**AZBOSCOC**

**2015 Local Questionnaire for Sub-Recipientsin contract as a part of the BOSCOC**

**and who want to renew the contract**

The purpose of this questionnaire is to gather information from the sub-recipients in order to write a strong response to the COC NOFA. Please return your response by 5:00 pm on October 9, 2015 to Candee Stanton at candee.stanton@gmail.com

Only one questionnaire needs to be completed by each agency. A separate document is not required for each project. Be succinct in your responses. The use of bullets is encouraged. Please call Candee Stanton at 602-881-6606, support to the BOSCOC if you need clarification or have questions.

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**1. How many people have you entered into Coordinated Entry using the VI-SPDAT?**

* **Was anyone housed in PSH that scored less than a 10+?**
* **If yes, what were the circumstances?**
* **Has everyone who has scored with high needs been engaged in services? Provide an example.**

**2. Do you coordinate with any of the following? If yes, provide one (1) sentence about how?**

* **HOPWA:**
* **TANF:**
* **Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs:**
* **Head Start:**
* **ESG:**
* **Other:**

**3. At the local level are there any initiatives or policies that ensure that homelessness is not criminalized? Examples could be engagement with local policy makers, law enforcement or community wide planning.**

**4. What are you or organizations in your community doing to reduce the rate of individual and families who return to homelessness? Provide one (1) specific strategy that has been implemented to identify and minimize returns to homelessness. How was HMIS used to monitor and record returns to homelessness?**

**5. What specific interactions do you have with jails and/or prisons in your communities?**       **Areas to discuss include:**

* **Do you ever meet with staff from the jails or prisons? Is it on an ad hoc basis or on a regular basis?**
* **Have individuals from the jails or prisons contacted you to help plan for housing for someone leaving their institution? If so, provide an example about how that worked and what was the outcome? What is your sense of the discharge process? Give examples.**

**6. What specific interactions do you have with staff from the RBHAs and/or behavioral health providers? Is there a formal process to review how to best utilize SMI designated housing units and the COC units within a region to maximize the effective and efficient use of housing resources regardless of type?**

**7. HUD is focusing on COC’s accessing Medicaid to pay for services. Discuss the following:**

* **How do you help participants connect to AHCCCS or the Insurance Marketplace?**
* **Have you undertaken any conversations with providers to access services for participants paid for by Medicaid?**

**8. How do you ensure that program participants with health insurance utilize their benefits?**       **Specifically discuss:**

* **Use of educational materials**
* **In person trainings**
* **Transportation to medical appointments**

**9. Provide a detailed paragraph about how you participated in the latest Unsheltered Count that took place in January 2015. Possible discussion points include: 1) we chaired a committee; 2) we participated in the planning group; 3) we went out and conducted interviews; or 4) other involvement.**

**10. Through your participation in the unsheltered count, did you conduct further outreach to individuals who participated in the count to engage them in services? If yes, what strategies did you use? Provide an example of an outcome of this additional outreach.**

**11. What are you going to do with your county/communities information from the sheltered and unsheltered count? How are you going to use the information to inform others about the issue of homelessness and engage other persons in the community to participate in addressing the issues of individuals who are homeless in their community?**

**12. What specifically are you doing related to helping participants access employment or increase income by gaining access to Social Security Benefits if that is a need?**

* **Who are your partners in identifying employment opportunities, and providing support to individuals in their employment search**?
* **How are you working with mainstream employment organizations to aid individuals and families who are homeless in increasing their income?**

**13. How have you implemented the BOSCOC commitment to prioritize housing for those persons who meet the definition of chronically homeless?**

* **What tool do you use to verify that participants meet the definition?**
* **What percentage of all the persons you served in FY 14/15 met the definition of having been chronically homeless before they became a participant?**

14. **Provide a detailed explanation of how you participate in the COC.**

* **Do you attend all regional meetings**?
* **Do you serve on any BOSCOC committees (such as HMIS, Membership and/or Governance)? What role did you perform or projects did you work on? Please detail your involvement.**
* **Do you participate in local community meetings?**
* **Have you initiated any efforts to reduce or eliminate barriers that make it difficult for those who are homeless to access housing in your community/county? If so, please provide information on what barriers have been addressed and how.**

**15. Has your program adopted a Housing First approach, meaning that the project quickly houses clients without preconditions or service participation requirements? If not, are you moving in that direction and will it be occurring with the renewal of your 2015 contract? If you have adopted a Housing First approach, how has it been implemented? And if you’re working on it, give some action steps.**