AZBOSCOC News





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Coordinated Assessment Training

The BOSCOC kicked-off Coordinated Assessment in August 2014 with inspiring training from the creator of the VI-SPDAT, Iain DeJong. Shortly thereafter, the Coordinated Assessment Project was set up in HMIS to facilitate the goal of a "no wrong door" approach to

determining those most acutely in need of our services.

Many agencies are entering VI-SPDAT scores in the Coordinated

Assessment Project and we are fortunate that you have embraced the tool.

Now what?

To continue to move forward with

Coordinated
Assessment, ADOH
and CIR will be
conducting training
around the state on the
VI-SPDAT and HMIS
input.
Training will

emphasize how best to complete the tool and how to utilize the referral function in HMIS. See page two for dates and locations.

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Welcome to new
BOSCOC partners
providing Runaway and
Homeless Youth services-Arizona Youth
Partnership and
CODAC

Point in Time Count, January 27, 2105

The biennial Point-in-Time count (PIT) required by HUD was conducted the week of January 26. Agency staff and volunteers combed the streets of our communities, hiked the forests, drove back roads, walked alleys and parking lots, and talked with folks at food banks and hospitals in hopes of obtaining a thorough

census of unsheltered individuals and families experiencing homelessness on the night of January 27.

To complete the PIT count, we will be following up with HMIS reports on the number of folks in shelter on that night. In addition, we will submit reports to HUD on the Housing Inventory Count (HIC) for

the BOSCOC. THANK YOU to our team leaders and volunteers for their commitment to making this our most successful PIT count to date!!



SOAR Update

SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery (SOAR) is an approach that helps eligible individuals who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness, obtain Social Security disability benefits. SSI/SSDI can provide access to income, housing, health insurance, treatment, and other supportive services. Access to these benefits is a critical first step in recovery.

The application process for

SSI/SSDI is complicated and difficult to navigate. Nationally, without SOAR, only 29% of individuals who apply for SSI/SSDI are approved on initial application (65% with SOAR). This number decreases dramatically for individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. For more information on SOAR, please visit http://soarworks.prainc.com/. For more information on how to become SOAR-trained,

Lead, Adam Robson @ Adam.Robson@azdhs.gov.

2014 Funding Award

We have received the notification of the 2014 Continuum of Care Program grant competition. Good news! ALL of the BOSCOC renewals-including Tier 2 and our second planning grant-were awarded for a total exceeding 4.2 million! Overall we gained close to \$20,000 but four projects had funding levels reduced to reflect reduced 2015 Fair Market Rents in those counties.

The announcement may be viewed at:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/H
UD?src=/program_offices/comm
_planning/homeless/budget/2014
CONGRATULATIONS BOSCOC!!

HMIS-Policies and Procedures

We all know the importance of data in tracking services, informing planning decisions, and evaluating the effectiveness of our projects. As such, it is critical that we have uniform policies and procedures to protect data quality and provide a framework for the operation of

the HMIS system. The HMIS Committee completed work on the HMIS Policies and Procedure Document in December. The document is available on the ADOH website and on the CIR website at:

please contact the SOAR State

http://www.211arizona.org/hmis



Coordinated Assessment/VI-SPDAT Trainings

LOCATION	DATE	ADDRESS
Globe	Monday, February 9	Globe Public Library
	9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	339 South Broad Street
Flagstaff	Thursday, February 12	NARBHA
	9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Coconino Room
		1300 South Yale Street
Cottonwood	Thursday, February 12	Spectrum Healthcare
	2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	CD Room
		8 East Cottonwood Street
Sierra Vista	Wednesday, February 25	City Manager's Office
	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Conference Room
		1011 N Coronado Drive
Kingman	Wednesday, March 4	Mohave County Public Works
	9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Department
		Turquoise Room
		3715 Sunshine Drive
Yuma	Tuesday, March 10	Yuma City Hall
	9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Conference Room 190
		1 City Plaza