

**MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL CONTINUUM OF CARE COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 13, 2006**

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

<p>Greg Stanton, Councilmember of Phoenix, Chair</p> <p>*Roberto Armijo, Community Information & Referral Services</p> <p>*Maryann Beerling Thomas, New Arizona Family</p> <p>*Judy Bowden, Mesa United Way Brad Bridwell, US Vets Kathryn Brown, AZ Dept of Corrections Tom Canasi, City of Tempe, Co-Vice Chair Marty Schultz for Kendra Cea, APS Trinity Donovan, Valley of the Sun United Way</p> <p>*Steve Frate, City of Glendale, Councilmember</p> <p>*Theresa James, City of Tempe Deanna Jonovich, City of Phoenix Don Keuth, Phoenix Community Alliance, Co- Vice Chair</p> <p>*Dan Lundberg, City of Surprise Mike McQuaid, HSC Nick Margiotta, Phoenix Police Department</p> <p>*Carrie Mascaro, Catholic Charities Terra Masias, Chicanos Por La Causa Meggan Medina, AZ Dept of Housing</p> <p>*Guy Mikkelsen, Foundation for Senior Living Carolyn Mitchell, Wells Fargo Darlene Newsom, United Methodist Outreach Ministries Brenda Robbins, Depart of Health Services Laura Skotnicki, Save the Family Annette Stein, Maricopa County HS Jacki Taylor, ACEH</p> <p>*Margaret Trujillo, MG Trujillo Associates</p> <p>*Mike Whalen, Councilmember of Mesa Mary Rose Wilcox, Maricopa County, Supervisor Liz Morales for Ted Williams, AZ Behavioral Health Corporation Diana Yazzie Devine, Native American Connections</p>	<p>Leroy Cabean, H to G Amy Caffarollo, St. Joseph the Worker Steve Carter, Nova Dawn Fiscus, City of Chandler Deborah Forbes-Baker, Salvation Army Charlene Moran Flaherty, DES DeDe Gaisthea, MAG Randy Gearhart, Phoenix Shanti Dick Geasland, Tumbleweed Ricardo Gerakos, HUD John Wayne Gonzales, City of Phoenix Walt Gray, St. Vincent de Paul Larry Hawobe, Nova Jay Hedgpers, VSUW Sheila Harris, AZ Dept of Housing Katie Hobbs, Sojourner Center Kim Hohman, Governor's Office Mark Holleran, CASS Lucy Howell, SVDP Stephen Jenklink, SVDP Councilmember Michael Johnson, Phoenix Terry Kazrouse, SVDP Brittany Lane, MAG/AmeriCorps Marie Lemoine, SVDP, District 9 Mike Levy, Nova Nancy Marion, House of Refuge Ric Mason, Labor's Community Service Brande Mead, MAG Dianne Mendleson, Citizen Jack Mendleson, Citizen Bryan Murphy, CASS Linda Mushkatel, Maricopa County Millsid Pasha, CASS Bill Petty, Another Chance Meta Tom Pivonka, Home Base YS Marlena Pina, The Salvation Army Molly Pino, St. Joseph the Worker Margaret Reiber, YWCA Dennis Riebe, Nova Eddie Robinson, AZ Dept of Corrections Israel Rosario, Maricopa County David Smith Maricopa County</p>
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OTHERS PRESENT

Betty Andoleno, Another Chance Meta Services
Mike Bell, St. Vincent de Paul
Charlie Boyce, VSUW

Keith Thompson, Phoenix
Terry Wilson, SVDP

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

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairman Greg Stanton called the meeting to order at 2:41 p.m. and introductions ensued.

2. Call to the Audience

No comments from the audience were made at this time.

3 Regional Responsibility of Homeless Issues

Chairman Stanton introduced Maricopa County Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox and Michael Johnson, Councilman, City of Phoenix to discuss regional homeless issues for information and discussion purposes. Supervisor Wilcox thanked Chairman Stanton and spoke of the successes of the Human Services Campus. Supervisor Wilcox began speaking of downtown Phoenix being overwhelmed with homeless people and the need for additional low demand shelters. Supervisor Wilcox cited the success of the low demand shelter in dealing with the summer heat, which resulted in getting people off of the streets and lowered the summer deaths.

Supervisor Wilcox stated that homeless planning efforts needed to be more regional and that ideally there could be four mini-campuses in Maricopa County. Supervisor Wilcox claimed that there was more permanent-transitional (permanent) housing needed in the region. She also stated that the City of Mesa was not supported on some human services issues.

Supervisor Wilcox suggested that agencies who receive Stuart B. McKinney funding be coordinated with the downtown Human Services Campus. She requested that the coordination be a requirement and participation be used for evaluation during the application process.

Supervisor Wilcox also stated that there is a gap in the community for permanent-transitional housing and that the County is trying to get \$3.5 million matched by the community to create additional permanent-transitional housing in the County. She added that some of the potential partners are the City IDA Board and the County IDA Board. The City of Phoenix has committed \$750,000, the County has committed \$1 million and the State has committed \$500,000.

Councilman Johnson spoke of his familiarity of the downtown area and that it is known as being the social service spot of Maricopa County. He stated that the centralization of resources has concentrated the homeless in the downtown Phoenix area. Councilman Johnson commented that while he supports the Human Services Campus, he no longer supports additional services in this area. He noted that there

have been large numbers of complaints by citizens of the homeless and sex offenders in the area. Councilman Johnson echoed Supervisor Wilcox's comments in the need to regionalize services and claimed that other cities need to be brought to the table.

Councilman Johnson expressed his frustration because the police officers and CASS cannot be the only ones fighting homelessness. Johnson suggested looking at best practice models in other cities, such as Boston. Chairman Stanton commented that the item could be placed on a future agenda as an action item for a possible resolution.

Elizabeth Morales noted that 88 permanent housing units would be added this year through Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation and an additional 88 permanent housing units will be added next year.

Mike McQuaid stated that everyone has the same feelings regarding promoting regionalized efforts. Mr. McQuaid suggested taking an inventory of the cities in the County and use the Human Services Campus as a model. He added that the Day Resource Center could take up more affordable housing issues.

Councilman Johnson commented that we need federal delegation and funding because people do not believe that we have Human Services issues. Councilman Johnson also thanked Darlene Newsom from United Methodist Outreach Ministries for her hard work at trying to get a family shelter sited in other neighborhoods. Chairman Stanton mentioned the future trip he and Councilman Johnson are taking to Washington D.C. to talk about human services issues as well as CDBG funding.

Supervisor Wilcox suggested putting together a subcommittee to look at issues such as HUD funding and policies as a measurement tool for future plans. David Smith, Maricopa County, pointed out that this was not an easy issue and that there is great community fear that has to be overcome. The community needs to be educated before the fear can be overcome and action can be taken.

It was stated that we need a successful 10 year plan and that all the cities in Maricopa County need to have a stake in the plan.

Councilman Stanton pointed out that we already have a 10 year plan but that it has not been endorsed by all of the cities in Maricopa County. Marty Schultz, APS, acknowledged that we need a 10 year plan endorsed by each of the cities. He acknowledged that there is a continuum and housing is necessary.

Councilman Stanton stated that funding is great for housing but that we also need funding for supportive services and recommended sending a letter again to congress and our own delegation for support.

Jacki Taylor announced that the Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness is working on advocacy at the federal level and people interested in advocacy could contact them for help.

4. Approval of the September 25, 2006 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Stanton called for a motion to approve the September 25, 2006 meeting minutes. Vice Chair Don Keuth made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Annette Stein seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

5. Low Demand Shelter Survey

Israel Rosario, National Urban Fellow, Special Assistant to the County Manager provided a PowerPoint report on a survey that was conducted at the downtown Phoenix Low Demand Shelter.

The intent of Mr. Rosario's survey was to gather information on the occupant population in order to better understand how they arrived, where they're migrating from, general networks of information, and assess how broad of a regional challenge may be presented. The survey found that 47% of people had previously been staying in Phoenix; 35% previously resided in a house/apartment; 44% arrived to the low demand shelter by bus; 32% are working/day laborers; 57% would stay at CASS if there was more space.

A small discussion ensued over Hispanics feeling discriminated at CASS. Chairman Stanton requested that discussion over Low Demand Shelter Survey become first item on the agenda for the January 22, 2007 meeting due to time constraints.

6. Call to the Audience

A member of the audience announced a street clean up that will be taking place and asked interested people to see him after the meeting for additional information.

7. Announcements

Brandee Mead announced that the Annual Continuum of Care Appreciation Luncheon is being held on December 8th at the Arizona Biltmore. Registration will begin at 11:30 and the program will be from 12:00 to 1:30. She said that the focus of the luncheon is on celebrating local success stories. Ms. Mead encouraged members to RSVP for the luncheon.

Ms. Mead also said that the 2007 homeless street count is taking place on January 30, 2007 and she encouraged people to participate in the street count.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 22, 2007 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. at Maricopa Association of Governments in the Saguaro room. 302 N. 1st Avenue, 2nd Floor, Phoenix, AZ 85003.