

**Balance of State Continuum of Care  
Membership Workgroup**

**Minutes: Conference Call, 12/10/15**

**Attendance**

Dave Wolf, Mohave County  
Adriana Medrano, City of Yuma  
Xochilt Estrada-Kelly, CLS  
Joy Johnson, ADOH

- Roll was called
- There were no minutes to approve

**Discussion**

- Camie Rasband cannot be the secretary any longer; Dave will send out an email asking for someone to volunteer
- The Point in Time (PIT) will be the last week in January with the target night being Tuesday, January 26, 2016. Mohave County is the lead, Justin Chavez with the VRC will take the lead in Bullhead City and Mike Eigenbrodt with Interagency Council in Lake Havasu City
  - There will be training after the surveys have been distributed
  - In Yuma, Crossroads Mission has been the lead but National Community Health Partners, which also has offices in La Paz, will be the lead this year
  - Adriana will contact both entities
  - This year volunteers will also complete a VI-SPDAT on those persons identifying as veterans and for the chronically homeless, in addition to the approved HUD survey
  - Xochilt stated that she would like to participate in the count this year, Dave will let Justine know
- Item #3, Outreach to SEACAP and Santa Cruz County will be tabled for next meeting
- We have a new contact in La Paz County now; Alex is no longer in La Paz County. Dave will make contact
- Joy sent an email to Charlene Flaherty asking for an update on her efforts to develop local COCs in Santa Cruz and La Paz Counties but have heard nothing yet; will follow up
- Joy will contact Cindy Furrh and ask her to become a member of the Membership Committee. Cindy is from OCCAC which services Navajo and Apache Counties
- Planning – We need to get private businesses to participate in local COCs; Mohave County still doing outreach and has contacted a horse shoeing business whose owner works in the medical field and may become a potential employer to our clients
  - Yuma doesn't have any businesses that belong to their local COC yet. The owner of a local coffee shop that feeds people experiencing homelessness has been invited
  - There was a presenter at the Yuma meeting from a Veteran's Assistant Living facility who was asked if they would hire our clients. They perform background checks which may eliminate our population

- Some Housing Authorities disqualify potential residents for criminal histories; Mohave County looks at the last five years and if there has been a conviction within the last two years but it's all on a case-by-case basis
- Yuma passed an ordinance against aggressive solicitation which carries a \$500 fine or one day in jail
- HUD wants homelessness decriminalized and asked in the COC application this year what communities were doing to ensure that homelessness is decriminalized
- There was no new business or new agenda items
- There were no announcements

**Next meeting:** Thursday, March 10, 2016 @9:00am.