

Yuma Coalition to End Homelessness

Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2023

1. Welcome and Introductions

- a) Lucia Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:07am.
- b) in attendance: in-person, and via zoom. (for out of town members)

2. Review and Approval of Minutes

Minutes not available, next meeting will review meeting minutes from previous meeting and approve.

3. Committee Updates

- a) Membership Committee – Carlos Flores
 - i. Next Meeting scheduled for May 24th @ 9:30am
 - 1. Topic: HOW and WHY
 - a. How and why do we need members to join the coalition and how they will be helping make the coalition grow along with end homelessness?
 - 2. Will begin discussion with Maria Chavoya on planning a county wide event for local providers on next meeting
- b) HMIS/Case Conferencing Committee/Coordinated Entry – Lucia Wilson; chair
 - i. Case Conferencing Meeting scheduled for May 18th @ 2:30pm
 - ii. Overview of training refresher for all HMIS users that took place on 4/27 @1pm @ CRM and was successful. Members who did not attend can possibly schedule another training.
- c) Strategic Planning Committee – Michelle Smith; chair
 - i. Meeting scheduled for May 24th @11am – update governance charter
 - ii. Reviewed and approved Strategic Plan for the 2023-2024 year
First Motion- Miguel NCHP second-Kassandra City of Yuma
- d) Outreach Committee: Griselda Baro
 - i. Meeting scheduled Friday March 24th @ 2pm *Meeting did not take place, no one showed up that volunteered. Need to Reschedule.

4. New Committee JEDI: Donna Montgomery

- a) 2 meeting held so far. Discussed with members the purpose of how our county is discussing disparities such as equality, gender, etc. and reporting it. The committee will be looking into disparities within the homeless population and how as a coalition this issue can be improved. 5 community members are involved in this committee.

5. Website update:

- a) Reviewed “I need help” tab
 - i. Transportation assistance and bus vouchers for disabled people are offered through WACOG and will be added to the website. Trainings, event calendar, and registration for events will also be added.

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6. Public Events

- a) Lucia had two booths in the Recovery Palooza. Went well, and shared pictures.

7. Agency Updates-

ACHIEVE- Contract will not reset until 7/1. Funds are still available and there are 3 locations for coordinated entry, new position for the homeless coordinator will be out this week.

COY- The annual action plan was approved by council, there is a proposed 80 unit new construction development, if they received tax credits in June the project will move forward.

CHURCH- Offer water, trainings, hygiene kits, provide snacks and direct people to WACOG. Lucia will provide a flyer for coordinated entry locations so they can get a housing assessment complete.

Community Bridges- Juneteenth event at Carver from 6:00-9:00pm event, free of charge with booths available for outreach if interested. Not taking any new referrals at this time. They have taken over the Horizon inpatient unit, open 23 hours a day and will not turn any person away.

WACOG- Currently not taking referrals until July 1st. Funding has been exhausted on Housing. Utilities and rental applications are taken over the phone on Fridays from 8-12pm.

HACY- Section 8 waiting list is on OCT 2022. Fundings were received for a triplex on Maple Avenue. Received a grant to build 8 units for affordable housing on Arizona Avenue. 8-10 new construction units will be built on Magnolia Street, project will be called "Magnolia Gardens". A grant was also received to rehabilitate an existing complex, (to renovate shading, upgrade paving and renovate building) Planning to build a learning center with HOME funds.

NCHP- Suicide prevention grant will be focused for veterans in distress. Rapid rehousing funding is still available if anyone knows a veteran needing assistance.

Saguaro Foundation- They offer services only to people with severe mental illness or are diagnosed. They offer a residential facility, and focus for people to be placed back in the community. Long term placing is available.

TLCR- Open every day of the week from 8-7:30PM. Food is served at 11am and 5pm. 14 Houses are available for both women and men but need to meet the requirements.

HOPE- will have a health fair event providing information to the public May 19th.

One stop career center- Offer employment resources, training opportunities, and provide professional attire to any individual needing clothes for interviews.

1. Adjournment

- a) Lucia Wilson, Achieve Human Services adjourned the meeting at 10:22am

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Next Meeting – Tuesday, July 11th 2023 @ 9:00am

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Kassandra Granados	City of Yuma
Debbie Pallack	First United Methodist Church
Shawna Purdon	Goodwill
Eva Verdugo	Goodwill
Carlos Florez	TLCR
Bob Arnold	First United Methodist Church
Michael Wilkerson	First United Methodist Church
Michelle Smith	Community member
Reyes Moreno	HOPE Inc
Julia De los Reyes	WACOG
Blanca Silva	WACOG
Rafael Jubera	HACY
Jessica Castro	Saguaro Foundation
Miguel Villapuldo	NCHP
Donna Montgomery	CBI