

March 13, 2012

TO: Members of the MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness

FROM: Joanne Osborne, Vice Mayor, City of Goodyear, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 2:00 p.m.

Monday, March 19, 2012

MAG- 2nd floor Saguaro Room

302 N. 1st Avenue

Phoenix, AZ 85003

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The next Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness meeting will be held at the at the time and place noted above. Members of the Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness may attend either in person or by telephone conference call. Supporting information is enclosed for your review.

The meeting agenda and resource materials are also available on the MAG website at www.azmag.gov. In addition to the existing website location, the agenda packet will be available via the File Transfer Protocol (FTP) site at: <ftp://ftp.azmag.gov/ContinuumOfCareRegionalCommitteeonHomelessness>. This location is publicly accessible and does not require a password.

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**MAG CONTINUUM OF CARE REGIONAL COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS
TENTATIVE AGENDA
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COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call to Order

2. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Committee on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard.

2. Information.

3. Approval of January 23, 2012, Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness Meeting Minutes

3. Approve the meeting minutes of the January 23, 2012 Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness meeting.

4. CoC Planning Subcommittee Report

Theresa James, Chair, CoC Planning Subcommittee, will provide a report on the March 12, 2012 meeting.

4. Approval of the March 12, 2012 CoC Planning Subcommittee Report.

5. Continuum of Care Technical Assistance Action Plan Next Steps

HUD approved the priority actions steps for technical assistance as identified in the Continuum of Care Action Plan. Piper Ehlen, HomeBase, will provide an update on the technical assistance process and overview of the work approved by HUD and offer next steps for approval.

5. Approval of the Continuum of Care Technical Assistance Action Plan Next Steps.

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| <p>6. <u>HEARTH Act Implementation, Budget, and Suggestions for Continua of Care</u></p> <p>On March 5, 2012, Ann Oliva, HUD Director of Special Needs Assistance Programs, released a message to Continua regarding the HUD budget, and offered suggestions for implementing HEARTH. Members will review and discuss the letter from HUD and consider next steps for possible approval.</p> | <p>6. Information, discussion, and possible approval of next steps.</p> |
| <p>7. <u>Regional Plan to End Homelessness Report Card</u></p> <p>Brandi Mead, MAG, will provide an update on the Regional Plan Report Card. The goals from the Continuum of Care Action Plan as well as HUD benchmarks have been added to the report card and will be monitored for implementation. Members will have an opportunity to prioritize areas of focus for implementation.</p> | <p>7. Information, discussion and approval of priority areas of focus.</p> |
| <p>8. <u>Report on Continuum of Care and Public Housing Authority (PHAs) Convening held on February 8, 2012</u></p> <p>HUD and the Inter-agency Council on Homelessness held a convening on February 8, 2012 in Los Angeles to encourage communities to establish better partnerships between PHAs and Continuums of Care. Kim Dorney, City of Phoenix Housing Authority, attended the convening and will offer a report on the event.</p> | <p>8. Information, discussion and possible recommendations for partnership between the Continuum of Care and Public Housing Authorities within the region.</p> |
| <p>9. <u>Report on the 2012 Arizona StandDown</u></p> <p>Brad Bridwell, Chair of the Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness, will offer a report on the outcomes of the 2012 Arizona StandDown Event.</p> | <p>9. Information and discussion.</p> |
| <p>10. <u>The State of Homelessness in America 2012- A Research Report on Homelessness</u></p> <p>The National Alliance to End Homelessness and Homelessness Research Institute released a research report, called <i>The State of Homelessness in America 2012</i>. The report is an analysis of data on homelessness between 2009</p> | <p>10. Information and discussion.</p> |

and 2011, during the economic downturn. The report shows that “despite the bad economy, homelessness decreased by one percent during this period”. The report examines data and offers an analysis at the national, state, and local level. This report is being provided for information and discussion purposes.

11. Agency Spotlights

11. Information and discussion.

Homeless service providers will have an opportunity to provide a brief overview about their agency, programs and person served. Agency spotlights will be provided by:
-Human Services Campus, LLC
-Lodestar Day Resource Center

12. Request for Future Agenda Items

12. Information and discussion.

Topics or issues of interest that the Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting will be requested.

13. Announcements

13. Information.

An opportunity will be provided for Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness members to present a brief summary of current events. The Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

14. Adjourn

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