

# Yuma Coalition to End Homelessness

## Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2023

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

- a) Lucia Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:12am.
- b) in attendance: in-person and via zoom. (for out of town members)

### 2. Review and Approval of Minutes

- a) Minutes May 2023  
Motion to approve: Miguel Villalpando  
2<sup>nd</sup> to Motion: Donna Montgomery
- b) Minutes for March 2023 are unavailable and will be presented at the next meeting.

### 3. Strategic Planning Committee Review Governance Charter:

- a) Motion to approve: Amber Herzog
- b) 2<sup>nd</sup> to Motion: Miguel Villalpando

### 4. Committee Updates

- a) Membership Committee – Carlos Flores  
Carlos will continue to outreach in hopes of receiving more members for the Homeless Coalition. Lucia and Carlos have been working together with AWC to create a committee forum with a tentative date November 15, 2023.
- b) HMIS/Case Conferencing Committee/Coordinated Entry – Lucia Wilson; chair
  - i. Case Conferencing Meeting is scheduled for July 13<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30pm
- c) JEDI: Donna Montgomery
  - i. Give an update: JEDI had two previous meetings with 5 active members. During the meetings the members are discussing the community needs in hopes of becoming more involved with disparity issues. Donna is hoping active members can discuss the concerns they see in the community and discuss solutions during their committee meetings.
  - ii. Meetings upcoming will focus on
    - 1. Discussing future meeting dates
    - 2. Reviewing Pit Count numbers
  - iii. Next Meeting: July 19, 2023 @ 2:30pm

### 5. Grant for Coalition

- a) Position has been posted; applications are still being reviewed.

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### 6. Agency Updates-

#### **Salvation Army**

Salvation Army will have a new location starting Monday, their new address is 445 S 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. They will provide a cooling station, and their rental and utility assistance. This upcoming Friday July 14<sup>th</sup> both locations will be closed due to moving locations.

#### **Achieve**

Funds are still available for their Housing Program for only chronically homeless, or a qualifying disability. Coordinated Entry assessments are being reviewed every two weeks. Case management referrals and individual therapy sessions in person are being accepted.

#### **Yuma County Public Health Dept**

YCPHD provides outreach and HIV testing. A mobile unit is available from Phoenix to do HIV testing. If patient is positive, they assist with medications and provide lab work. They will case manage a patient without insurance. If patient is above income for ACCCHS insurance YCPHD will provide medical insurance for medications, co-pays, and lab work.

#### **City of Yuma**

Bethel Development will be receiving the tax credits. The project will be moving forward and CDBG funds will be used for public infrastructure. The 80-unit new construction will be complete with an estimated time of two years.

#### **Behavioral Health Hospital YRMC**

YRMC Behavioral Health Hospital provides short-term, acute care inpatient treatment for adults 18 and older who are experiencing a psychiatric crisis. YRMC offers inpatient or outpatient services, to receive an assessment no health insurance is needed. For any questions, contact 928-366-5660.

#### **Saguaro Foundation**

The Saguaro Foundation provides services for children and adults experiencing mental illness. They are currently fundraising a fall festival to take patients to SeaWorld, funds will help with field trip costs.

#### **Selah Home Foundation**

Selah Home Foundation provides housing for a sober life living environment. The national standards are delegated through the state and they are following the same requirements. The one house is spacious and has a total of 10 beds, it is a monitored

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level two living environment. The Home is located in the foothills by AZ Western College.

### Transitional Living Center Recovery

Serenity Sun Splash is back and is providing free tickets to access the pool at Valley Aquatic Center and Palm Island Aquatic Park. Tickets will be available with Arturo at Transitional Living Center this Friday July 14, 2023.

### AZ @ Work

AZ at Work continues to serve ages 16-24 at the Martin Luther King Center. Tablets are available from 8:00am-5:00pm for purchase for \$11 dollars for adults 18 and over meeting certain qualifications. Phones are also available on site meeting qualifications.

### Crossroads Mission

Crossroads Mission is still a cooling station and are providing water for anyone that needs it. There are still plenty of beds available for a single family. The men's shelter is also accepting individuals as well.

### 7. Next Meeting -Tuesday September 12, 2023

The coalition will begin to coordinate donations for the PIT Count

### 8. Adjournment

a) Lucia Wilson, Achieve Human Services adjourned the meeting at 10:55am

### Zoom:

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Name	Organization
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Debbie Pallack	First United Methodist Church
Avrielle Williams	YRMC BHV
Reyes Moreno	Hope Inc.
Carlos Florez	TLCR
Silvia Hernandez	VA (HUD-VASH)
Kyron Eldridge	Hope Inc.
Norma Avila	AZ @ Work
Evelyn Aello	AZ @ Work
Efrain Zavala	First United Methodist Church
Kayla Monroe	Achieve
Judy Hayes	Casa Rays of Hope
Luis Meza	SELAH Home Foundation
Miguel Villalpando	NCHP
Donna Montgomery	CBI
Jessica Castro	Saguaro Foundation
Karen Watts	NP Healthcare
Jordin Aguilar	YRMC-BHC
Martha Gutierrez	YCPHSD
Amber Herzog	Salvation Army