



AZ Balance of State Continuum of Care

Local Continuums/Coalitions to End Homelessness (LCEH), Quarterly Meeting

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

May 16th, 9:00am-11:00am, Virtual

Agenda Item	Lead	Minutes	Notes
Welcome and Introduction	Cristina	5	<p>David Bridge-ADOH Cristina Benitez-ADOH-present Apache/Navajo- Allison Hephner , Tia Evans (CPMSAZ)—present Cochise—Terrance Watkins Catholic Community Services of SA -present Coconino-Camie Rasband (CCCS) and Ross Schaefer (FSS)-present Gila-Hannah Lynch and Kacey Heimer, Gila County, Charles Proudfoot-present Graham/Greenlee – Terrance Watkins Catholic Community Services of SA-present La Paz-Ines Gonzalez, Jessica Martin-Regional Center For Border Health-present Mohave-Kelly Williams, Cherise Marshall, Jamie Bernier –Mohave County-present Pinal-Heather Patel- (Pinal County) Cinda Thorne Molina Healthcare, Sheryl Bigelow-present Santa Cruz— Terrance Watkins Catholic Community Services of SA-present Yavapai- Camie Rasband- CCCS present Yuma-Lucia Wilson, Rebecca Clayton, Mia Armenta –ACHIEVE-present</p> <p>Other Participants Abigal Barraza-AHCCCS Claudia Rodriguez-AHCCCS Brenda Leal-AHCCCS-AHCCCS Sarah Castillo Rosa de Los Angeles Shannon Haines--Housing Specialist-present Connie Howell—Housing Specialist-present Candee Stanton- Contractor-present Randy Hade-Solari</p>
Community Assistors Discussion	Abigail Barraza Claudia Rodriguez AHCCCS	25	<p>Cristina introduced Abigal from AHCCCS. . Abigal provided an overview of what Community Partnerships-who provide application assistance for AHCCCS, Nutrition Assistance, and TANF. The system is HEAplus. Assistors can track the progress to provide support to the participant. Agencies can apply to be a Community Partner at https://www.azahcccs.gov/Resources/CommunityPartners/HEAPlus.html AHCCCS provides assistor seminars and a call center to support the community partnerships.</p> <p>Cristina asked if there was any cost related to the becoming a community partner. Abigal indicated there was no cost. Once the application is submitted, the community partner can assist the client to upload documents if required. Kelly asked—about what is the process if the individual doesn’t have ID. The individual can receive documents through general delivery or electronically. Abigal indicated that agencies can set the time when they do applications—it can be individualized. Abigal will send the PowerPoint to Cristina for distribution.</p>

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			<p>Lucia—asked about whether the community partner can print client documents—Abigal indicated yes. Lucia also asked if there is a tracking system for how many applications are submitted—Abigal indicated yes.</p> <p>Kacey asked if there is a limit on the number of times a client applies. Abigal indicates there is no limit—client can also do renewals through the portal. Abigal also indicated that if there is a denial—issues can be fixed, and the client can resubmit.</p> <p>In HEAplus—there is a listing of organizations that are assistors/partners.</p> <p>Cristina indicated that this could be a great asset for the LCEHs.</p>
<p>University Data Collaboration Presentation</p>	<p>Cristina</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>Cristina indicated that the Governance Advisory Board had previously approved a collaboration with the University Data Collaboration—(University of Arizona, Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University). The Collaboration is looking at system-wide data (health care, CPS, etc). Aggregate HMIS data will be shared as well.</p> <p>Cristina asked if there is anyone interested in participating in a workgroup about the collaboration—Camie suggested Chris Moeller. Lucia volunteered and included Rosa, and Heather volunteered Diane Hunt. Charles—also volunteered. Jorge indicated that he and Jessica would be willing to participate.</p>
<p>Housing Trust Fund/Budget Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priorities for funding • Opportunities for local funding for diversion, prevention 	<p>Cristina Members</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>Cristina—indicated that she has reconciled expenditures through March. She indicated that Arizona has a deficit and HTF are in the mix. Cristina indicated that preserving positions funded by the HTF capacity funds is the ADOH priority.</p> <p>Camie—indicated that the capacity building contract is critical coordinated entry—Front Door processes will be severely impacted without the capacity funds for the LCEH. Expecting non-profits to carry this burden is not realistic.</p> <p>Heather—indicated that her issue is with the funding flow. If the capacity grant is not executed, then she cannot execute her subcontracts for the services and this will disrupt the services.</p> <p>Kelly—indicated that the capacity funds helped the LCEH grow through community outreach, grew membership, and are critical to the functioning of the LCEH. Kelly indicated that the three major communities are engaged. Camie indicated that the Mohave LCEH has been a wonderful partner in Mohave. Kelly also indicated that outreach is planned in Colorado City which has not been served previously.</p> <p>Terrance—indicated that the funds for staff is the paramount to do the outreach, coordination, etc.</p> <p>Charles—indicated that the staff is critical for agency and individual outreach, coordinated entry and other CoC activities. Charles indicated that clients will suffer without the LCEH positions</p> <p>Tia—indicated that the community building has been critical to the functioning of the LCEH.</p> <p>Allison—indicated that the funds have expanded the partnerships and build the CoC infrastructure and looking to add housing. Community response—a robust referral process is being built—working on building housing infrastructure. Working on funding of the transitional project to continue to build the infrastructure and house individuals and families. Pinetop/Lakeside has become engaged and is looking at LIHTC for future projects. Individuals camping in the winter are exposed to the cold and death is possible. Partnering with PHAs to use the vouchers effectively. Working with landlords to consider partnering through the PHA vouchers.</p> <p>Sarah indicated that Santa Cruz is just taking off and losing the positions would be devastating.</p> <p>Cristina summarized that the positions are critical and that the timing of the contract execution is critical to continue services. Capacity funds have provided an ability to expand the collaboration and partnerships.</p> <p>Charles—indicated that government has to look at the bottom line every year—which prohibits capacity building over time.</p>

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			<p>Cristina asked about what else could be funded</p> <p>Allison--LCEH Members ability to go to conferences was extremely value added—to expand the potential in Navajo/Apache. Collaboration has been critical to the education of community members</p> <p>Charles indicated –funding for resourcing—an example is the resources through USDA.</p> <p>Terrance and Kelly agreed that the conferences and interactions with other peers has been critical to building the LCEHs.</p> <p>Camie agreed with what has been said about peer interaction and it also applies at the community level. Yavapai is an example where the system had to be rebuilt after COVID. Camie also indicated that HMIS license fees should be considered for funding through capacity funding.</p> <p>Heather asked about how planning funds could be increased.</p>
<p>LCEHs and Domestic Violence Service Provider</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of LCEH Participation in Coordinated Entry Outreach 	Cristina Members	25	<p>Purpose of the discussion is to brainstorm how to increase collaboration with Domestic Service Providers in the LCEH geographic area.</p> <p>Charles indicated—that there is new director of the shelter in Gila County—challenging because of the HMIS issue.</p> <p>Terrance indicated that DV Providers use their own system—When they interact in HMIS—they use the provider’s generated ID number. Kelly asked how are clients with this ID –Terrance indicated that a shelter helps with the entry.</p> <p>Camie indicated that the process is similar and the DV providers also participate actively in LCEH to build policies and procedures. Agencies have confidence in the confidentiality. For coordinated entry—they break out a case conferencing for survivors separately.</p>
Ideas resulting from discussion of the SPMs at LCEH level	Cristina Members	20	Camie—asked about getting PowerPoint to explain the SPMs. Charles also indicated that the SPM review could focus on the LCEH system.
Approve minutes for 2/7/24	Cristina	5	Charles made a motion to approve the minutes/notes from the 2/7/24 meeting. Kelly seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
Learning Portal –for your information			Please send emails to Cristina of any LCEH member agencies’ staff who would like to access staff development opportunities through the AZBOSCOC Learning Portal
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<p>Arizona Department of Housing Contact Information 1-Cristina Benitez Continuum of Care Coordinator Cristina.Benitez@azhousing.gov 602-771-1017</p> <p>2-David Bridge Special Needs Program Administrator David.Bridge@azhousing.gov (602) 309-6542</p> <p>3-Keon Montgomery Assistant Deputy Director Keon.montgomery@azhousing.gov 602-771-1209</p>	<p>Resources for Funding and information—many of them have list-serves so you will be updated on information:</p> <p>USICH resource tool for funding for Social and other related Services https://www.usich.gov/tools-for-action/federal-health-and-social-service-programs-that-support-people-experiencing-homelessness/</p> <p>AZ Housing Fund (Different from the Arizona Department of Housing Trust Fund) https://arizonahousingfund.org/</p> <p>National Alliance to End Homelessness https://endhomelessness.org/</p> <p>Funds available through Home-American Rescue Plan Program https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/home-arp</p> <p>All things HUD https://www.hudexchange.info/</p>
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Link to ADOH Bulletin List Serve

https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=001jarSHX2McaSRycGIQd2zdIkxkSWYEQC-MuzYbNIJBZGWeXqaUpUTOPciYTxRW_hI0MACBdDhOjfZuyjAeuNAu300l63kKkqAwNuJ9moVyXg10ivkFNKnG-4Zry2dA34qGqhDyXB26kVzRFRFQ2MnZlDiLBNYUBIxMCNuqmUWdG-Ujg-KZQavPaZhbSziPBoCdh4zrG9EGas%3D

ADOH website: <https://housing.az.gov/documents-links/forms/special-needs-continuum>

Special Needs-Continuum -What you will find are updates regarding NOFO
BOS COC Policies/guidelines/initiatives/Governance Charter, BOSCO annual meetings note; Coordinated Entry Committee; Governance Advisory Board agenda's/notes; HMIS committee/

Special Needs:

System Performance Measure Link

<https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/hmisaz/viz/BOS-SystemPerformanceMeasures/CountyComparison>
<https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/hmisaz>

United States Interagency Council on Homelessness

<https://endhomelessness.org/ending-homelessness/policy/united-states-interagency-council-homelessness/>

Housing Assistance Council—focus on rural areas

<https://ruralhome.org/>

Local First Arizona –Rural Development

<https://localfirstaz.com/rural-development>

[2024 LCEH Meeting dates * Note may convene additional meetings for NOFO:](#)

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