

Minutes
Arizona Balance of State Continuum of Care
Coordinated Assessment Workgroup
December 3, 2012 teleconference

Attendees: Cindy Furrh, Old Concho; Mary Jo Silcox, WTP; Danelle Valenzuela, DBHS; Shelley Janke, CAHRA; Barbara Blythe, Mohave County; Ken McKinley, Open Inn; Maureen Rooney, ADOH; Karia Basta, ADOH

Maureen opened the meeting by sharing the objectives of the workgroup: to review options for a coordinated assessment and make recommendations to the CoC regarding implementation.

Cindy Furrh agreed to serve as Chairperson; Ken McKinley agreed to serve as secretary.

The CoC has 18 months to get a coordinated assessment up and running. Cindy recommends taking it in sections; meet every two months for now.

Ken is working on Tucson/Pima's Coordinated Assessment committee. He suggests the "no wrong door" approach is the way to go with such a large geography. There was consensus on this point.

As examples, the statewide coordination might take place through HMIS, 211, or SocialServe.com. Ideally, it will be an electronic referral system. Cindy commented that 211 is not fully functional in all counties. Scott Rich/Symmetric Solutions was not on the call but can be helpful at future meetings to discuss various options.

The group discussed who else should be included in this workgroup. DES and DBHS need to be involved so a single uniform assessment can work. Danelle will forward the workgroup email to DBHS's providers and PATH contractors and invite them to participate.

Group will start by looking at various intake forms in use (HMIS, HPRP, street count survey) to review before the next meeting: what's useful, what's repetitive, what is the most important question to ask to provide the correct referral? Maureen will send those intake forms to the group and share the workgroup list with everyone. Ken has 4 or 5 samples of assessments already in use and will share those.

Ken asked if HUD technical assistance is available and suggested an on-site meeting when it is. ADOH will look into it.

Cindy asked anyone attending the Dec 11th CoC meeting in Phoenix to introduce themselves. She reminded everyone to keep a holistic approach in mind.

Next meeting set for February 4th, 2:00pm. ADOH will set up a teleconference number.

Meeting adjourned after one hour.