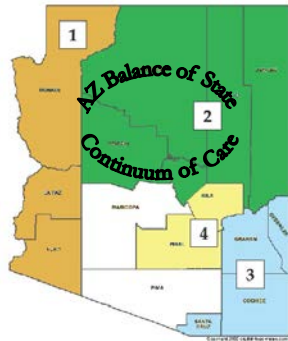


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2016 Point In Time Count: January 27th - 29th

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The Arizona Balance of State Governance Advisory Board elected to conduct an unsheltered Point In Time Count in January 2016. This decision was made in response to the NOFA which stated two (2) points would be awarded to COC's that committed to conducting an unsheltered PIT count in the last ten (10) days of January 2016. We will conduct the PIT January 27th - 29th, which is the last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of January.

The survey tool that we will use for this PIT has been developed by the Laboratory for Applied

Social Research (LASR) in the Department of Sociology and Social Work under the direction of Professor Richard Fernandez of Northern Arizona University.

Also, in order to start developing a list of who is a veteran and who is chronically homeless the *VI-SPDAT will also be administered*. It will only be given to those who answer "yes" to being a veteran and to those whose answers confirm chronic homelessness.

LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS are needed and County Leads have already started that

process. All agencies receiving COC, RHY, PATH and SSVF funds are expected to participate. We always have strong support from our Veterans Community Service organizations but many more volunteers are needed to work in teams of two (2) to three (3) people administering these surveys. It is a great way to educate our neighbors on this serious community and statewide issue. Invite all you know from churches and other community service agencies to volunteer. We will provide training through a webinar and through the County Leads.

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2015 NOFA Recap

On November 18th the 2015 NOFA application was submitted to HUD, two (2) days prior to the deadline of November 20th.

Three (3) bonus points were available for submitting early!

The total amount applied for, including Planning (\$126,491)

and two (2) bonus projects – one (1) for permanent supportive housing and one (1) for rapid rehousing (\$229,322 and \$217,479, respectively) was **\$4,789,649**. HUD has stated they have enough funds to fund all renewals but this is still a

competitive process and fifteen percent (15%) of the renewals had to be in Tier 2. We all await the final decision but are ever so hopeful that we will be 100% successful!! The application is on the ADOH website for your reading pleasure.

VETS@HOME Technical Assistance

On behalf of the AZBOSCO, Karia Basta submitted a request for technical assistance under the Vets@Home TA notice at the end of August. HUD approved the request on September 30th. AZBOSCO needs to develop a plan to increase the number of veterans housed throughout the entire Continuum. Great strides have been made in housing our veterans and their families who have been homeless but we are not close to achieving our and the country's goal to end it.

Ending veteran homelessness would mean having a viable system in place whereby veterans would know where to go to receive assistance, obtain additional resources in terms of subsidies through SSVF, VASH and the COC. It means prioritizing veterans, especially those who meet the definition of experiencing chronic homelessness.

We had the first round of meetings on November 9th and 10th when Chris Pitcher of ICF International,

our HUD TA provider, conducted a meeting with veteran providers in Prescott on Monday and on Tuesday in Tucson with the veteran providers in the southern half of the BOS region.

We want to involve as many people as possible to make this happen so stay tuned for further developments, including developing a By-Name List of all veterans currently homeless during the January Point In Time Count using the VI-SPDAT!

Our newest team member... Glennifer Mosher!

Glennifer joined the Special Needs division on November 30th. She relocated from Syracuse, NY in August of this year. Glennifer holds both a BS and MS degree in Business Education from the University of North Dakota. While working on her Masters, she also taught Management Information Systems at the university. She is well versed in Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) having been the HMIS System Administrator for the Syracuse COC. Earlier in her career, she was a teacher of

computers at the high school and college levels. On a more personal note, Glennifer is married and the mother of three (3) boys and grandmother to four (4) boys and one (1) girl. In her "spare" time, she likes to read, crochet, knit and scrapbook. Glennifer can be reached at glennifer.mosher@azhousing.gov or (602) 771-1017. We are happy to have her on the team!



Remember to answer all questions in HMIS! Disability, income source, chronic status responses are missing in many programs. The goal is 100%. We can do it!! I look forward to talking with you!

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

