



AZ Balance of State Continuum of Care
Local Continuums/Coalitions to End Homelessness (LCEH), Quarterly Meeting
February 7, 2024, 9:00am-11:00am, Virtual

The focus of this meeting is how LCEHs are ending homelessness in their community. Discussion is focused on system process not individual agency functioning.

Follow up items for the LCEHs are highlighted in yellow

Agenda Item	Lead	Minutes	Notes
Welcome and Introduction new LCEH staff	David Cristina	5 minutes	<p>David Bridge-ADOH-present Cristina Benitez-ADOH-present Apache/Navajo- Allison Hephner , Tia Evans (CPMSAZ)—present, Nate Updike Outreach, Marilyn Johnson-guest Cochise— Terrance Watkins, Helen Sanchez, CPIH/CPSA-present Coconino-Camie Rasband (CCCS) Gila-Stella Gore, Hannah Lynch, Kacey Heimer Gila County, Charles Proudfoot,- LCEH Chair Graham/Greenlee –Terrance Watkins, Helen Sanchez, CPIH/CPSA-present La Paz-Ines Gonzalez, Jessica Martin, Jorge Herrera-Regional Center For Border Health-present Mohave-Kelly Williams, Cherisea Marshall, Jamie Bernier –Mohave County absent Pinal-Heather Patel-, Diane Hunt (Pinal County) Cinda Thorne Molina Healthcare, Sheryl Bigelow Co-Chairs Santa Cruz – Terrance Watkins, Helen Sanchez, Sarah Castillo CPIH/CPSA-present, Sarah Castillo MHC Yavapai- Camie Rasband- CCCS present Kristen Bandy-Solari (guest) Yuma-Lucia Wilson, Rebecca Clayton, Mia Armenta –ACHIEVE-present</p> <p>Other Participants Shannon Haines--Housing Specialist- Connie Howell – Housing Specialist-present Candee Stanton- Contractor-present Chris Moller-Solari-present Randy Hade-Solari-present</p>
Approve minutes for 10.24.23	Cristina	5 minutes	Camie made a motion to approve. Heather seconded. Minutes were approved.
Housing Trust Fund Updates	David	20 minutes	<p>David provided an overview of the HTF—in 2023 \$150 million was awarded by the Legislature. HTF funded the capacity grants for the LCEHs. The Legislature currently does not have additional HTF in the budget proposal.</p> <p>David indicated the following information would be helpful and can be reported in the for the January-March quarterly report.</p>

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			<p>-increase in participation/ new agencies, new partnerships, new entities --BNL increase, housing placements In the meantime --Review budgets—If there are going to be unexpended funds, please let Cristina know as soon as possible</p> <p>HTF provides the most flexibility. David asked for feedback about what the priorities are related to the funding-- -Heather indicated that staffing is critical for the coalition functioning and outreach -Cristina mentioned that the events have been important to promote the LCEHs -Camie indicated that staffing and particularly in supporting the CE model. It was also a good faith effort—and the other community funding saw the HTF as a significant contribution and garnered match from other organizations both in funds and staff investment. --Apache/Navajo collaboration with Public Health—to address social determinants of health—Issue of significant syphilis outbreak. Elected and other government officials have become engaged. HMIS is expanding—an access point was added in St. Johns. Allison indicated that engagement has expanded significantly including Veterans, DV, and behavioral health. If funding is lost –would have to start again. --Activity has grown in SE Arizona—More activities in Santa Cruz. There have been new activities in Graham and Greenlee. Graham’s Sheriff did not do round up related to the count.</p> <p>Add information to report about accomplishments and engagement. David indicated that revisions to the Q2 report would be helpful, but also additional information in the Q3 report will work.</p>
2023 NOFO Update	David Cristina	15 minutes	David indicated that HUD made 2023 announcements—AZBOSCO lost two projects in Tier 2 but gained approximately \$500,000 related to increased FMRs. In addition, HUD provided additional funds for all CoCs nationwide for the planning funds that ADOH receives.
Status of 2023/2024 Contracts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HTF Funded Capacity contracts 	Cristina	15 minutes	Cristina indicated that contracts have been sent out. There are a few counties due to their governmental structure are approved by their Board of Supervisors. New RFPS will be sent out with the fully executed amendment that includes the increased funding for the additional 6 months in the contract.
Review of Reporting for 23/24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuation of one report due quarterly will cover COC Planning capacity building. (template in your COC Planning grant contract) • Reports due-Important to meet due date: 	Cristina Members	10 minutes	Cristina provided an overview of the reporting. The contract term is July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024. It is important to complete the questions in the reporting template. Allison asked about what strategies can be used to connect with McKinney Vento. Camie indicated that they use a confidentiality agreement as a part of case conferencing. Discussion took place about the requirements that children can stay in their school.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ January 25, 2024 ○ April 25, 2024 ○ July 25, 2024 • Only 1 report needs to be submitted. Review RFPS especially when Diversion funds are used to include information re assistance provided in combined report. Agendas, membership rosters, etc. must be maintained for monitoring visits that will take place in the spring. • ADOH HMIS Licensing Tier draft proposal 			<p>Will invite representative from the Department of Education regarding collaboration with McKinney Vento Liaisons for next quarterly meeting.</p> <p>Cristina provided an overview about how the HMIS licensing works and referred to the document sent out. Cristina indicated that the number of licenses can't be reduced once purchased. Cristina asked for feedback about the licensing tiers. Charles asked about whether the licenses can migrate from one agency to another. Cristina indicated that they can be moved. Health plans are making requests for HMIS licenses. HTF are currently paying for some of the HMIS licenses. The tiering attempts to make the license process cost neutral.</p>
Proposed Coordinated Entry Referral Process for LCEHs.	Chris Moller-Solari	15 minutes	<p>Chris introduced himself. Tracking referrals has been an ongoing issue. There is an appetite for knowing the number of referrals and what is happening to them. A standardized workflow through HMIS is proposed and has been piloted in Mohave County. Chris indicated that all the LCEHs will receive individualized training. Chris asked LCEHs to let him know if anybody is interested in being an early adopter. Chris provided an overview of the proposed referral workflow in HMIS.</p> <p>Cristina indicated that there was no information available about referrals that come from CE</p> <p>Camie indicated that Coconino and Yavapai are interested in being early adopters. Terrance indicated that Graham, Greenlee, Cochise and Santa Cruz are interested in being early adopters. Heather indicated that Pinal is interested. Lucia indicated Yuma would be interested.</p> <p>Charles indicated that they are able to make the referrals to housing but there is no housing available. Chris indicated that the enrollment data and move-in date are two different things and that is how it would be reported.</p> <p>David indicated that down the road—additional reports can be developed to look at the issue that Charles presented. Terrance indicated that experience with other CoC—one of the metrics is time from referral to move into housing. Charles provided an example about someone in a trailer. Terrance indicated that it could be that HQS is an issue. David indicated that taking a hitch off could be considered diversion for HTF use.</p> <p>Chris asked if the LCEH wants to be early adopter to email him. The plan is to fully roll out by July 1st. Policy will be added to CE policy. Eight Counties responded to be early adopters and contact information sent to Chris.</p> <p>Camie made a motion, Rebecca seconded to approve the referral process as presented. The motion was approved.</p>

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<p>Status Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AHCCCS change request related to ROI • Health Care information HMIS • Status of data sharing agreements- AHCCCS and research project • BNL clean up 	<p>David and Cristina</p>	<p>15 minutes</p>	<p>David indicated that some data sharing is taking place with AHCCCS—it is one way because of HIPPA. AHCCCS requires that the MCOs follow up with the individuals who have been a match. AHCCCS is also requiring the MCOs to participate in HMIS. David anticipates that the AZBOSCOG ROI will be updated to accommodate the MCOs.</p> <p>Cristina indicated that the collaboration will improve outcome for participants/clients. David indicated that preliminary data indicates about 80% of participants are enrolled in AHCCCS or have contact with AHCCCS</p> <p>The Universities have formed an analytics collaboration—they are drawing on other data sources and want to use HMIS data at aggregate level—they are looking at prevention, homeless processes, prioritization (high cost high needs). They want to work with the AZBOSCOG in addition to Maricopa and Pima. The Collaboration also got a federal grant to look at issues of which Yuma County was included in addition to Maricopa and Pima.</p> <p>Cristina mentioned the AZ Data Landscape Report by ICF. Recommendations included looking for an alternative to Well Sky as the HMIS system provider. Recommendations have been sent to the Governance Advisory Board for review.</p> <p>David indicated that the assessment made it clear—that Well Sky has had challenges in meeting HUD requirements. The software is antiquated and there are new systems out there that are more flexible and nimbler.</p> <p>There is some discussion about a single system to address individuals who are moving from one CoC geographic area to another. This discussion will continue through committees and the LCEHs.</p> <p>Solari is working on a BNL clean up and is working with the LCEHs to clean up the list. Chris indicated to continue to submit tickets about individuals who should or shouldn't be on the BNL. David indicated that accurate data is critical because it generates the System Performance Measures that HUD uses related to funding decisions.</p> <p>*MCO—Managed Care Organizations</p>
<p>PIT Debrief</p>	<p>Members</p>	<p>15 minutes</p>	<p>Terrance indicated that there were increases in the count in Graham, Greenlee, and Santa Cruz. Terrance indicated in Graham, a number of individuals are in trailers with no utilities. Rebecca in Yuma indicated that were vacant camps, which was a surprise. Allison indicated that without the HTF the count would have been difficult. Nate indicated that they had more than 30 volunteers in Navajo/Apache. Many of the individuals are in situations that don't have shelter meant for human habitation. Kristen in Yavapai—indicated that increased</p>

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			<p>collaboration through foodbanks, libraries and the number of volunteers increased. Newspaper covered. Camie indicated for Coconino there were some weather issues. Mayor and other elected officials participated in the count. They also had newspaper coverage. Hannah from Gila indicated that the count went well. Three new locations were added. They partnered with the forest rangers.</p> <p>Please add notes about your PIT experience to the Cover Sheet – if anything comes to mind.</p>
Other Items	Cristina	5 minutes	<p>--McKinney Vento agenda item for the next meeting -Follow up with Department of Education about their PIT count.</p>
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<p>Arizona Department of Housing Contact Information</p> <p>1-Cristina Benitez Continuum of Care Coordinator Cristina.Benitez@azhousing.gov 602-771-1017</p> <p>2-David Bridge Special Needs Program Administrator David.Bridge@azhousing.gov (602) 309-6542</p> <p>3-Keon Montgomery Assistant Deputy Director Keon.montgomery@azhousing.gov 602-771-1209</p> <p>Link to ADOH Bulletin List Serve https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=001jarSHX2McaSRycGIQd2zdIkxkSWYEQC-MuzYbNIJBZGWeXqaUpUTOPciYTxRW_hIOMACBdDhOjZuyjAeuNAu300I63kKqAwNuJ9moVyXg10ivkFNkNg-4Zry2dA34qGghDyXB26kVzRfREQ2MnZlDiLBNYUBlxMCNuqmUWdG-Ujg-KZQavPaZhbSziPBoCdh4zrG9EGas%3D</p> <p>ADOH website: https://housing.az.gov/documents-links/forms/special-needs-continuum Special Needs-Continuum -What you will find are updates regarding NOFO BOS COC Policies/guidelines/initiatives/Governance Charter, BOSCOG annual meetings note; Coordinated Entry Committee; Governance Advisory Board agenda's/notes; HMIS committee/ Special Needs: System Performance Measure Link https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/hmisaz/viz/BOS-SystemPerformanceMeasures/CountyComparison https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/hmisaz</p>	<p>Resources for Funding and information—many of them have list-serves so you will be updated on information:</p> <p>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/</p> <p>AZ Housing Fund (Different from the Arizona Department of Housing Trust Fund) https://arizonahousingfund.org/</p> <p>National Alliance to End Homelessness https://endhomelessness.org/</p> <p>Funds available through Home-American Rescue Plan Program https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/home-arp</p> <p>All things HUD https://www.hudexchange.info/</p> <p>United States Interagency Council on Homelessness https://endhomelessness.org/ending-homelessness/policy/united-states-interagency-council-homelessness/</p> <p>Housing Assistance Council—focus on rural areas https://ruralhome.org/</p> <p>Local First Arizona –Rural Development https://localfirstaz.com/rural-development</p>
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