

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

**Minutes: Conference Call, 3/12/2015**

### **Attendance**

Dave Wolf, Mohave County

Jennifer Burch, Mohave County

Tad Zavodsky, City of Yuma

Anita Baca, Cochise County Housing Authority

Justin Chavez, Veteran's Resource Center, Bullhead City

Alex Taft, La Paz County

Joy Johnson, ADOH

- Roll was called
- The minutes were approved
- The minutes have been posted to ADOH's website

### **Discussion**

- Results of outreach to SEACAP and Santa Cruz County
  - Anita Baca reached out to Nogales County Housing Authority but did not receive a call back so she went to the county manager and spoke with office personnel. She also met with Karia Basta and Joy Johnson regarding the COC and Membership Committee.
  - Joy contacted SEACAP and was told that Graham County has not held any meetings but once one is held I will be contacted so that I can attend to explain the Balance of State Continuum of Care (BOSCOC) and the MOU
- Results of outreach to La Paz County
  - Dave has been in contact with Alex Taft of La Paz County who attended this meeting; welcome Alex. She is the grants administrator for the county and is working with a planning grant to eliminate homelessness; pointing out the need for facilities. This is the Safety Plus Justice grant. She has contacted Gina Whittington with WACOG regarding this grant. Dave pointed out that this grant may also require working with the BOSCOC. The Guiding Light Foundation had this grant in the 90s
  - Dave will contact the Health Care Department, Marian, to help; they run a Ryan White program and will invite her to the regional COC meeting. She may be a good contact for Alex.
- Results of outreach to Navajo and Apache Counties
  - Joy has been in touch with Cindy Furrh with Old Concho regarding the local COC meeting. Cindy sent an email which stated that the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council Meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will be held on April 8 at 3:00. Hopefully Cindy will be able to present the MOU to the group for signature at that time.
- Planning marketing locally
  - It has been difficult getting law enforcement and businesses to attend local COC meetings. Tad has been in touch with law enforcement and will be sending out a survey monkey to contact list in hopes of updating his list
  - Dave has been in contact with State Bank because of their commitment to community reinvestment and their involvement in the Section 8

- homeownership program. He has asked them to attend the local COC meeting
  - Dave asked all attendees to contact their local banks to try to get participation in local COC meetings
- The PIT survey was discussed
  - Joy gave preliminary numbers of surveys turned in per county. Every county turned in surveys.
  - Dave stated that the Veterans group was very helpful in Mohave and Cochise Counties.
  - Tad thanked Dave and Jennifer for participation in the count
  - Joy stated that the count in the summer and the count this January were close; about 1,000 people experiencing homelessness were counted in both counts
  - Justin stated that he had trouble with surveys from churches and social agencies; the surveys were not completed
    - The volunteers attended training but then handed the responsibility to someone else
    - A suggestion was made to set up tables at places offering services and to divide up the area to avoid double coverage
- Items 7 and 8 (Invitations and best practices) were tabled until our next meeting
- No new business or suggestions for future agendas
- Announcements
  - Anita announced that Cochise County has received 75 new VASH vouchers
  - ADOH and HHS received a 2.9 million grant from HUD for low income housing and services for 54 persons with disabilities. These funds were awarded to 25 state housing agencies.
  - Mohave County applied for an additional 28 VASH vouchers
- Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 9:00 am
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 am

#### Announcements

- This quarter there will only be three regional COC meetings; one in Parker, Cottonwood, and Benson. These meetings will also be attended by representatives from SWFHC and ADOH to present the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) and the Consolidated Plan for the state.
- Karia will be sending out her announcement and agenda for these meetings
- Dave will then send out the announcement and agenda to the local COC members
- The point-in-time (PIT) count is coming up in January

#### New Business

- None