



Monthly Report on Regional Efforts to End Homelessness

Performance Standards & Data Quality

PSDQ is working on the data sharing plan to be presented to the Board and Committee at the April meetings. PSDQ will recommend a policy to create “affinity groups” for data sharing with the under-

standing that the data sharing needs may differ for those providers that serve households with children versus those that serve households without children. A policy recommendation including a

clear process for the creation of affinity groups, an HMIS Privacy Notice, and a revised Release of Information Form will be presented to the Board for adoption.

HEART

The HEART group continues to meet on a monthly basis to discuss the various aspects of Coordinated Entry, including policies, expansion, and evaluation of the system. In the last month, we have received HEART feedback on the CE Policies and Procedures, including a grievance policy, and will finalize the document in April. We continue to develop the Homelink data system and have been using the tool to facilitate navigator services and match clients to housing. Palantir, the Homelink software developer, has recently updated the system to include the latest version of the VI-SPDAT (v2) and the Welcome Center began administering the updated assessment in February. We have continued to expand our network of participants in Coordinated Entry. This has included onboarding the fol-

lowing agencies to provide client navigation services: TERROS Safe Haven and Watkins Emergency Shelter. In the month of February, we additionally on-boarded Phoenix Rescue Mission, and CASS. The Housing Providers that are engaged in Coordinated Entry are: Arizona Housing Inc. and ABC Housing. Partnerships with these agencies has resulted in expedited housing placements for individuals based on acuity, chronicity and length of time homeless. As the network of providers has expanded, we have also coordinated HMIS usage with an updated data share agreement. We will continue to develop the system in the upcoming months and year.

Our goals for the upcoming months are captured in a draft timeline that was developed by the

Coordinated Entry Primary Operator Agency and reviewed by the HEART committee. In the upcoming months our goals include:

- Finalize a process for managing the By Name List of individuals engaged with the CES.
- Onboard Rapid Rehousing providers (including Mercy House, UMOM, and A New Leaf) .
- Onboard Permanent Supportive Housing providers (including Community Bridges and EMPACT).
- Strengthen referral structure for ABC Housing.
- Finalize CE Policies and Procedures

Coordinated Entry Oversight Work Group

Coordinated Entry Oversight Work Group is working to define participation in Coordinated Entry to facilitate the implementation of the Coordinated Entry System (CES). The group is seeking Board input so that as CEOWG determines

compliance with the CES, the Continuum will have a shared understanding of what compliance means. CEOWG continues to monitor groups that have a limited commitment to participation through keeping waiting lists or

other “side door” systems that skirt the CES. In addition, the group is reviewing the policy for Coordinated Entry for providers of domestic violence services.

Regional Plan to End Homelessness

Work groups are completing their recommendations for the Regional Plan to End Homelessness. The work groups have agreed to submit their recommendations to MAG staff by

April 1. On April 8, a subgroup of the Board of Directors will meet to begin the process of drafting the plan, identifying gaps in information, and assigning tasks for filling the gaps. At

that meeting, the subgroup will consider a timeline by which to present the plan to the CoC Board of Directors with a target date of completing the plan by summer 2016.

ESG Collaborators

The Emergency Solutions Grant Collaboration group is working on monitoring and a common scope of work. The group finalized a report in HMIS to assist in the monitoring process. The report has been sent to Bowman Systems for development and

should be complete by April. To continue the work towards consolidating processes, the group will develop a common scope of work that may be used by funders. The group will use the Standards of Excellence for the SOW.

HMIS Work Group

At the March meeting, the HMIS team reviewed data from the 2015 Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) report. The AHAR was marked Useable in all 24 categories by HUD and is posted on the HMIS website. The HUD System Performance Measurements have been released by Bowman and are currently available for access in HMIS. The available reports have been presented and reviewed at the last two HMIS Committee meetings. The HMIS provider agencies received information re-

garding the Point In Time (PIT)/ Housing Inventory Chart (HIC) process. The PIT and HIC are due to HUD on May 2, 2016. The Committee receives monthly updates on HMIS user training and data quality issues. The team presents at least one available HMIS report monthly and one HMIS provider agency presents monthly. Sarah Esperanza from Phoenix Rescue Mission presented in March. The HMIS Committee meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 10am at MAG.

Brief Updates

- **Youth Advisory Work Group**

The Youth Advisory Work Group had their first meeting on March 24, 2016 at MAG. Further information to come soon.

- **Outreach Collaborative**

The City of Phoenix and MAG staff reorganized the Outreach Collaborative and hosted the first meeting on March 16, 2016. The group focused on planning efforts to compete the Standards of Excellence and the group's portion of the Regional Plan to End Homelessness. The next meeting is scheduled for March 31, 2016 at 2 pm at MAG. Further information to come soon.

- **Permanent Housing (PH)**

Kim Van Nimwegen, Valley of the Sun United way (VSUW), is leading and facilitating the PH Work Group. The monthly meetings are at VSUW from 3 pm to 4:30 pm. For more information please contact Kim at kvannimwegen@vsuw.org

VETERAN PLACEMENTS DASHBOARD

DATA AS OF: February 2016

