



Mohave County Homeless Continuum of Care



Mohave County Homeless Continuum of Care Meeting Minutes

Date April 9 2025

Location 1977 Acoma Bld. W. Lake Havasu City AZ 86403 Room 204

Board Officers Present: Kelly Williams-Greer, Chairman; Joey Bourgeois, Co-Chair; Danielle Holloway, Co-Chair; Kelly Tanner Membership Committee Chair; Joyce Sanchez-Torres, Secretary

Update attendees

Members Present: Rebecca Ligor, Ernetta Bryant, Penny Townsend, Nayilla Coronado, Xochilt Kelly, Trent Chambers, Elizabeth Kinkade, Joy Phelps, John Binkinz, Amy McReynolds, Holly Dahlseid, Wendy kasprzyk-Roberts, Jamie Bernier, Jennifer Cohan, Cydni Irving, Jim Cox, Paul Moffatt, Breanna Schroeder, Kristi A. Denk, Sheena Campos, Michelle Cooke, Natasha Taggart, Jennie Montano, Raymond White, Heather Crawford, Erin Runion, Teresa Mendez, Robert Scott, Stephane Wabo, Harold Duhon, Karen Pimentel, Helen Ekholt, Corytha Gastineau, Pat Farrell, Rhardo Fernandez, Marianne Mallett, Terra Sue Honey, Stephan Cheatheam, Richard Martinez, Patty Kelly, Corena Martinez, Angie Foltz, Matthew Finley

Discussion and Possible Action: Approval of February 12, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Chairman Williams asked members present to review the attached meeting minutes and asked if there were any needed changes or correction.

Penny Townsend sets a motion to approve the Feb 12th minutes so long as the Mobile health unit service provider update is corrected to "The ARPA grant also allocated \$275,000 to complete a project in Golden Valley. Any expressed enthusiasm for the opportunity to expand services to more areas, especially for underserved populations."

Motion: Kelly Tanner make a motion to approve the amended minutes.

2nd: Josh Ramirez seconds the motion.

Vote: Unanimous

Presentation: Place My Care – Angie Foltz

Angie Foltz gives a presentation on elevation eldercare. If you would like to see the presentation, please email sanchj@mohave.gov for a copy.

Presentation: Medicare Supplement Benefits- Richard Martinez

Richard Martinez gives a presentation on Medicare Supplement Benefits. If you would like to see the presentation, please email sanchj@mohave.gov for a copy.

Presentation: AZYP Youth Homelessness System Improvement Grant Presentation Matthew Finley

Matthew Finley gives a presentation on Improving Arizona's Youth Homeless Response System. If you would like to see the presentation, please email sanchj@mohave.gov for a copy.

Discussion Only: Arcadia Update

The Arcadia Lodge update was tabled until the next meeting. Chairman Williams explained that many of the individuals involved have only recently been referred to HMIS and connected with Catholic Charities or other service organizations, so a more comprehensive update will be provided later. Chairman Williams praised the rapid and coordinated response from community partners, noting that everyone stepped in and supported the effort, even in unexpected ways. As a result of this experience, Chairman Williams developed a draft Mojave County Continuum of Care Crisis Response Protocol, now available for review. The document outlines a basic response strategy for situations like sudden building closures due to code enforcement, which had previously lacked formal guidance. Attendees were encouraged to review the protocol, provide feedback, and prepare for a more detailed discussion at the June meeting. Chairman Williams emphasized the need to refine the protocol so it can be both specific and adaptable to various crisis scenarios. She also noted that state officials and emergency services are interested in aligning their efforts with the CoC's response model. Chairman Williams proudly shared that Mojave County's CoC has been recognized as one of the best-coordinated in the state, which played a critical role in the effective handling of the Arcadia Lodge situation.

Discussion and Possible Action: Fresh Start Updates

The Lake Havasu Fresh Start results were tabled for a future meeting to focus on the upcoming Bullhead City Fresh Start event, scheduled for April 23rd from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Gary Keith Civic Center Park. Chairman Williams reminded attendees to check their emails for the flyer and RSVP form and to notify her if they did not receive it. The event will feature a job center and multiple community resources, with confirmed food donations. As the event will be outdoors, participants were asked to bring their own tables, chairs, and pop-up tents (easy-ups), especially extras to support those who may not have their own. To maximize outreach, members were encouraged to distribute flyers across the community—especially in high-traffic areas like post offices, job centers, and local businesses. Chairman Williams emphasized the importance of coordination, participation in the event work group, and increasing visibility to ensure higher attendance and support for community members in need.

Discussion Only Re: Local Sub-Committee Update

Balance of State-Updates

Chairman Williams provided an update following the recent Statewide GAB meeting, emphasizing that while little positive news is coming from state and federal sources, the local COC is already adapting. Funding cuts are imminent, with at least one of Chairman Williams' programs confirmed for discontinuation. The strategy moving forward will focus heavily on increasing participant income

through programs like SOAR (which has an 86% success rate for first-time submissions for SSI/SSDI), DDD, and employment training through WIOA and similar initiatives. Participants who are unable to work will need to be transitioned into appropriate benefit systems such as Medicare, Medicaid, elder care, or veteran's services. Veterans are being actively referred to partners like SSVF, Catholic Charities, and Nation's Finest, particularly when they are facing eviction or homelessness. Chairman Williams stressed the urgency of developing creative, long-term solutions to support rural homelessness, as traditional funding sources are shrinking and may soon disappear. The team was encouraged to remain proactive, collaborative, and open to new approaches as the landscape continues to shift.

Case Conferencing-Updates

Nayilla Coronado shared that there were no major updates at this time but noted that a few individuals from Arcadia who were previously referred and discussed during case conferencing have now identified housing and are currently working with Catholic Charities. These clients are expected to be housed soon, and overall, things are progressing well.

Criminal Justice Committee

No Updates

JEDI Committee

JEDI committee has to find a new name and was tasked to bring it to the next meeting.

Veteran Outreach Committee

No Updates

Membership Committee

Kelly Tanner made a heartfelt plea for volunteers to join the Membership Committee, especially those with connections to faith-based organizations. She emphasized the value of sharing ideas and collaboration but noted that only Chelsea had stepped up so far, leaving her feeling isolated in the effort. Kelly encourages anyone interested to reach out to her via email to get involved.

Continuum of Care Service Provider Updates

JAVC- Having 2 Veteran's Resource Fairs: April 11th in Dolan Springs VFW and May 2nd in Downtown Kingman at the MCC building.

Cornerstone Mission- A video was played about the services CSM provides.

Financial Literacy Class- Amy McReynolds promotes her Financial Literacy Class and to email her for more information.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Williams emphasized the urgent need for more engagement in subcommittees, noting that only five people have signed up so far, with most indicating only mild interest. She stressed that while the full membership meetings are important, the real, impactful

work happens in subcommittees—where members brainstorm, troubleshoot, and develop actionable solutions. She acknowledged the frustration many feel with endless meetings but reminded everyone that committees are where meaningful progress begins. Chairman Williams urged members to sign up via the Google form she previously sent out and promised to resend it after the meeting. She passionately encouraged everyone to bring their ideas, energy, and commitment to the table, adding that the board needs to be one of action—especially in light of the challenges the year ahead will bring.

Call to the Public

Nothing to Report

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:36 pm