

Balance of State Continuum of Care Membership Workgroup

Minutes: Conference Call, 6/27/13

Attendance

Jennifer Burch, Mohave County
Michele Janke, CAHRA
Joy Johnson, ADOH
Valarie Donnelly, City of Yuma
Cami Razband, Catholic Charities

New discussion:

- Valarie reviewed survey results to date. 43 responses have been received. A number of agencies cover multiple counties and every county has been represented in those responses. In reviewing responses from agencies that represent only one area, Gila, Graham, Greenlee and Santa Cruz counties have not had locally based agencies respond.
- Joy will send a reminder email to complete the survey by 7/5.
- Valarie will compile survey results for the next meeting.
- It was noted that a large number of responses didn't want assistance to align with the BOSCO. It was discussed that some may not feel they need it because they are already aligned. Others may not want it because they don't see the value in aligning with the BOSCO if there is no funding attached. The group discussed the other benefits besides funding.
- Valarie asked about the presentations and whether or not Membership committee members were expected to travel to areas that need presentations on starting local coalitions. There were different understandings among committee members regarding responsibilities. The group agreed that the Membership committee was to do the survey, create the presentation and other tools needed to help areas start local continuums, build up their own continuum memberships and help identify contacts in areas lacking local continuums.

The question of who was responsible for physically traveling to areas in need was discussed....was it a State responsibility, as the lead agency for the BOSCO, or was it Membership Committee responsibility? The committee is very small and committee members may not have the time or resources to travel to remote areas. Shelly had already reached out to members who have not been active but no one responded. Joy mentioned that Karia is scheduling the Regional meetings and they can recommend increasing involvement the Membership Committee. Jennifer noted that as the Guidance Committee is winding down, some people may be able to assist now.

It was suggested to invite to the regional meetings representatives from areas that don't have local committees. However, if those areas don't have committees and don't really see the value in participating, it was not expected that they would be interested in traveling to a presentation. It was agreed that travel to those areas would likely be needed. While the State is the lead agency for the BOSCO, the Continuum belongs to the members. It was agreed that while not every committee member may be able to travel, their work in other ways is valuable to the

committee nevertheless. It was pointed out that if new members join the Membership Committee, much of the groundwork will already have been completed, which may make it easier for newer members to focus more on doing the presentations. Valarie mentioned that it would be hard for her to travel but she could still assist with presentations by helping to coordinate via email or phone.

- The PowerPoint presentations sent by Joy need to be combined and updated. Shelly will create an outline describing the goal of the presentation so that committee members can review the PowerPoints and make suggestions with the ultimate goal in mind.
- Valarie noted that responses from the survey regarding the benefits of participation in the BOSCOG can be incorporated into the presentation.

Next meeting: 7/17/13 at 9:00 a.m. Joy will schedule our calendars with the call-in phone number and code.