

Arizona Balance of State
Veterans Working Group Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2019

Members Present:

Glorianna Vercruyssen (CRN)	Maribel Najjar (NCHP)- phone
Jeff Willgale (VA)	Miguel Villalpando (NCHP)- phone
Joanna Carr (AHC)	Nick Wood (VRCA)
Jocelyn Muzzin (SAVAHCS)	Shane Groen (AHC)
Jolene Cook (VA)- phone	Timothy Laskowski (US Vets)- phone
Karen Johnson (VA)- phone	Ty Rosensteel (CRN)

Staff & Guests

Karia Basta (ADOH)	Ryan Vernick (ADOH)
Melissa Swain (ADOH)	

Everyone was welcomed, and the meeting started at 9:35 a.m. Introductions were performed. The minutes were motioned for approval by Shane and seconded by Jocelyn, with unanimous approval.

Joanna gave an updated on Diversion Training; trainers were trained in Flagstaff (3 trainers), Prescott (3 trainers), and Kingman/Bullhead City (6 trainers) so they can in-turn train others on how to incorporate successful Diversion strategies.

Maribel shared that there will be CE training in Apache Junction in January.

Maricopa County's Built for Zero membership was discussed as a possible initiative in which the BoS could get involved.

Action Item: Ryan formally invite Tamara Wright to attend the next meeting so she can give specific details regarding the TA provided and the requirements and deliverables for being part of the Built for Zero platform.

Action Item: Ty will send Melissa screenshots of the Power Point for those on the phone who could not see the presentation.

The VA has a program called VISN 22, which has the ambitious goal of reducing chronic veteran homelessness 50% by end of January 2020.

The 2019 Work Plan and USICH Ending Veteran Homelessness Criteria and Benchmarks were reviewed.

Action Item: Ryan will send the 2019 Work Plan to meeting attendees.

Action Item: Ryan will send the Power Point that aligns with Benchmark B.

There was some discussion regarding filling the vacant chairperson's position, since Ryan Louis is no longer the NAVAHCS representative.

Action Item: Ryan will look into whether the chairperson position is a formal position requiring a vote, or if it's more informally based on those in the NAVAHCS and SAVAHCS positions.

At this time it was agreed to keep meetings on a monthly basis, on the 4th Wednesday of the month, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at ADOH, but with a standard call-in option for those who are a considerable distance away.

With no further business, the meeting concluded at 11:23 a.m. on December 18, 2019.

STAKEHOLDERS	2019.01-30	2019.02-27	2019.07-24	2019.08-28	2019.09-25	2019.12-18
AZDVS				X	X	
AZHC	X	X	X	X	X	X
Catholic Charities	X	X	X	X		
CRN	X	X	X	X	X	X
NCHP		X	X	X	X	X
NAVAHCS	X	X	X		X	
Primavera	X	X	X	X	X	
SAVAHCS	X	X	X	X	X	X
US Vets	X	X				X
VA	X	X	X			X
VRCA				X	X	X

Commonly used acronyms:

ADOH= Arizona Department of Housing	Primavera Foundation
AHC= Arizona Housing Coalition	PSH= Permanent Supportive Housing
ALIP= Arizona Landlord Incentive Program	RFP= Request for Proposals
AZBoSCoC= Arizona Balance of State Continuum of Care	ROI= Release of Information
AZDVS= Arizona Department of Veterans' Services	RRH= Rapid Rehousing
BNL= By-Name List	SAVAHCS= Southern Arizona VA Health Care System
Catholic Charities Community Services	SMI= Serious Mental Illness
CE= Coordinated Entry	SPDAT= Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool
CoC= Continuum of Care	SPM= System Performance Measures
CRN= Crisis Response Network	SSA= Social Security Administration
CRRC= Community Resource Referral Center	SSDI= Social Security Disability Income
GEO= Geographic	SSI= Social Security Income
GPD= Grant and Per Diem	SSVF= Supportive Services for Veterans Families
HMIS= Homeless Management Information System	TA= Technical Assistance
HUD= U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development	TH= Transitional Housing
JAVC= Jerry Ambrose Veterans Council	TIP= Transition in Place
LCEH= Local Coalition to End Homelessness	US Vets= U. S. Veterans Initiative
LIHTC= Low Income Housing Tax Credit	VA= U.S. Department Veterans Affairs
NCHP= National Community Health Partners	VASH= Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing
NAVAHCS= Northern Arizona VA Health Care System	VISN= Veterans Integrated Service Networks
NOFA= Notice of Funding Available	VI-SPDAT= Vulnerability Index- Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool
OVC= O'odham Veterans Celebration	VOCA= Victims of Crime Act
PIT= Point-in-Time Count	VRCA= Veterans Resource Centers of America