

September 15, 2014

TO: Members of the MAG Continuum of Care Board

FROM: Kevin Hartke, Councilmember, City of Chandler, Co-Chair  
Thelda Williams, City of Phoenix, Co-Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

**Meeting - 2:00 p.m.**

Monday, September 22, 2014

MAG- 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Ironwood Room

302 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue

Phoenix, AZ 85003

(Parking is available from the garage below the building. Bring your parking ticket to the meeting for validation.)

The next MAG Continuum of Care Board (CoC Board) meeting will be held at the time and place noted above. Members of the CoC Board may attend either in person or by phone. Supporting information is enclosed for your review.

The meeting agenda and resource materials are also available on the MAG website at [www.azmag.gov](http://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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In 1996, the Regional Council approved a simple majority quorum for all MAG advisory committees. If the Human Services Technical Committee does not meet the quorum requirement, members who have arrived at the meeting will be instructed a legal meeting cannot occur and subsequently be dismissed. Your attendance at the meeting is strongly encouraged.

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If you have any questions, please call the MAG office.

MAG CONTINUUM OF CARE (COC) BOARD  
TENTATIVE AGENDA  
September 22, 2014

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 CoC Board 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 CoC Board 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.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (\*).

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT\*

\*3A. Homeless Management Information System Assessment Report

An assessment of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) was conducted to determine whether or not the system is meeting the current needs of the community. A detailed report with recommendations was completed

2. Information.

3. Approval of the Consent Agenda.

3A. For information and discussion.

and outlines five main recommendations for improving the overall system. Attached, for information, is the Maricopa County HMIS Assessment report.

\*3B. HUD Prioritization Notice and Impact on Permanent Supportive Housing Projects.

On July 28, 2014, HUD issued a *Notice on Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness and Other Vulnerable Homeless Persons in Permanent Supportive Housing and Record Keeping Requirements for Documenting Chronic Homeless Status*. This notice will impact the Continuum of Care funded Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects in the region as HUD strongly encourages CoC's to adopt and incorporate an order of priority for all CoC PSH projects into written standards and coordinated assessment systems. In doing so, CoC's ensure that these units are used as strategically and effectively as possible and accelerate progress towards the goal of ending chronic homelessness. Attached for information is the HUD notice and an analysis on the impact of the notice.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

4. CoC Board Membership

On August 25, 2014, the Continuum of Care Committee approved membership for ten of the thirteen seats on the CoC Board. Members will have the opportunity to discuss membership and determine if they wish to establish next steps toward identifying additional members to fill the open slots on the Board. Please refer to the attached Continuum of Care Governance Charter and Continuum of Care Board Membership documents.

3B. Information and discussion.

4. Information, discussion, and possible approval of next steps to identify additional members to fill the open seats on the CoC Board.

5. Approval of Regional Coordinated Access System Standards of Excellence and HEART Group Recommendations

The Continuum is making progress toward implementation of the Regional Coordinated Access System. The Street Outreach Collaborative, Standing Strong for Families group, HEART group, and the Permanent Housing Work Group were tasked with developing Standards of Excellence for each intervention. The Standards of Excellence will provide the framework for community standards for outreach, emergency shelter, transitional housing, rapid re-housing, and permanent supportive housing. Members will be presented with draft Standards of Excellence for approval. In addition, a representative from the HEART Group will present recommendations on key decisions that will move phase one Coordinated Access implementation forward. Refer to attached Regional Coordinated Access System Pending Decisions document.

6. 25 Cities Update and Participation in Zero: 2016, a National Effort to Reach Federal Goals of Ending Veteran and Chronic Homelessness

An update will be provided on the progress our community is making toward goals identified in the 25 Cities Initiative to house 100 homeless veterans in 100 days. Information will also be provided on a national effort called Zero: 2016. This is a follow up to the Community Solutions 100,000 Homes Campaign designed to help communities get to zero as quickly as possible and reach the Federal goals of ending Veteran and chronic homelessness. The CoC Board will consider participating in the Zero: 2016 effort. By agreeing to participate in Zero: 2016, the Continuum of Care Board Chair will be asked to sign a Memorandum of Action (attached). This item is being presented for information,

5. Information, discussion, and approval of Regional Coordinated Access System Standards of Excellence and HEART Group recommendations.

6. Information, discussion and possible action on participating in a national effort called Zero: 2016.

discussion, and action to participate in the Zero: 2016 national effort.

7. Local Continuum of Care Program Funding Application Process

An update will be provided on the HUD Continuum of Care Program funding application process. Members will be asked to provide feedback on the project ranking and review process for the upcoming application.

8. Funders Collaborative Update

Amy Schwabenlender, Valley of the Sun United Way, will provide an update on the Funders Collaborative for information and discussion.

9. Request for Future Agenda Items

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

10. Comments from the CoC Board

An opportunity will be provided for CoC Board members to present a brief summary of current events. CoC Board members are 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.

Adjournment

7. Information, discussion and possible action on the local ranking and review process.

8. Information and discussion.

9. Information and discussion.

10. Information.