1. **Welcome and Introductions**
   1. Lucia Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:11am.
   2. in attendance: in-person and via zoom. (for out of town members)
2. **Review and Approval of Minutes**
   1. Minutes July 2023

Motion to approve: Rafael Jubera

2nd to Motion: Amber Herzog

1. **YCEH Implementation of trainings/webinars**

Lucia reminded YCEH members to send an email confirmation of training attendance/registration, as it is a contractual obligation to share/host/facilitate trainings to YCEH members.

1. **Continuum of Care Equal Access Basics and Implementation Tools**

The PowerPoint slides were presented by Lucia, PowerPoint presentation will be emailed to YCEH members.

1. **PIT Count beginning- Amber Herzog**

Point in time count will be in January 2024. A training session is required to be involved in the PIT Count, the training day and location will be announced as the day gets closer. 200 backpacks filled with hygiene products and snacks will be given to survey participants. This year agency sponsors will be able to sign up for specific donation item using eventbrite. Due to Hotel San Carlos closing, the Salvation Army building on 4th avenue will be used for the pit count planning committee and be used as a starting point the day of the pit count. A sign up sheet will be passed around for anyone interested in being a part of the planning committee. The first planning meeting will be Wednesday Sept 27th at 10:00 am at the Salvation Army.

1. **Committee Updates** 
   1. Membership Committee – Carlos Flores

Carlos will reschedule the membership committee meeting to plan the AWC Community Forum, which is tentative for the 2nd week of December. Carlos will continue to do outreach to gain participant attendance from the community. Lucia explained the purpose of the forum is to bring agencies together and share the resources available within the community. Presentations from nonprofits agencies will be provided during the breakout sessions and booths will be used to display the resources available in the community. A planning committee will be put together to help with the planning process, a meeting will be scheduled for next week. Eventbrite will be used to register for the community forum.

b) HMIS/Case Conferencing Committee/Coordinated Entry – Lucia Wilson; chair

* + 1. Case Conferencing Meeting is scheduled for September 21 at 2:30pm
  1. JEDI:
     1. No update at this time, a new lead will be needed for this committee. A meeting for this committee is usually scheduled for once a month. An email will be sent out specifically for any volunteers interested to be the new chair.

1. **Grant for Coalition** 
   1. Interviews have been completed, position offered and accepted as of 9/11/2023. LCEH coordinator will start on Monday September 19th! She will be involved with the different committees within the coalition.
   2. Funding is available for diversion assistance. If an individual needs their car repaired and they are at risk of homelessness (documentation is required), this grant funding is available.
2. **Agency Updates-**

**Salvation Army**

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

**Achieve**

72 households are in the housing program, Achieve is at full capacity for the housing grant in the Yuma area. There are still some funding available at La Paz County. Referrals are still being accepted for outpatient behavioral health, an on staff therapist is available for one-on-one meetings.

**Casa Rey of Hope**

A distribution event is being held on Sept 30th. Hope bags filled with hygiene products and snacks will be provided to the homeless in our community. Lunch is also provided on a monthly basis and location is announced once its closer to the date.

**VA VASH Program**

The housing program for veterans is currently at capacity. A letter was sent to the housing authority to see if there is a possibility of receiving additional vouchers.

**NCHP**

NCHP is still offering rapid rehousing and homeless prevention for the veteran community. A suicide prevention program is also available in a different division within NCHP, income is not a factor for this program.

**WACOG**

Funds are still available for rapid rehousing, mortgage assistance, diaper assistance and rental assistance. For an assessment to be completed, people need to call in on Fridays with the exception of the rapid rehousing program.

**Campesinos sin Fronteras**

A forum is being put together for the Spanish speaking community in Sanluis to present on the dangerous of fentanyl. There is a tentative date scheduled for October 19th.

**HACY**

There is a 1-2 year wait for the section 8 waiting list. They will be sorting through the applications in hopes of making the waiting list shorter. Due to the need of affordable housing, additional staff will be hired.

**Oxford House**

One group recovery home is located in Yuma, there is one vacancy available.

**Salvation Army**

Rental and mortgage assistance is still available for short term emergency, anyone in need can call the Salvation Army office. The cooling centers are also still available.

**YRMC Behavioral Health**

Plenty of beds are still available for in patient facility. Any questions regarding the services provided, the main line will be able to assist.

**TLCR**

14 houses are currently being used, 4 female and 10 male houses. 2 people are currently being housed from the AZ State Prison Complex.

**Saguaro Foundation**

Saguaro will be having a fall festival on October 14th in Somerton.

**Safe House**

6 duplex homes were donated to Safe House, people do not need to be in the shelter to receive a home. 5 of the homes are now housed by families and there is 1 duplex still available. The Domestic Violence walk annual memorial in Somerton will occur on October 12. Flyers regarding the DV walk event will be distributed through email, booth options will be available. The shelter is still accepting female and male victims.

1. Next Meeting -**Tuesday November 14, 2023**
2. Adjournment
   1. Lucia Wilson, Achieve Human Services adjourned the meeting at 10:15am

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