related only to the eviction questions

	01/14/2021
Betsy Long ( <i>DES</i> )	X
Denise Cox ( <i>Health Choice</i> )	X
Camie Rasband ( <i>Catholic Charities</i> )	X
Cristina Benitez ( <i>AZCH</i> )	X
Jessi Hans ( <i>CCJ</i> )	X
Joanna Carr ( <i>AHC</i> )	X
Maria-Elena Ochoa ( <i>Against Abuse</i> )	X
Nay Covington ( <i>Mohave County</i> )	
Ricardo Fernando ( <i>DHS</i> )	
Ross Altenbaugh ( <i>Flagstaff Shelter Services</i> )	X
Ryan Vernick ( <i>ADOH</i> )	X
Silvia Chavez ( <i>AZDE</i> )	X
Terrance Watkins ( <i>Community Partners</i> )	X

### Commonly used acronyms:

Achieve= ACHIEVE Human Services, Inc.

ADOH= Arizona Department of Housing

AHC= Arizona Housing Coalition

AHCCCS= Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System

AZBOSCO= Arizona Balance of State Continuum of Care

AZCH= Arizona Complete Health

AZDE= Arizona Department of Education

AZDHS= Arizona Department of Health Services

BNL= By-Name List

BFZ= Built for Zero

BOS= Balance of State

CAHRA= Community Action Human Resources Agency

CCCS= Catholic Charities Community Services

CCJ= Coalition for Compassion and Justice

CE= Coordinated Entry

CRN= Crises Response Network (HMIS Managers)

DES= Arizona Department of Economic Security

DV= Domestic Violence

ESG= Emergency Solutions Grant

GAB= Governance Advisory Board

HMIS= Homeless Management Information System

HUD= U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

JAVC= Jerry Ambrose Veterans Council

NAVAHCS= Northern Arizona VA Health Care System

NOFA= Notice of Funding Available from HUD

OAT= Online Application Tracking (part of SOAR)

OCCAC= Old Concho Community Assistance Center

PIT= Point-in-Time Count

Primavera Foundation

PSH= Permanent Supportive Housing

RBHA= Regional Behavioral Health Authority

RFI= Request for Information

RFP= Request for Proposal

ROI= Release of Information

RRH= Rapid Rehousing

SAMHSA= Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services

SAVAHCS= Southern Arizona VA Health Care System

SOAR= SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery

SOW= Scope of Work

SSVF= Supportive Services for Veterans Families

SPM= System Performance Measures

TA= Technical Assistance

UFA= Unified Funding Agency

US Vets= U. S. Veterans Initiative

VA= U.S. Department Veterans Affairs

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