

AZ BOSCOC Statewide Annual Meeting

Wednesday, October 7, 2015

Attendees:

Karia Basta, *AZ Department of Housing*
Andrew Rael, *AZ Department of Housing*
Joy Johnson, *AZ Department of Housing*
Michele Meyerkorth, *AZ Department of Housing*
Candee Stanton, *Consultant*
Matt White, *Abt Associates*
Kathy Calabrese, *Good Neighbor Alliance*
Patricia Aldridge, *Good Neighbor Alliance*
Anita Baca, *Housing Authority Cochise County*
Adriana Medrano, *City of Yuma*
Carol Culley, *Achieve Housing*
Daniel Aceves, *Achieve Housing*
Crystal Connors, *Achieve Housing*
Lauren Romano, *Catholic Charities*
Camie Rasband, *Catholic Charities*
Julie Montoya, *Sharon Manor*
Linda Marion, *The Guidance Center*
Barbara Mikkelsen, *HealthChoice*
Allison Torres, *Gila County CAP*
Olga Delsi, *Cenpatico*
Suzanne Payan, *CAHRA*
Chantel Padilla
Shannon Braman, *Achieve Housing*
Melissa Legate, *CAHRA*
Dianna Guerrero, *CAHRA*
Carole Benedict, *U.S. Vets*
Cristina Benitez, *Cenpatico*
Patti Scott-Lopez, *Cenpatico*
Michelle Schreiber, *American Red Cross*
Samantha Bivens, *American Red Cross*
Bob Graham, *American Red Cross*
Michele Thomas, *CIR*
Tricia Cano, *CIR*
Shantae Smith, *CIR*
Cindy Flores, *CIR*
Glennifer Mosher, *CIR*
Melissa Fellure, *CPSA*
Ken Repkie, *Sunshine Rescue Mission*
Cindy Furrh, *OCCAC*
Fran Plakstis, *DES*
Lei Ronda Golden-Grady, *DES*
Joann Hatton, *ADHS/DBHS*
Danelle Valenzuela, *ADHS/DBHS*
Chris Bolin, *Crossroads Mission*
Stephanie Knox, *DES*
Pam Moseley, *Pima County*
Megan Lee, *Pasadera*
Michael McClure, *Catholic Charities*
Catherine Rea, *CIR*
Mary Lou Rosales, *CAHRA*
Daniel Kamau, *CCCC*
Valarie Donnelly, *WACOG*
Alfred Edwards, *DES*
Eliza Loudon, *Catholic Charities*

Karia Basta started the meeting at 1:46 p.m., welcomed everyone and thanked us for attending.

2015 NOFA Update

The NOFA is out. If you receive COC funds then you have received a questionnaire that is due this Friday (October 9th). The NOFA is due November 20th. The information is the questionnaire is needed to complete the NOFA. We are applying for \$4.2 million. Bonus money (approximately \$400,000) is available and the RFPs will be out soon for a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) project (\$200,000) and a Rapid Rehousing (RRH) project (\$200,000); each for a two (2) year term. Bonus points will be available for projects targeting veteran, youth or are in the counties of Gila, Mohave, La Paz, Cochise,

Santa Cruz, Graham and Greenlee. The bonus projects will be in Tier 2. HUD believes they will have enough money to fund all the renewals but fifteen percent (15%) (approximately \$600,000) must go into Tier 2. Projects can be split into Tier 1 and Tier 2 but enough of the project needs to be in Tier 1 to function without Tier 2 funds. According to the NOFA, we can get extra points for doing an unsheltered count in January. The Governance Advisory Board voted to do a count in January and let each area decide if they would like to do a summer count. Professor Fernandez, from NAU, has a class whose project is redesigning the survey tool. Karia will be reaching out to let him know the count has been changed to January. She will also see if he will be able to supply volunteers. Since we have committed to doing this count as funding depends on it, please be thinking about being part of the committee to coordinate. Will Candee be able to compile data if a summer count is done? We will need to see where she is in her contract. Yes, we will have a handout for the volunteers.

Data Standards Update ~ Tricia Cano, CIR

The newest update is 2014 Data Standards, version 3. Tricia reviewed the changes to the length of time on the street, emergency shelter or safe haven questions. A question on domestic violence information was added. HOPWA was updated as well. The changes are outlined in the attached PowerPoint.

Data Sharing ~ Megan Lee, Pasadera

Megan is representing the HMIS committee. The intent of data sharing is to be able to share client information entered into SPDAT or VI-SPDAT with agencies outside their network with appropriate client authorization. Megan reviewed:

- Required Data: (client ID, name, alias, date of birth, social security number and veteran status)
- Opt In: (All agencies and projects, with the exception of HOPWA, domestic violence service providers, RHY and those that fall within Federal Regulation 42 CFR Part 2, may share client level data with other AZ BOSCOG HMIS-participating agencies.)
- Opt Out: (Agencies can request to be removed from data sharing.)
- Client Acknowledgement: (The authorization from the client to allow personal information to be shared.)

After discussion, Karia called for a vote. By a show of hands of the representing agencies, data share was adopted with fifteen (15) yes votes; no one opposed or abstained. We are the first continuum to allow data sharing! Please see the attached PowerPoint for further information.

BOS Governance Process & Performance Measure Planning ~ Matt White, Abt Associates

This presentation is based on feedback from the members of the Governance Advisory Board and will cover:

- how we can improve the operation of the COC;
- comparison with other COCs;

- what HUD is expecting under the HEARTH Act.

When discussing the COC organizational structure, it was mentioned that for this structure to work, the arrows need to go both ways.

Some of the challenges of the BOSCO are:

- the large geographic area we cover;
- when an agency has more than one (1) different entity to work with, the information does not always get filtered up to the state;
- difficulty in getting involvement from other agencies (i.e. law enforcement);
- the inability to tap into tribal communities.

Performance Measurements:

Data Sources: HMIS, Domestic Violence Providers, Veteran’s Administration, PIT, RBHA
Streamline source of data with use of HMIS as much as possible
Action Item: Recruit VASH for HMIS

Population Types: Youth, veterans, chronic, family, single, disability (SMI, AOD abuse), elderly (62+), HIV/AIDS
Use geography/rural area as an attribute

Project Types: PSH, ES, RRH, TH, Outreach, Program Shelters

Information we are looking for can be found in HMIS:

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| ✓ Length of time homeless | ✓ First time homeless |
| ✓ Returns to homelessness | ✓ Placement from Outreach |
| ✓ Number of homeless | ✓ Placement/retention in PH |
| ✓ Employment and income | |

Please see the attached PowerPoint for further information.

Karia thanked everyone for their time and attention and concluded the meeting at 5:00 p.m.