

SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC MEETINGS

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September 4, 2020

TO: Members of the Maricopa Regional Continuum of Care Committee

FROM: Michelle Jameson, U.S. VETS, Co-Chair
Stefanie Smith, Native American Connections, Co-Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting—9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, September 9, 2020
VIRTUAL MEETING

The next Maricopa Regional Continuum of Care (CoC) Committee meeting will be held at the time noted above. The meeting will be **held as a virtual meeting only**, with no in-person attendance options available at this time. Instructions on how to participate will be provided via email to members of the committee. Members of the public will be able to view and listen to the meeting via a live video stream on YouTube by clicking

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The meeting agenda and resource materials are also available on the MAG website at www.azmag.gov. This location is publicly accessible and does not require a password.

In 1996, the Regional Council approved a simple majority quorum for all MAG advisory committees. If the Continuum of Care 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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Maricopa Regional Continuum of Care Committee

TENTATIVE AGENDA

September 9, 2020

1. Call to Order

2. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Continuum of Care (CoC) Committee on items that are not on the agenda that are within 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 the Committee 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.

Action Requested:
Information.

3. Approval of the August CoC Committee Minutes

Approval of the August CoC Committee meeting minutes. The draft minutes from the August 12, 2020 CoC Committee meeting were distributed with the meeting materials.

Action Requested:

Approval of the August 12, 2020 CoC Committee meeting minutes.

4. 2020 NOFA

MAG CoC staff will provide an update on the 2020 NOFA competition.

Action Requested:

Information.

5. VA HMIS Plan

VAHCS representatives will present on their HMIS plan in preparation for their not utilizing HMIS as of September 30th.

Action Requested:

Information.

6. 2-1-1 and Built for Zero (BFZ) Data Dashboards

Hillary Evans, CRN, will provide an overview and review of current data in the 2-1-1 and BFZ dashboards.

Action Requested:

Information.

7. CoC Workgroups

MAG CoC staff will provide an update on the activities of our various CoC workgroups.

Action Requested:

Information.

8. Racial Equity Work

MAG CoC staff will summarize on our Racial Equity work with JO Consultants.

Action Requested:

Information.

9. Request for Future Agenda Items

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

Action Requested:

Information

10. Adjournment

Action Requested:

Motion to Adjourn the meeting.

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA REGIONAL
CONTINUUM OF CARE COMMITTEE
August 12, 2020
Zoom Meeting

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Adriane Clarke, City of Surprise
^Stephanie Crum, Human Services
Campus [Amy Schwabenlender]
Kathy Di Nolfi, A New Leaf
*Alfred Edwards, DES
^D.C. Ernst, Phoenix Fire Department
[Stephanie Smith]
Tricia Gipson, ABC
*Irma Hollamby, Housing Authority of
Maricopa County
Michelle Jameson, U.S. VETS-Phoenix, Co-
Chair
Wendy Johnson, Justa Center
^Anne Marie Johnston, CBI [Maria
Robinson]
Laura Magruder, Maggie's Place

Jennifer Page, Mercy Care
Det. Aaron Raine, Mesa Police
Department
Nikki Ramirez, Chicanos Por La Causa
*Tama Reilly, Arizona State University
Tyler Rosensteel, CRN
Chela Schuster, Community Solutions
Sara Sims, Phoenix Elementary School
District
Laura Skotnicki, Save the Family
Stefanie Smith, NAC, Co-Chair
^Steven Stivers, UMOM
[Daniel Davis]
Jowan Thornton, Salvation Army
Craig Tribken, CASS

*Did not attend

^Attended by proxy

MAG STAFF

Steve Dudasik
Julie Montoya
Tina Lopez
Sarah Kent

OTHERS

Hillary Evans, CRN
Bruce Ligget, Human Service Director
Maricopa County

1. Welcome and Introductions

Michelle Jameson, Co-Chair of the Continuum of Care (CoC) Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:30A.M. Moment of Silence for the late Mike McQuaid.

Introductions ensued.

2. Call to the Audience

There were no comments.

3. Approval of the June CoC Committee Meetings Minutes

Tyler Rosensteel, Crisis Response Network, moved to approve the June 10, 2020 Continuum of Care Committee minutes. Laura Stoknicki, Save the Family, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. City of Phoenix Strategies to Address Homelessness Plan

Steve Dudasik facilitated a discussion for comments and feedback on the proposed City of Phoenix Homeless Plan. Committee members were encouraged to comment and give their individual feedback after their review of the City of Phoenix Strategy Homelessness Plan.

Ty Rosensteel, CRN, explained the City of Phoenix Homelessness Plan Proposal. The Crisis Relief Network is working on a proposed Shelter Availability Portal that was requested by the City of Phoenix. This Shelter Availability Portal is a neutral data transparent tool and does not have a built in policy rule. The purpose of the Shelter Availability Portal is to create a public available view of all of the shelters that are in the Maricopa County. The shelter availability portal will include shelter name(s), addresses, the intake process, eligibility, requirements, capacity, ultimately an overview of what the availability looks like. There would require regular updates on the portal. Concerns of the portal involve the process of coordination entry and process of prioritization.

Feedback was given and was noted by Mr. Rosensteel. The comments made were as follows:

Craig Tribken, CASS, stated his concern over the coordinated entry process. The need for a definition of a shelter model was addressed.

Wendy Johnson, Justa Center, stated that the first introduction of the portal was called "The Police Portal" and wondered what would occur if a shelter bed was not available for a person encountered by the PD.

Chela Schuster, Community Solutions, had concerns of who coordinates outreach for the City of Phoenix Police Department and stated that there needs to be a stronger relationship between the PHX PD, providers and the CoC.

Hillary Evans, CRN, stated that in prior workgroups Samantha Jackson, could assist the Continuum of Care with their relations with the City of Phoenix Police Dept. Hillary, CRN, provided a link for Continuum of Care Committee members to comment on the Shelter Availability Portal proposal. <https://phoenix.gov/humanservices/homelessness>.

Jowan Thornton, Salvation Army, addressed the need for a strategy that has a practical approach with people of expertise. He is concerned on the practice of funneling people into shelters.

5. Update from the County

Bruce Liggett, Director Maricopa County Human Service Department gave an update on the County's response to the COVID 19 pandemic. Four hotels have contracts with the County. Three hotels are for the vulnerable and hold 121 individuals and the hotels are currently full. One hotel is for the COVID19 positive individuals and those investigated of COVID19. This hotel holds up to 36 individuals.

There are three hotel partnerships with the City of Tempe, City of Chandler, and City of Mesa. The cities find the participating hotels and the county reimburses the cities for hotel cost, security. The participating cities provide case management. There are 32 beds available and currently full.

Overall, the county has over 289 beds. The county has funds for further placements to PSH and RRH housing. The goal is to find permanent solution of housing with the available funds.

Bruce Liggett, Maricopa County, stated there are 257 nighttime heat relief spots. There is the Downtown Phoenix, Lodestar Day Resource Center, St. Vincent De Paul dining room site, and the acquired county building. There are available beds. The heat relief numbers are comparable to last year's heat relief data.

The county has five agreements with agencies for COVID19 testing. Testing is now widely available. The county is offering rental assistance funding for 6000 households for 3months at \$1500a/month. Pre-screening process includes nine questions and a place to download further documents.

Testing delays are currently two to three day at Circle the City. County health is tracking positive cases that are self-reported. The forms do ask if homeless. There are 490 cases. All the alternate sites are full. Data shows that the homeless COVID19 positive cases are not disproportional to the public positive cases.

6. Data Discussion- HMIS COVID19 Assessment Reports

Hillary Evans, CRN, presented the screening and the vulnerability tool to the Committee. CRN, created a screening tool so providers can input data to serve collectively. There is discrepancy on who is screened and positive for COVID19. The screening tool is to show and identify trends. 525 were screened on HMIS and 193 tested positive for COVID19. Trends noted were homeless, mental illness, and increased numbers of cases in the Alaskan Native/Indian population.

Hillary Evans, CRN, stated that the screening tool is working with the health providers and Public Health to ensure that those that are positive connect to further services. Hillary Evans, CRN, encouraged the providers to run reports to view and compare data. The data will show providers the testing location of the individual, if individual has recovered, and recovery information. Ty Rosensteel, CRN, concluded the tools serve as a great crossover of information between agencies and can provide a continued coordination of resources.

The CRN website has a training video to participate and committee members can contact CRN for further training and participation.

7. NOFA Scorecard

Julie Montoya, MAG, presented the updates on the NOFA Timeline and Scorecard. There has been no announcement from HUD on NOFA or timeline. Ms. Montoya, MAG, shared the updated NOFA scorecard to the members. There were two workgroup discussion meetings to review the current NOFA scorecard and adjustments were made.

8. Racial Equity Work Update

Julie Montoya gave an update of the racial equity work with Jeff Olivet Consulting. The consultants are in the review stage of all data collected so far. There will be invitations for everyone in the near future for a planning session for the next phase of the work. This second phase will ensure actionable steps to decrease racial disparities. Steve Dudasik, MAG, stated that the Racial Equity workgroup is excited to provide a system wide approach with a large amount of community input and involvement.

9. Between PSH and Long Term Care

Stephanie Smith, NAC, updated the Committee on the older adult workgroup's progress. Stephanie, NAC, stated that there has been no responses to a drafted letter to various channels. The workgroup concludes there needs to be more exploration of different avenues for aging individuals in the system. The goal was to seek a model that the providers can utilize for high level of care applications. In addition to provide a successful connection for providers to gain access for home health care and long term care.

Michelle Jameson, US Vets, stated that this is one of the biggest challenges for their agency. The challenges consist of getting access to higher level of care and various resources. Stephanie, NAC, also commented that this was an area which they have challenges.

10. Request for Future Agenda Items

The City of Phoenix Police Department present at the next Continuum of Care meeting.

11. Adjournment

Jowan Thornton, Salvation Army, moved to adjourn the meeting. Daniel Davis, UMOM seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.