

SOAR Update

SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery (SOAR) is an approach that helps eligible individuals who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness, obtain Social Security disability benefits. SSI/SSDI can provide access to income, housing, health insurance, treatment, and other supportive services. Access to these benefits is a critical first step in recovery. The application process for

SSI/SSDI is complicated and difficult to navigate. Nationally, without SOAR, only 29% of individuals who apply for SSI/SSDI are approved on initial application (65% with SOAR). This number decreases dramatically for individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

For more information on SOAR, please visit <http://soarworks.prainc.com/>. For more information on how to become SOAR-trained, please contact the SOAR State

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2014 Funding Award

We have received the notification of the 2014 Continuum of Care Program grant competition. Good news! ALL of the BOSCOB renewals-including Tier 2 and our second planning grant-were awarded for a total exceeding 4.2 million! Overall we gained close to \$20,000 but four projects had funding levels reduced to reflect reduced 2015 Fair Market Rents in those counties.

The announcement may be viewed at: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/comm_planning/homeless/budget/2014
CONGRATULATIONS BOSCOB!!

HMIS-Policies and Procedures

We all know the importance of data in tracking services, informing planning decisions, and evaluating the effectiveness of our projects. As such, it is critical that we have uniform policies and procedures to protect data quality and provide a framework for the operation of

the HMIS system. The HMIS Committee completed work on the HMIS Policies and Procedure Document in December. The document is available on the ADOH website and on the CIR website at: <http://www.211arizona.org/hmis>



Coordinated Assessment/VI-SPDAT Trainings

LOCATION	DATE	ADDRESS
Globe	Monday, February 9 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Globe Public Library 339 South Broad Street
Flagstaff	Thursday, February 12 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	NARBHA Coconino Room 1300 South Yale Street
Cottonwood	Thursday, February 12 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Spectrum Healthcare CD Room 8 East Cottonwood Street
Sierra Vista	Wednesday, February 25 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	City Manager's Office Conference Room 1011 N Coronado Drive
Kingman	Wednesday, March 4 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Mohave County Public Works Department Turquoise Room 3715 Sunshine Drive
Yuma	Tuesday, March 10 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Yuma City Hall Conference Room 190 1 City Plaza