



ARIZONA BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE

VETERANS WORKING GROUP MEETING

1110 WEST WASHINGTON, PHOENIX, Suite 280

November 03, 2021—10:00 am –12:00 pm

TOPIC	TOPICS/OUTCOME	
Call to Order Introductions	211Arizona- Yolanda Flores ADOH- <i>Absent</i> AHC- Joanna Carr, George Campbell AZDVS- <i>Absent</i> Catholic Charities- Jarod Brooks Community Bridges- <i>Absent</i> HOHP- <i>Absent</i> JAVC- <i>Absent</i> Kingman VA- Lynda Woods	Primavera Foundation- Frank Real NCHP- Monique Coronado, Miguel Villalpando Nation’s Finest- staff NAVAHCS- Rebecca Ligori Solari (fka CRN)- <i>Absent</i> SAVAHCS- Jocelyn Muzzin Phoenix VA- Jeff Willgale US Vets- <i>Absent</i>
Minutes approval from 08/23/2021	Postponed until next meeting.	
BNL Statewide Data Overview	Discussion discontinued (see Tableau Dashboard Update, below)	
Tableau Dashboard Update	A small group convened to discuss the Tableau Dashboard and to fine-tune the tool. It was decided to keep most of the data fields that currently exist in the Maricopa County example, but the group also requested the ability to break the data down by county across the BOS; the prototype should be out by the end of November. Data for available housing units is managed by HOM, Inc.- this data is not currently available for BOS but will hopefully be available in the future.	
SSVF Shallow Subsidy Program	This is a service within RRH and homelessness/eviction prevention and provides rental assistance to very low and veteran households and is a service available for up to 2 years to help with up to 35% of Fair Market Rent (FMR). The idea is that within the 2 years the veterans are able to increase their income or qualify for other programs to help maintain housing after the shallow subsidy ends. The subsidy might actually be increased up to 50% of FMR, but this excludes people already enrolled in the 35% subsidy. The people in RRH have to have sufficient income to cover their share of the rent, in order to qualify for the subsidy. There is also the chance after the 2 years to be re-certified for the Shallow Subsidy Program if the need is still there. Unfortunately this is sort of a reactive program (i.e. when veterans come to providers for help due to looming eviction, etc.) vs. a proactive program where SSVF	

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	<p>case managers are reaching out the currently housed clients to see if they are in a vulnerable position and could benefit from the program- this could be researched for feasibility of catching vulnerable veterans before they become homeless. For those who increase their salaries, they can stay in the program for the two years even if they would no longer qualify for entry into the program.</p> <p>This topic will be a recurring discussion at future meetings.</p>
Race Equity Workgroup	<p>In Maricopa and Pima counties, analyzing data regarding race inequity is just starting; for example, are veterans of other races experiencing homelessness at higher rates than others and which veterans are failing and falling out of programs, is there a longer wait for services including housing based on race and ethnicity. Preliminary data from Maricopa County is showing a significant disparity, especially among African American and Native American veterans. Moving forward and knowing what to do with the data will take some real effort to dig deeper into the data to root out the causes of the disparity so the inequities can be fixed. How this will translate to the BOS is still being determined. Jocelyn gave data examples from the VA to show percentages of all veterans compared to racial minority percentages experiencing homelessness.</p>
Update on Veteran serving organizations not licensed with HMIS	<p>Joanna has been reaching out to non-HMIS agencies in an endeavor to get them on board with HMIS; overall the response has been great. ADOH is the enrolling agency, so new agencies need to contact Cristina Benitez (cristina.benitez@azhousing.gov) for onboarding assistance.</p>
Stand Down/CE Update	<p>In another effort to improve the BNL, Stand Downs have become a focus for a CE and entering people into HMIS; CBI will take the lead. There will be a Stand Down navigation program set up in HMIS, so when a homeless veteran is encountered at the event, the CBI team will do an assessment and VI-SPDAT to get them into HMIS to make the proper referral to a housing program; follow-up after the event will also occur to ensure they are receiving services.</p>
Agency Updates	<p>AZDVS has the small and large grants available</p> <p>Frank mentioned that Primavera is looking to hire a program manager.</p> <p>No other agency updates were mentioned.</p>
ADOH Update	<p>This this update is deferred to the next meeting, January 5th, 2022.</p>

Acronyms

Action Items:

- Joanna will give at a future meeting the racial equity presentation that was given at each LCEH

	2021.01-06	2021.02-24	2021.04-28	2021.08-23	2021.11-03
211Arizona	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	X
ADOH					
AHC	X	X	X	X	X
AZDVS	X			X	
Catholic Charities			X		X
Community Bridges					
HOHP		X		X	
JAVC		X	X	X	
NCHP	X	X	X		X
NAVAHCS	X		X	X	X
Primavera	X		X		X
SAVAHCS	X		X	X	X
Solari (fka CRN)	X	X	X	X	
US Vets	X	X	X	X	
VA	X	X	X		X
America's Finest (fka VRCA)					X