



ARIZONA BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE

VETERANS WORKING GROUP MEETING

1110 WEST WASHINGTON, PHOENIX, Suite 280

01/02/2025—10:30 am – 12:00 am

TOPIC	TOPICS/OUTCOME	
<p>Call to Order Introductions/Ice Breaker</p>	<p>ADOH- David Bridge, Cristina Benitez AHC- <i>absent</i> AZDVS- <i>absent</i> Catholic Charities- Autumn Miller, Chloe Scott Community Bridges- <i>absent</i> Fishermen for Veterans- <i>absent</i> Gila County- <i>absent</i> HOHP- <i>absent</i> JAVC- Pat Farrell</p>	<p>Nation’s Finest- Logan Johnson, Robert Robbins, Raymond White NAVAHCS- <i>absent</i> NCHP- Miguel Villalpando, LeRaya Wilson, James Moore Phoenix VA- <i>absent</i> Primavera Foundation- <i>absent</i> RCFBH- Jessica Martin, Jorge Herrera SAVAHCS- Jocelyn Muzzin US Vets- Justin Price, Bryan Campbell VA- Jessica Taylor</p>
<p>Minutes Approval</p>	<p>Motion to approve the last meeting minutes (11/05/24) made by Bryan; seconded by Cristina; motion passed</p>	
<p>Review Workgroup Purpose</p>	<p>Jocelyn reviewed the Work Group’s purpose</p>	
<p>Action Items from Last meeting</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Submit HMIS ticket for GPD bed count updates 2. Add new dashboard link to future agendas 3. Follow up with PHAs regarding HUD-VASH data entry 4. Review HMIS numbers for long-term shelter residents 5. Email HMIS numbers to Pat and Justin for verification 	
<p>Tableau Dashboard Review HMIS GPD updates</p>	<p>Jocelyn and Justin discussed the need to update the Balance of State veteran dashboard with additional programs and beds. Justin confirmed the existence of 28 clinical beds, 5 hospital to housing beds, 17 service intensive beds, and 20 TIP beds. Jocelyn suggested sending a ticket to update the dashboard, and Justin agreed to provide the necessary information by the end of the day. They also discussed potential communication issues between the help desk and dashboard teams, with Jocelyn offering to reach out to Curtis directly if the issue wasn't resolved by the next meeting.</p>	
<p>41k Initiative</p>	<p>The VA did end up housing over 41,000 veterans across the country. In northern Arizona, they far exceeded their goal. In Southern Arizona, I think we were short by like 30 veterans who hadn't been housed. But overall as a whole, the VA did achieve that goal. What we did see, even though we saw an overall decrease in veteran homelessness in the last year from 2022 to 2023 pit count - I think it was like a 7% decrease. And we did see a decrease in unsheltered homelessness. But there's still so many veterans out there experiencing unsheltered homelessness. So there's been a focus the last 6 months or so, really the last year with our 41K goal, to engage unsheltered veterans experiencing homelessness. The numbers for the last four months were promising. The next all hands on deck meeting, scheduled January 10th, which will provide guidance on the 2025 point in time count and an update on the VA's encampment response plan.</p>	
<p>SSVF updates</p>	<p>NCHP is currently accepting referrals and have funding available for rapid rehousing and homeless prevention. HUD VASH vouchers are on hold for Yuma. For NCHP Pinal, still taking rapid rehousing, still taking homelessness</p>	

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	<p>preventions. We're getting more of the homelessness prevention referrals. Keep sending them over as long as they have a 5 day notice. The whole premise of that is making sure that you're in sustainable.</p> <p>CCCS is taking referrals for Yavapai, Coconino, and Mojave counties; limited to about 7 per month for Mojave and Yavapai, and then 3 per month for Coconino. Chloe is taking over the position from Autumn, who will be moving to the VA/NAVAHCS.</p> <p>Nation's Finest: open to taking referrals. Bullhead City is taking referrals for rapid rehousing, homeless prevention, and we apply the progressive engagement path to helping veterans.</p>
ADOH Updates	<p>The PIT count will be documenting where people were the night of January 22nd, so from the 23rd to January 30th to do the count. David encouraged everyone to participate in the PIT Count, emphasizing its importance for resource allocation. ADOH is waiting for information from HUD regarding the NOFO. The learning platform has added content, and there is upcoming racial equity training.</p> <p>The other issue with the rapid rehousing is correct. We do use that data for our HIC, which is conducted on the same night as the PIT. We do the same counts and everything. So if people could keep that as accurate as possible that really is helpful to us in completing that other half of the PIT, which is the sheltered count and the housed count.</p>
Agency Updates	<p>NCHP: Miguel discussed the case of a veteran who has been living at Crossroads Mission for about four years. The group discussed options since the individual was unwilling to take the steps necessary to get into permanent housing. Vouchers are on hold, possibly until early February but still accepting homelessness prevention referrals.</p> <p>CCCS: still taking referrals for certain counties, but with limited numbers</p> <p>Nation's Finest: accepting referrals</p> <p>JAVC: there are upcoming StandDown events in Wickenburg (January 18th), Bullhead City (March 7th), and Parker (March 14th).</p> <p>US Vets: 11 open transitional housing beds that are available, and there has been a groundbreaking of 103 PH units for senior veterans in Prescott</p>
Important Links	<p>Tableau Dashboard BOS Veteran Dashboard Tableau Public</p> <p>Meeting Minutes and Agendas: https://housing.az.gov/programs/homeless-special-needs</p> <p>Solari Dashboard and Reports https://community.solari-inc.org/reports/</p>
Action Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miguel to follow up with Lucia regarding the veteran at Crossroads Mission and explore options to update his status in HMIS. • Bryan to follow up with Jeff regarding updating the GPD bed numbers for US Vets on the dashboard. • Christina and Jocelyn to follow up with PHAs regarding HUD-VASH data entry before the next meeting. • Jocelyn to send out the invite for the next All Hands on Deck meeting to the whole group. • Justin to submit a help desk ticket to HMIS by end of day to add US Vets' additional GPD projects (clinical treatment, hospital to housing, and service-intensive) to the Balance of State veteran dashboard. • Jocelyn to email GPD providers about veterans in their programs for 9-12 months to verify their status before the next meeting • All participants to consider participating in the upcoming Point-in-Time (PIT) count.

The mission of the BOS Veteran's Workgroup is to provide guidance and leadership in ending veteran homelessness in

the Arizona Balance of State. We encourage participation and collaboration of individuals and groups across the Balance of state that are working to end Veteran homelessness.

The purpose of our workgroup is to focus community planning, data analysis, strengthening stakeholder partnerships, and policy/project development. The BOS Veteran's Workgroup is dedicated to coordinating statewide efforts to enhance veteran housing resources and to assist veteran provider agencies in networking all available veteran programs and Services.

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