

**MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
CONTINUUM OF CARE REGIONAL COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS
NOVEMBER 9, 2009 MEETING MINUTES**

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Shana Ellis, City of Tempe, Vice Mayor, Chair
Robert Duvall for Roberto Armijo, Community Information & Referral Services
*David Barnhouse, Governor's Office
Brad Bridwell, U.S. Vets
*Kathryn Brown, AZ Dept of Corrections
Steve Gervais for Kendra Cea, APS
Gilbert Lopez for Steve Frate, City of Glendale, Councilmember
Christina Soto for Victor Hudenko, Catholic Charities
Theresa James, City of Tempe
*Michael Johnson, City of Phoenix, Councilmember
Deanna Jonovich, City of Phoenix
Don Keuth, Phoenix Community Alliance
*Stephanie Knox, Magellan Health Services of Arizona
Mattie Lord, Arizona Department of Economic Security/CPIP
Mark Ludwig, Arizona Department of Housing
Nick Margiotta, Phoenix Police Department
Michael McQuaid, Human Services Campus
Linda Mushkatel, Maricopa County
Gary Zeck for Darlene Newsom, UMOM New Day Centers
*Joanne Osborne, City of Goodyear, Councilmember, Vice Chair
Gina Ramos-Montes, City of Avondale
Brenda Robbins, Arizona Dept of Health Services
Lora Reid for Amy Schwabenlender, Valley of the Sun United Way
Laura Skotnicki, Save the Family
Jacki Taylor, Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness
Margaret Trujillo, MG Trujillo Associates
Mary Rose Wilcox, Maricopa County, Supervisor

Ted Williams, Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation
*Diana Yazzie Devine, Native American Connections

OTHERS PRESENT

Terry Araman, Lodestar Day Resource Center
Donna Bleyle, US Vets
David Bridge, Central Arizona Shelter Services
Cheryl Brunton, City of Phoenix
Chris Burke, Recover Innovations of Arizona
Geoff Davis, Southwest Behavioral Health Services
Jimmy Davis, The Salvation Army
Jenny Day, Basic Mission
Chris Debrecheri, Home Base Youth Services
Dick Geasland, Tumbleweed
Katie Hobbs, Sojourner Center
Mark Holleran, Central Arizona Shelter Services
Nancy Justmann-Lopez, C&N Investments, LLC
Dottie O'Connell, Chicanos Por la Causa
Parrish Spisz, City of Goodyear
Nicky Stevens, Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation
Charles Sullivan, Arizona Behavioral Health Corps
Melissa Torrez, Advocates for the Disabled
Amber Wakeman, City of Tempe
Lisa Wilson, City of Mesa

Rachel Brito, MAG
Brandee Mead, MAG
Amy St. Peter, MAG

*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.
+Those members present by audio or videoconference.

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Shana Ellis, City of Tempe, called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m. Introductions ensued.

2. Call to the Audience

Audience members were given an opportunity to address the Committee. No comments were made.

3. Approval of the October 19, 2009 Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness Meeting Minutes

Chair Ellis asked for any changes or comments on the October 19, 2009, meeting minutes. Gilbert Lopez, City of Glendale, requested a correction be made to reflect his attendance as proxy for Councilmember Steven Frate. Chair Ellis acknowledged the request and asked for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made by Robert Duvall, Community Information and Referral Services, to approve the minutes of October 19, 2009. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lopez. The minutes were approved.

4. Approval of the 2009 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Application

Chair Ellis said the 2009 consolidated application to HUD for McKinney-Vento homeless assistance funding is being presented for approval by the Committee. The application is due to HUD on or before November 25, 2009. Chair Ellis said the application requests \$23.2 million dollars for homeless assistance funding. Two new Permanent Housing Bonus projects are being requested for a total of \$1,394,970 in new Permanent Housing projects.

Additionally, Chair Ellis said five new applications were submitted this year to the Ranking and Review Panel. The Panel's recommendation is to provide funding to Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation and Community Bridges, the two highest scoring new project applications. The recommended changes to the unmet need, made by the Continuum of Care Committee on 10/19/09 were incorporated as suggested, indicating only five percent of doubled up families going into permanent supportive housing.

Chair Ellis asked for questions or comments from the Committee. Jacki Taylor, Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness, asked if all renewal projects were recommended for funding. Brande Mead, MAG, confirmed all renewal projects were recommended for funding in the 2009 application. Chair Ellis asked for a motion to approve the 2009 Consolidated HUD Application. Michael McQuaid, Human Services Campus, made a motion to approve the 2009 Consolidated HUD application. Nick Margiotta, Phoenix, Police Department, seconded the motion. The motion passed.

5. Request for Future Agenda Items

Committee members were given an opportunity to suggest topics or issues of interest they would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting. Brad Bridwell, US Vets, reported on the National Summit for Veterans held in Washington, DC. He said there are plans to end homelessness for veterans within the next five years. He recommended this topic be added to a future agenda for further discussion. Chair Ellis asked Mr. Bridwell to present on the topic at the December Continuum of Care meeting.

6. Announcements

Mr. Bridwell announced his resignation with US Vets effective Friday, November 13, 2009. He will begin working at the Arizona Department of Veteran's Services on December 1, 2009 to lead the State's efforts to end homelessness for veterans. He said the three-day summit provided the framework for plans to end homelessness for veterans within the next five years. He said the next five years will be exciting noting the Veteran's Administration has resources in place to support the plan. Mr. Bridwell said this will provide a real opportunity to end homelessness for a specific group in a short period of time. He suggested it could be used as a model to end homelessness in general.

Ted Williams, Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation (ABC) announced that Elizabeth Morales will be leaving ABC to take a position at the City of Phoenix as their Section 8 Housing Director. Mr. Williams thanked Ms. Morales for all of her great work for ABC over the years and wished her luck on her new position with the City of Phoenix.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:19 p.m. The next meeting of the Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness scheduled for December 14, 2009 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.