



**AZ BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE  
Local Continuums/Coalitions to End Homelessness (LCEH), Quarterly Meeting**

**December 9, 2024, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, Virtual**

TOPIC	Person Responsible	Duration in minutes	OUTCOME/NOTES
<b>Welcome and Introduction</b>	Cristina Benitez	5-	<p>David Bridge-ADOH-present            Cristina Benitez-ADOH-present            Apache/Navajo- Allison Hephner , Tia Evans (CPMSAZ)-present            Cochise– Terrance Watkins Catholic Community Services of SA -present            Coconino- Camie Rasband and Chris Moeller (CCCS) and Ross Schaefer (FSS)-present            Gila-Isabel Prado–Toledo, Hannah Lynch, Gila County, Charles Proudfoot-present            Graham/Greenlee – Terrance Watkins Catholic Community Services of SA-present            La Paz- Jessica Martin, Ines Gonzalez, Jorge Herrera,-Regional Center For Border Health-present            Mohave-Kelly Williams, Joyce Torres-Sanchez, Jamie Bernier , Nayilla Nunez –Mohave County Cheisea Marshall-KAAP present            Pinal-Heather Patel- (Pinal County) Cinda Thorne- Molina Healthcare, Sheryl Bigelow-Present            Santa Cruz– Terrance Watkins Catholic Community Services of SA, Yara Castro-Mariposa Health, Ryann Quick MCHC, Sara Castillo-Mariposa Health-Present            Yavapai- Kimberly Brown, Camie Rasband- CCCS Present            Yuma-Lucia Wilson- Achieve, Mia Armenta -WACOG-present</p> <p>Ali De La Trinidad-AHCCCS            Curtis Hahm-Solari            T.J. Reed -Solari</p> <p>Other Participants            Shannon Haines--Housing Specialist-present            Connie Howell –Housing Specialist-present            Dee Irizarry –Housing Specialist-present            Joangel Villalobos-Housing Specialist-present</p>
<b>Overview of the implementation of H2O. Role of the LCEHs in implementation –support needed</b>	T J Reed, Solari	30	Cristina introduced T.J. Reed from Solari. TJ indicated that the goal for the discussion is to provide an overview of H2O and potential for LCEH involvement.

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			<p>Goals—AHCCCS—ability to provide more services for persons experiencing homelessness and housing Solari—is the primary Subcontractor for the program</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experiencing homelessness</li> <li>• SMI designation</li> <li>• Chronic health condition, recent involvement with correction facility</li> </ul> <p>AHCCCS is currently providing a list to Solari for potential individuals who are eligible. (currently closed list)—Terrance asked if there is a way that agencies can get the list to see if clients are part of the agency’s client list. TJ indicated that right now Solari will outreach to agencies involved. David indicated that currently agencies cannot make referrals, but the data share between AHCCCS and AZBOSCOC allows Solari to see if households are on both lists.</p> <p>Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outreach and education</li> <li>• Transitional housing—up to six months-cumulative services-ABC</li> <li>• One time transition and moving costs-ABC</li> <li>• Home Accessibility Modifications-ABC</li> <li>• Housing Pre-Tenancy Services</li> <li>• Housing Tenancy Services</li> </ul> <p>Every member will be assigned a navigator for Pre-tenancy/Tenancy services— There are opportunities for providers to partner with Solari to deliver some of the services. TJ provided detail for each service (see presentation)</p> <p>Solari has started implementation and is working with members’ health home to begin the process.</p> <p>TJ provided an overview about how an agency can become an H2O partner</p> <p><a href="https://community.solari-inc.org/h2o/">https://community.solari-inc.org/h2o/</a></p> <p>Camie shared that Catholic Charities has been going through the process and Solari has supported their actions for the application. Camie indicated that they applied for all the counties they cover.</p> <p>David asked about how the LCEHs can connect with providers and encourage them to apply. TJ suggested that the LCEHs become very familiar with H2O in order to identify agencies that might be appropriate to apply to become a partner.</p> <p>David reiterated that the potential for infusion of services is significant—HUD is discretionary where Medicaid funds are not—so there is potential to expand the</p>

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			<p>reach of CoC funds to complement H2O. Arizona is only one of five states that received this waiver. If the program is successful, there is possibility that it can be expanded to a broader SMI/Mental Health population. It has the potential to fill gaps in local services continuum. There is potential to expand the reach of HUD funds as it is leveraged with these Medicaid funds.</p> <p>David encouraged folks to reach out to David and Cristina or TJ directly and let Cristina know if there are potential agencies interested in applying to become a partner for the program.</p> <p>TJ noted that the program is a pilot, and things will change as the program evolves.</p> <p>TJ's presentation was sent out.</p>
<p>Review and approval of meeting notes from May 16, 2024 August 14, 2024</p>	<p>Cristina Benitez</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>Cristina asked for a motion to approve the notes. Terrance made a motion to approve, and Camie seconded. The notes were approved.</p>
<p>CoC Builds NOFO update</p>	<p>David Bridge Cristina Benitez</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>David provided an update on the CoC Builds NOFO—HUD put out a NOFO for construction, rehabilitation. A Request for Information took place. There were six responses of which there were four potential viable agencies. The potential projects were in Yavapai, Coconino, La Paz, and Mohave. The project by Kingman Regional Medical Center was submitted. The project is for 17 units with a focus on seniors. One of the advantages is that the Kingman Regional Medical Center had site control.</p> <p>The process included new agencies that haven't participated in the CoC before which provide opportunities for new collaborations.</p>
<p>System Performance Measure Update—Using LCEH level SPMs to inform local planning and implementation</p>	<p>David Bridge Cristina Benitez</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>Cristina provided an overview of the SPMs and the use of the LCEH level SPM in informing the strategic action plan and to develop actionable items.</p> <p>David provided an overview of the “data”. For the point in time count—although it gets much of the focus—the count is a one-time process and can provide an indicator. He provided an example of strategies to increase exits and reduce the inflow through eviction prevention and engaging with institutions to reduce their contributions to homelessness. Basic process—reduce inflow and increase permanent exits. David provided some detail about some of the system performance measures. He presented some Yuma information as an example.</p> <p>David discussed how the LCEHs can build actionable items in their strategic action plans to impact the SPMs positively in their communities.</p> <p>David shared the benchmarks for the AZBOSCOC related to the SPMs that were approved by the Governance Advisory Board.</p>

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			<p>Heather, Camie, Alison and Kelly asked for presentations for Pinal, Coconino, Yavapai Mohave, and Apache/Navajo. David asked that dates for presentations be sent to Cristina and him and they will get them scheduled.</p> <p>David's presentation was sent out.</p>
LCEH Development of Strategic Action Plans for 2025-2026	Cristina Benitez	20	<p>David indicated that the HUD NOFO is divided between Systems Performance Measurements and CoC structure. He suggested some other areas that might be appropriate as LCEH strategic action plans are developed for 2025-2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Including additional stakeholders</li> <li>• Ongoing use of data</li> <li>• Integrating Medicaid</li> <li>• Equity and disparate populations</li> <li>• LGBTQIA+</li> <li>• Lived experience</li> <li>• Hardest to serve</li> </ul>
Emergency Transfer Planning Process Update— Information shared with LCEH CE Committee member	David Bridge Cristina Benitez	20	<p>The three CoCs are working together to develop a statewide emergency transfer planning policy and procedure. The HUD TA-Chris Pitcher has developed a draft policy for review and adoption by the Governance Advisory Board. Prior to the adoption, David indicated that the policy and procedures will be sent out for review and comment to LCEH Leads, CE Committee members, and subrecipients in addition to Governance Advisory Board members</p> <p>Training will be provided about the policies and procedures once adopted. It will help the AZBOSCO continue to be in compliance with VAWA requirements.</p> <p>One of the concerns—is there are limited options related to available vouchers in local area to ensure safety. A comprehensive approach among all three of the CoCs will provide additional opportunities to ensure safety.</p>
Point In Time Count Update	Candee Stanton	10	<p>Candee provided a quick overview of the status of the count. The Workgroup met and finalized the survey and that final packets of information will be sent to the LCEHs by the end of the month. Candee indicated that if additional funds for incentives are needed, to please contact her. Cinda indicated that she received some packs from their health care network. She offered extras to LCEHs. Cristina/David suggested that LCEHs reach out to the health care networks to see if items are available locally</p>
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**[Link](#) to ADOH Bulletin List Serve**

**ADOH AZBOSCOC [website](#):**

- Updates regarding NOFO
- AZBOSCOC Policies/guidelines/initiatives/Governance Charter
- Meeting agendas and notes (GAB, LCEH, Subrecipient, Coordinated Entry Committee, HMIS, Veterans, JEDI)

**Special Needs Documents Upload [Portal](#):**

**System Performance Measure Links**

- [County Comparisons](#)
- [HMIS Profile](#)
- [System Performance Measures Dashboard](#)

List of [Acronyms](#)

Resources for Funding and information—many of them have list-serves so you will be updated on information:

Peer Run Organization Services

<https://www.azahcccs.gov/AHCCCS/Downloads/PeerRunOrganizationsFlyer.pdf>

HEAplus communities

[https://www.azahcccs.gov/Resources/Downloads/community/HEA\\_plus\\_handout.pdf](https://www.azahcccs.gov/Resources/Downloads/community/HEA_plus_handout.pdf)

[https://www.healtharizonaplus.gov/app/Info\\_Assistor.aspx](https://www.healtharizonaplus.gov/app/Info_Assistor.aspx)

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/>

National Alliance to End Homelessness

<https://endhomelessness.org/>

All things HUD

<https://www.hudexchange.info/>

United States Interagency Council on Homelessness

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