

Arizona Balance of State  
Veterans Working Group Meeting Notes

January 22, 2020

*Members Present:*

Albert Moreno (NCHP)- phone	Joanna Carr (AHC)
Darrell Reynolds (Catholic Charities)	Jocelyn Muzzin (SAVAHCS)- phone
Frank Real (Primavera)- phone	Maribel Najjar (NCHP)- phone
Glorianna Vercruyssen (CRN)	Nancy Zatarain (NCHP)- phone
Jason Ramos (VA)- phone	Nick Wood (VRCA)
Jeff Willgale (VA)	Tianna Cann (NCHP)

*Staff & Guests*

Karia Basta (ADOH)	Tamara Wright (VA)- phone
Melissa Swain (ADOH)	Melanie Lewis Dickerson (Community Solutions)- phone
Ryan Vernick (ADOH)	

Everyone was welcomed, and the meeting started at 9:35 a.m. Introductions were performed. The minutes from the December 18, 2019 meeting were motioned for approval by Tianna and seconded by Jeff, with unanimous approval. All Action Items were completed.

Updates

- ADOH received word from HUD that all projects in Tier 1, including three new projects, which includes two bonus DV projects, were funded; still waiting on word about the project in Tier 2.
- Joanna gave an updated on Diversion Training; two more trainers were trained in Flagstaff.
- Nick mentioned there is a VA NOFA for GPD out now; for more information go to <https://www.va.gov/homeless/gpd.asp>

2020 Meeting Structure

It was collectively decided to keep the meetings set to monthly, with the flexibility to cancel the next month's meeting if needed.

*Action Item: Melissa will send out a newly updated invite 30 days prior to each scheduled meeting.*

There was discussion regarding purging non-attending invitees from the contact list.

*Action Item: Ryan will send out an email requesting feedback from those who did not attend any meetings in 2019 to see if they still want to be on the contact list. Those who have not replied by January 31<sup>st</sup> will be removed from the list.*

*Action Item: Nick will send Melissa the Prescott VA contacts.*

### **New Veterans Working Group Chair**

Ryan looked into whether the chairperson position was a formal position requiring a vote, and he found out it's more informal and someone can just volunteer.

*Action Item: Jocelyn will write up a "position description" to help members or potential members decide if they would be willing to serve in the chairperson's position.*

### **Built for Zero**

Representatives from the VA and Community Solutions gave a synopsis of the Built for Zero program, including the potential time-commitment required from the chair, and giving attendees the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the possibility of BoS enrolling in the program.

*Action Item: Melanie Lewis Dickerson will send Ryan some information that Colorado has used.*

### **2020 Veterans Working Group Work Plan**

Ryan led the group through a review of the 2019 Work Plan and what needs to be focused on in 2020.

*Action Item: Jocelyn will resend Ryan the statewide access survey mentioned in the 2019 Work Plan.*

*Action Item: Jason will ask Ryan Lewis where the survey process ended and if there were any results.*

*Action Item: Jocelyn will re-forward the statewide veteran contact list developed in 2019.*

*Action Item: Jeff will re-send the Maricopa intake flow chart.*

With no further business, the meeting concluded at 11:35 a.m. on January 22, 2020.

**STAKEHOLDERS 2020.01-22**

AZDVS	
AZHC	X
Catholic Charities	X
CRN	X
NCHP	X
NAVAHCS	X
Primavera	X
SAVAHCS	X
US Vets	
VA	X
VRCA	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
DV= Domestic Violence	SSI= Social Security Income
GEO= Geographic	SSVF= Supportive Services for Veterans Families
GPD= Grant and Per Diem	TA= Technical Assistance
HMIS= Homeless Management Information System	TH= Transitional Housing
HUD= U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development	TIP= Transition in Place
JAVC= Jerry Ambrose Veterans Council	US Vets= U. S. Veterans Initiative
LCEH= Local Coalition to End Homelessness	VA= U.S. Department Veterans Affairs
LIHTC= Low Income Housing Tax Credit	VASH= Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing
NCHP= National Community Health Partners	VISN= Veterans Integrated Service Networks
NAVAHCS= Northern Arizona VA Health Care System	VI-SPDAT= Vulnerability Index- Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool
NOFA= Notice of Funding Available	VOCA= Victims of Crime Act
OVC= O'odham Veterans Celebration	VRCA= Veterans Resource Centers of America
PIT= Point-in-Time Count	