



**AZ Balance of State Continuum of Care
Local Continuums/Coalitions to End Homelessness (LCEH), Quarterly Meeting
August 14, 2024, 9:00am-11:00am, Virtual**

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

Agenda Item	Lead	Minutes	Notes
Welcome and Introduction	Cristina	10	<p>David Bridge-ADOH present Cristina Benitez-ADOH-present Apache/Navajo- Allison Hephner , Tia Evans (CPMSAZ)— present Cochise— Terrance Watkins Catholic Community Services of SA -present Coconino-Camie Rasband, Chris Moller (CCCS) present and Ross Schaefer (FSS) Gila-Hannah Lynch, Kacey Heimer Gila County, Charles Proudfoot-present Graham/Greenlee – Terrance Watkins Catholic Community Services of SA-present La Paz-Ines Gonzalez, Jessica Martin-Regional Center For Border Health-present Mohave-Kelly Williams, Joyce Sanchez Torres, –Mohave County -present Pinal-Heather Patel- (Pinal County) Cinda Thorne Molina Healthcare, Sheryl Bigelow-present Santa Cruz— Terrance Watkins Catholic Community Services of SA-present Yavapai- Camie Rasband- CCCS present Yuma-Lucia Wilson, Elvira Hidalgo –ACHIEVE present, Mia Armenta-WACOG</p> <p>Other Participants Rita Rodriguez— AZ Department of Education Shannon Haines— Contract Specialist- Connie Howell— Contract Specialist- Diana (Dee) Irizarry-Contract Specialist Ali de la Trinidad- AHCCCS PATH-Grants Administrator PATH & MHBG Randy Hade-Solari</p>
Presentation/Discussion about McKinney Vento Homeless School Liaisons	Rita Rodriguez- Arizona Department of Education-State Homeless Education Coordinator	20	<p>Rita provided a video that provided an overview of the McKinney-Vento Act as it pertains to education for youth. Rita indicated that she is available to do a virtual or in-person training related to McKinney-Vento. David asked if a liaison is connected to charter schools. Rita indicated that charter schools may have a liaison of record. David asked if there are ways the AZBOSCO can support the grants if LEAs are applying grants. LCEH members can participate in needs assessment. Cristina indicated that she is working with Rita. Charles Proudfoot asked if the video could be shared. https://www.azed.gov/homeless/homeless-education-program-monitoring https://vimeo.com/830702729?share=copy</p> <p>Cristina indicated that the Liaison list had been previously shared. David asked about the intersection between the two definitions of homelessness— McKinney Vento and CoC. Rita suggested that families should be referred to the LEA even though they may not meet the CoC homelessness definition.</p>

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			<p>David asked about what data sharing and privacy rights related to youth. A liaison cannot share information without an ROI signed by the parent.</p> <p>The Case Manager can also share the ROI when reaching out to the liaison. Camie indicated that they have some success, liaisons participate in the LCEH and in case conferencing.</p> <p>David asked about age—Rita that the age can be extended up to age 22. Each youth may have different needs.</p> <p>David indicated that the three AZ CoCs were awarded a YSHI award. The goal of the grant is to build a structure for services and education for unaccompanied youth. https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/yhsi</p> <p>Current list of liaisons. https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/u/0/d/e/2PACX-1vSbLQvvCC_HVSNYVG4hi6y2OzOewbrTODHd_gurdCnqf2DaUySpz347qADRh8rTpbjGDPe9bYdaNg6/pubhtml?pli=1</p> <p>David thanked Rita for coming and indicated that she is the member of Governance Advisory Board.</p>
<p>2024//2025 LCEH Contracts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One contract covers HTF and CoC funds • Reductions in Funding • Priority is maintaining staff • Next steps and submitting budget • Anticipated execution date 	Cristina/David	30	<p>David provided an overview of the current status of HTF funds available for 2024/2025. ADOH was provided \$15 million and \$1million was allocated to AZBOSCOC. In addition, unspent funds from prior years will be available. Cristina indicated that the 2024/2025 grant request for the information went out and is due 8/16/24.</p> <p>David indicated that originally the LCEH grants could support broader services. He reviewed the scope of work—and that the priority is maintain staff positions if possible.</p> <p>Terrance indicated that some positions have been cut. Terrance—indicated that a small increase in the planning funds and that the planning funds must be spent on staff. There is going to be one contract rather than two. Cristina reiterated that LCEHs could budget for \$9000 rather than \$7000 that is in the template went out.</p> <p>Kelly indicated that Mohave County has committed to funding staff. Cristina indicated that funds must be used to CoC activities. Kelly would like to continue to do the fresh start events. David indicated the focus would need to be on staff support of the activities.</p> <p>David indicated that the LCEHs are a priority. David indicated there may be other unspent funds David indicated that any information about the impact of the LCEHs should be provided in the quarterly report. David provided an example of the increase in the unsheltered PIT count—was directly related to LCEH efforts.</p>

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			<p>Cristina indicated that questions will be asked related to the LCEH NOFO RFI. Allison asked about the information between the six months and a contract for 12 months</p> <p>David indicated to do the contract for the time period that the funding will provide for.</p> <p>Allision indicated that they are expanding involvement for the PIT count including law enforcement. Allision asked about when the contracts should be issued—David indicated the they are estimated to be executed in a couple of weeks.</p> <p>Cristina confirmed with David that the CoC planning funds can be budgeted at \$9000.</p> <p>Terrance expressed appreciation to David and Cristina for the work done related to LCEH. David expressed appreciation for all the work that LCEHs are doing. Cristina reiterated what David expressed related to partnerships, coordinated entry, planning. Cristina provided several examples of other activities that have taken place.</p>
<p>Coordinated Entry-focus on Survivors of Domestic Violence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency Transfer Planning 	David/Cristina	15	<p>David provided an overview related to the Emergency Transfer Plan—survivors of domestic violence have rights related to keeping units, changing units, break their lease or move to another area if they don't feel safe. The household can take their voucher and move anywhere in the state or country. The issue is about supportive services that can be provided.</p> <p>All three CoCs are meeting with HUD TA to develop a statewide emergency transfer planning process. David indicates that the process may have some benefits for AZBOSCOC.</p> <p>Allision indicated that they have had some requests for households to move from Maricopa County to Navajo County. Allison asked about the process. David indicated that the process to transfer from one BNL to another will be identified in the policy.</p> <p>Allision asked if there is a possibility of an AZBOSCOC DV CE process. in the 2024 NOFO. Terrance asked about transferring out of state—he asked for a clear explanation about how transfers to other states would actually work related to priority, FMR. The policy needs to be clear, and training needs to take place.</p>
CoC Builds NOFO	David/Cristina	15	<p>HUD funds available for acquisition, rehabilitation, construction</p> <p>Must be submitted through ADOH as UFA and Collaborative Applicant for AZBOSCOC Request for Interest Letter—being released by ADOH</p> <p>David indicated a Request for Interest will be going out. Only 25 awards are available. There are some set asides with some projects going to tribal communities and to states with less than 2 million population. David has had some discussions with AHCCCS. It is estimated that new build would result in 8-12 units.</p> <p>David indicated the RFI will go out this week.</p> <p>The contracts will be executed October 2025. Projects need to be built within three years and all funds need to be spent by 2030.</p>

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2024 CoC NOFO out <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LCEHs will complete RFI to inform narrative questions 	Cristina Candee	15	David indicated the 2024 NOFO. There will be an RFI for LCEHs. There will be an opportunity for bonus and DV bonus projects. Bonus projects will be focused on PSH and DV RRH and possibility CE
PIT Count Update	Candee	15	Candee provided an overview of the 2024 count.
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<p>Arizona Department of Housing Contact Information 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_hl0MACBdDhOjfZuvjAeuNAu300l63kKkqAwNuwJ9moVvYXg10ivkFNKnG-4Zry2dA34qGqhDyXB26kVzRFRFQ2MnZIDiLBNYUBlxMCNuqmUWdG-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, BOSCO annual meetings note; Coordinated Entry Committee; Governance Advisory Board agenda's/notes; HMIS committee/</p> <p>Special Needs:</p> <p>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> <p><u>2024 LCEH Meeting dates * Note may convene additional meetings for NOFO:</u></p> <p><u>2/7/24</u> <u>5/16/24</u> <u>8/14/24</u></p>

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