

Summary of the Continuum of Care Work Groups not staffed by MAG

*not considered a work group nor staffed by mag

Group Name	Standing Strong For Families
Primary Contact	Mattie Lord, UMOM New Day Centers
Meeting Frequency	Monthly
Purpose	To facilitate communication, collaboration, and advocacy among homeless family service providers in an effort to strengthen and improve the comprehensive system designed to end homelessness among families in Maricopa County.
Accomplishments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HMIS Data sharing agreement/MOU • Draft service standards for Emergency Shelter, Rapid Rehousing, Transitional Housing, and Permanent Supportive Housing • Draft procedural manual for coordinated entry • Draft Strategic Plan to End Family Homelessness by 2019
Vision	Purpose has not changed
Key Goals	Implement the Strategic Plan to End Family Homelessness

Group Name	25 Cities/Zero 2016
Primary Contact	Brad Bridwell; Cloudbreak Communities, Margaret Kilman; Maricopa County
Meeting Frequency	Weekly on Mondays at 3 pm
Purpose	Reach functional zero for homeless veterans by 12/31/15 and Chronic homelessness by 12/31/16
Accomplishments	Have aligned the system to provide a by-name list of veterans to provide targeted outreach to permanently house veterans.
Vision	Purpose has not changed
Key Goals	Create a sustainable system for identifying, engaging and rapidly housing homeless veterans to reach functional zero and maintain it. Replicate the system for chronically homeless to reach functional zero and work collaboratively with HEART to accelerate results.

Group Name	Maricopa County Rapid Rehousing Design Group
Primary Contact	Michael Shore

Meeting Frequency	Monthly, or as-needed
Purpose	The Maricopa County Rapid Rehousing Design Group is a learning community of Rapid Rehousing (RRH) operators that seeks to improve the performance and outcomes of RRH interventions through peer-to-peer sharing of program design, implementation methods, and best practices and promising approaches.
Accomplishments	<p>1st Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Catalogued all of the active Rapid Rehousing programs in Maricopa County ▪ Determined what is working well in individual programs and at a system level and where focus is needed for improvement <p>2nd Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reviewed strategies for recruitment and retention of landlords ▪ Reviewed data from HUD TA project ▪ Decided to open the group to funders
Vision	Purpose of group has not changed
Key Goals	The group is invested in developing a performance management culture and understands the critical role of data <i>for improvement, not judgment</i> , at the individual project, provider and system level. Maricopa County is one of six communities participating in HUD Technical Assistance related to developing a performance management framework for RRH. One deliverable of this TA is a data dashboard for RRH at the project and system level. This group will use the information and knowledge gained from that TA to advance our efforts on improvement of the intervention delivery and outcomes.

Group Name	Permanent Housing Workgroup
Primary Contact	Kim Van Nimwegen, Valley of the Sun United Way
Meeting Frequency	Every Other Month
Purpose	This group originally formed as a working group of the Ending Homelessness Advisory Committee (EHAC) to: provide ongoing resource and information sharing to the CSH Supportive Housing Institute attendees, to research and discuss best practices and to establish or create process, procedure, policies, metrics and monitoring procedures, around Permanent Supportive Housing.
Accomplishments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cross training among agency members ▪ Shared resources, documents, policies and procedures among agencies ▪ Moved tenants from one agency to another to support the need of the client to maintain their housing ▪ Created Standards of Excellence for Permanent Supportive Housing for singles
Vision	Creating and sustaining effective PSH for chronic homeless individuals and vulnerable homeless families utilizing multiple strategies.
Key Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monitoring and maximization of community PSH turnover units ▪ Support for the 250 PSH units coming online ▪ Medicaid Crosswalk activity ▪ Standardize metrics, where possible ▪ Create Quality Assurance Standards and monitoring process ▪ Explore and support moving-on strategies ▪ Provide eviction prevention programming ▪ Provide ongoing support and training to PSH case managers and housing staff ▪ Promote and support the creation of additional permanent supportive housing

Formerly – Arizona Street Outreach Collaborative	Arizona Outreach Collaborative
Primary Contact	Kim Van Nimwegen, Valley of the Sun United Way
Meeting Frequency	Monthly
Purpose	The Arizona Outreach Collaborative supports outreach efforts through sharing resources, providing on-going education and promoting service standards among teams
Accomplishments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Held outreach conference in 2010 ▪ Created Basecamp group to improve communication between providers (85 users) ▪ Presented at AZCEH Conference ▪ Provided and participated in trainings ▪ Provided group VI-SPDAT sessions to support community projects ▪ Created the Standards for Excellence for Outreach
Vision	The agencies in Maricopa County, and eventually state-wide, working with homeless individuals and families through outreach, will develop collaborative relationships, and increase efficiency in street outreach efforts.
Key Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Training and Development, Multidisciplinary and Collaborative Outreach, Networking, Resource and Information Sharing, Community Involvement and Awareness. ▪ Multi-disciplinary and collaborative outreach ▪ Networking ▪ Resource and information sharing ▪ Community involvement and awareness

Group Name	HMIS Committee
Primary Contact	Michelle Thomas
Meeting Frequency	The second Tuesday of every month at MAG
Purpose	We are an informational committee. Forum to provide HMIS Provider Agencies information regarding the Maricopa HMIS Project, including HUD regulations, HUD reports, system functions, data collection and data quality.
Accomplishments	
Vision	
Key Goals	

Group Name	Ending Homelessness Advisory Council*
Primary Contact	Amy Schwabenlender, Valley of the Sun United Way
Meeting Frequency	It meets approximately four times per year
Purpose	The Ending Homelessness Advisory Council of Valley of the Sun United Way is a governance committee. Participation is by invitation. Charged with promoting adequate, accessible, quality housing with supportive services that is integrated into communities as the primary investment for ending homelessness.
Accomplishments	
Vision	
Key Goals	<p>Report to the VSUW Board of Directors on progress and challenges in meeting 2012, 2015 and 2020 Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Initiate strategic partnerships and collaboration among funders, local and state government, business leaders and service providers. ▪ Identify and generate funding to achieve the permanent supportive housing unit goal. ▪ Raise awareness of - and build public will to - end homelessness. ▪ Promote necessary systems change including increased coordination across government agencies and efforts to transition providers from shelter based to housing first models. ▪ Review financial models for the Ending Homelessness strategies and provide input to the VSUW Community Impact Committee and staff on resources needed for each strategy. ▪ Provide input and guidance on Ending Homelessness strategy implementation.

Group Name	Funders Collaborative*
Primary Contact	Amy Schwabenlender, Valley of the Sun United Way- the Collaborative is convened by Valley of the Sun United Way (United Way), includes the city of Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona Department of Housing; United Way will recruit additional public and private sources of support to align to the Regional Plan to End Homelessness. Participation is by invitation
Meeting Frequency	The Collaborative currently meets weekly
Purpose	A Funders Collaborative of public and private interests has come together to address the need to transition individuals from the MOS and the parking lot into appropriate housing interventions. This will effectively end their homelessness by ensuring there is adequate funding to successfully transition them into a stable housing situation.
Accomplishments	
Vision	
Key Goals	While this year the focus is in housing persons from the MOS, the Funders Collaborative will continue to work on aligning funding resources for the total system to end all homelessness in Maricopa County.