



Mohave County Homeless Continuum of Care



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Date August 14, 2024

Location Mohave Community College, 1977 Acoma Blvd W, Lake Havasu City, AZ Room 811

Board Officers Present: Kelly Williams-Greer, Chairman; Joey Bourgeois, Co-Chair; Danielle Holloway, Co-Chair; Joyce Sanchez-Torres, Secretary

Members Present: Sheena Campos, Chaisea Marshall, Joyce Lucero, Jim Ortiz, Jennie Montano, Patty Jacques, Natasha Taggart, Kelly Tanner, Trent Chambers, Joshua Ramirez, Kim Leighton, Bre Schroder, Elizabeth Kinkade, Corena Martinez, Lori Howell, Michele Lin, Joy Phelps, Debra Herr, Christina Register, Penny Townsend, Rachael Yoney, Heather Crawford, Tressa Tice, Teresa McCustion, Cydni Irving, Jamie Bernier, Amy McReynolds, Angelina Biondi-Brookins, Rebecca Vaughan, Sahra Chavez, Kristin Bandy, Dorn Patrick Farrell, Allene Steed, Kristi Denk, Xochilt Kelly, Jen, Shari Brock, Will Anderson, Stephen Cheatheam, Melissa Register, Rebecca Ligor, Alexandria Murray, Joseph Acevado, De'Anna Gore, Kaysie Medrano, Erin Runion, Stephane Wabo, Shauna Hammon, Debi Pennington, Kathy Fromherz, Terra Sue Honey, Ali De La Trinidad, Melissa Palmer, Corytha Gastineau, Kelly Tanner

Discussion and Possible Action Re: Approval of June 12th, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Co-Chair Holloway asked members present to review the attached meeting minutes and asked if there were any needed changes or correction.

Motion: Chaisea Marshall made a motion to accept June 12th, 2024, Meeting Minutes as written.

2nd: Kelly Tanner second the motion.

Vote: Unanimous

Discussion and Possible Action: CoC Future Fresh Start Events

Co-Chair Holloway begins the agenda item with the discussion of the tentative October date for Kingman Fresh Start Event, and LHC event. Chairman Williams notes that in a meeting this morning with the Balance of State there is still funding but not as much so the CoC would need to plan this event on a smaller budget and rely on donations and volunteers. The funding received was \$60,000 but that includes employee salary and admin. The planning grant was increased from \$7000 to \$9000. There is a budget being created for the CoC Fresh Start event. She notes major donations from our CoC Fresh Start Event in Bullhead City; (i.e., AZ Complete Health donating snacks and fruit) and how donations and collaboration from each of the cities will cater to the success of each event held. Chris Register notes the planning grant still shows \$7000 on the budget, if it was increased to \$9000 it would need to be corrected. Jamie Bernier agrees with Ms. Register and that \$2000 is a huge difference. There will be a budget crafted for each event wanting to be held as well as a more structure and better organization when it came to planning events and spending

down grant dollars. Ms. Register notes that at the original Kingman event \$25,000 was spent and at the Bullhead City event \$70,000 was spent. She noted there were mitigating factors that made costs higher-- it being a different city and availability of resources. Co-Chair Danielle Holloway notes that the Veteran Stand Down event is held in all three cities every year with little to no cost. Secretary Sanchez interjects and suggests we go within each community and ask for donations from local businesses. Mohave County Community Services is not allowed to accept donations so each 501c3 organization within the CoC would need to contribute to get donations for this event. Chairman Williams suggest if an organization within the CoC wants to plan and execute the Fresh Start Event in a city they are more than welcome to do so the event is not just Mohave County Community Services it's the Continuum of Care. Chairman Williams wants to create the Fresh Start Work Group Subcommittee for the planning and execution of the Fresh Start Event.

Motion: Chairman Williams makes a motion
2nd: Patty Jacques seconds the motion.
Vote: Unanimous

Discussion and Possible Action: State Level Coordinated Entry Policy

Chairman Williams discusses the new State Level Coordinated Entry Policies voted in by the Governance Advisory Board.

Discussion and Possible Action: Local Coordinated Entry Policy

Chairman Williams re-introduces the Local Coordinated Entry Policy, she discusses that the previous version was about 10 years old and needed to be updated.

Motion: Kelly Tanner makes a motion
2nd: Joshua Ramirez seconds the motion
Vote: Unanimous

Discussion Only Re: Local Sub-Committee Update

Balance of State-Updates

Chairman Williams begins with AZ HEA plus within organizations, there is an opportunity at organizations to become an assister to help clients fill out SNAP Benefit applications.

Case Conferencing-Updates

Ms. Marshall notes a grant the Catholic Charities has received. With Ms. Marshall no longer being with MCCA. Secretary Sanchez will be temporarily taking over Case Conferencing until the position is filled. Chairman Williams spoke with Solari to get more training for everyone. So, there is more involvement with the committee.

Criminal Justice Committee

Co-Chair Bourgeois and committee met; they are able to utilize the Garcia grant funds. They will continue to meet.

JEDI Committee

Ms. Jacques has no updates.

Veteran Outreach Committee

Mr. White conducted outreach and noted the Lake Havasu City Stand Down as well as the Rose and Car Show.

Membership Committee

Ms. Tanner cleaned up and added to the list. There is some grant money for youth providers coming down the pipeline. Ms. Tanner is also looking for more faith-based organizations. CoC membership has become stronger and is beginning to fill out every sector needed for the CoC reports.

Continuum of Care Service Provider Updates

WACOG- Ms. Lucero makes an announcement that WACOG is now packagers for USDA for direct loans for low-income households.

PIT COUNT- Chairman Williams shows data from the 2024 PIT Count; 341 volunteers in the 13 counties at the Balance of State. 1476 surveys were submitted an increase of 55% from last year. 1934 people were counted an increase of 60% (728 surveys) from last year. Chairman Williams was asked by David Bridge why the increase in Mohave County and it was due to more volunteers, better weather, and more coverage to all areas.

JAVC- Bullhead City Veteran Resource Fair will be held in March 2025 and the Kingman Veteran Resource Fair will be in April.

Community Legal Services- Xochilt from Community Legal Services will be holding a meeting on August 28th for the Civil Legal Needs Assessment in Mohave County.

Catholic Charities- Ms. Schroder wanted to go a little more in depth with the Garcia Grant they received it covers homeless prevention and rapid rehousing, along with other items.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Williams notes that Public Health and Emergency Management will be presenting at our next CoC meeting on the topic of Heat Related Deaths in Mohave County. Since June, there have been 45 recorded heat related deaths in Mohave County and a majority of those were over 65, 6 homeless, 17 in Bullhead they were over 65 and passed away in their homes with no air conditioning. They are looking to implement a type of resource during the summer month to help prevent this next year. Chairman Williams notes the next COC meeting will be held in Kingman on October 16th at 12:30 pm at 700 W. Beale St. Kingman AZ 86401.

Call to the Public

Nothing to Report

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:43 pm