

Governance Committee Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2015

Members Present: Karia Basta (ADOH)
Anita Baca (Housing Authority of Cochise County, Cochise County)
Chantel Padilla (Advocate, Navajo & Apache Counties)
Suzanne Payan (Community Action Human Resource Agency [CAHRA], Pinal County)
Dave Wolf (Mohave County Community Services, Mohave County)

Members Absent: Valarie Donnelly (WACOG)
Eliza Louden (Catholic Charities, Yavapai County)

Guests: Dianna Guerrero (Community Action Human Resource Agency [CAHRA], Pinal County)
Joy Johnson (ADOH)
Anne Scott (ADOH)
Michele Meyerkorth (ADOH)
Candee Stanton (Consultant)

Anita started the meeting at 1:10 pm.

Welcome and introductions.

No additional agenda items.

RBHA's: Cenpatico, NARBHA and CPSA

Cenpatico won the contract with the southern part of the state. CPSA is will no longer be a RBHA, but as they are a not for profit and are remaining in business, nothing changes currently with the COC contracts. The new RBHAs do not start their contracts until October 1st. NARBHA merged with Health Choice. The new name is Health Choice Integrated Care and the new agency will be a for-profit company. As federal funds cannot be given to for-profit entities, the two (2) NARBHA contracts currently funded through the COC will transition over to Catholic Charities to be administered. The HOPWA contract ends September 30th and we are looking for a non-profit to administer.

Good Shepherd change

The Good Shepherd Mission relationship has been dissolved. The Permanent Supportive Housing contract is now being administered by OCCAC.

HIC/PIT

HUD issued an extension until May 15th to submit the information into HDX. Candee is spearheading that effort. The Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence was very helpful in reaching out to their members to submit data. Some preliminary PIT numbers: 1,064 surveys were collected with 120 (eleven percent (11%)) not usable. Karia asked Candee to look at the last four (4) PITs to compare. We have approximately 1,000 (give or take ten percent (10%)) homeless in thirteen (13) counties. Yavapai, Coconino, La Paz and Mohave have the biggest changes between winter and summer counts. Over fifty percent (50%) of the usable surveys were conducted in La Paz and Mohave counties. Single white males over twenty-four (24) make up seventy-five percent (75%) of those who are homeless. Most of the people experiencing homelessness travel within the state and are not “passing through” on their way from or to other states. The veteran number increased from fourteen percent (14%) to thirty-four percent (34%) from the summer count to the winter count – 409 veterans. Abandoned buildings, camping and in their vehicle are the most common places people who were unsheltered spent the night of the count. Ninety percent (90%) of those surveyed are adults without children. Please share the PIT information once it has been sent. It will include both the sheltered and unsheltered count. There is still some recalculating to do and it will not be sent out until after the information is submitted to HUD.

Coordinated Entry

We have over 300 entries in VI-SPDAT and working through the information. Joy and Anne are monitoring the Entry/Exits into COC programs and asking for the VI-SPDAT score associated with anyone entering a COC program. If you have a permanent housing program, there are several individuals on the waitlist based on their score. We met our goal with HUD by having this up and running.

2015 NOFA

The NOFA should be coming out in June. We can expect to report on the goals we set in the 2013-2014 NOFA. There will probably be a lot of changes. HUD will again be requiring a tiered process.

Project Performance

What do we need to be looking at to reach our goals? We have increased funding to \$4.2 million and reallocated funds that were either not being spent or as in one case, denied a program the opportunity to apply. They were in financial straits and wound up closing. Chantel would like to see other projects, especially in Navajo and Apache counties. Christian Outreach is interested in funding. She would like to be able to get individuals to the next level. OCCAC is the main partner. Suzanne stated most of the homeless needs in Pinal County are placed on CAHRA as they have the homeless program and the funding. Since CAHRA has started using VI-SPDAT, it has “weeded out” those who for instance, just wanted a hotel for the weekend.

Should we have everyone reapply and ask them to justify why they should be funded again? Anita is in favor of that idea. Karia asked the board to think about how to measure project performance. Dave said PHAs should be at the table as it is not a seamless transition to permanently house those who are homeless; it can take years. Anita is doing a bi-annual purge as they have 493 vouchers to fill; chronic homeless is a top priority. In keeping track of housing availability in the Balance of State, we are not taking into consideration Section 8 or behavioral health housing. Karia has had some conversations about behavioral health housing needing to go to the person/s with the most acute need, whether experiencing chronic homelessness or not. Centpatco is looking at using the VI-SPDAT to determine acuity. It is a given that small towns and balance of states COC's are not a high priority for HUD. Therefore we have to be exceptional to stay in the running. Everything is becoming more data driven. Therefore, how do we make data useful? Discussion ensued about it really needs to go to the regions for them to see and understand. Dave said we need to celebrate our successes.

Please send ideas, etc. to the entire Governance Advisory Board.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 8th at 9:00 am.

- **Stats on HIC/PIT**
- **How do we address the needs of the homeless single male?**
- **2015 NOFA – do we change the criteria?**

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.