1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Lucia Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:10am.

Attendance is in-person and via zoom (for out of town members)

1. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes from November 12, 2024, was made by Debbie and seconded by Nadia

Motion approved.

1. **Youth Homeless Systems Improvement – Arizona Youth Services**

Matthew Finley of Maricopa Association of Governments provided a PowerPoint presentation via zoom regarding the Youth Homelessness Systems Improvement Grant (YHSI). YHSI was awarded 1.7 million dollars for the period of 1/1/2024- 4/1/2027. YHSI has set goals to establish statewide partnerships to address youth homelessness, achieve system design parity across continuums of care​, develop career pathways for youth in the homeless response system​, organize a statewide youth conference on homelessness​.

YHSI is seeking recruits from each county for a Youth Action Board (YAB). Youth that participate in the board will be paid for their time. YHSI is seeking 1-2 youth from the Yuma area with lived experience an knowledge of the homeless youth resources in the Yuma area. YHSI is requesting that the youth be identified and recommended by this coalition to represent the Yuma area.

1. **Committee Updates**

**Event Planning Committee** **(Nadia)**

The Townhall event on November 15th was well received with 50 attendees. Data from breakout sessions on the needs and priorities of participants is still being analyzed and will be presented for discussion at a later time.

Planning for a resource fair is underway with the date, time, and location to be determined.

Funding for larger conference in November 2025 will be pursued through AZ complete.

San Luis city has indicated they would like to hold a resource fair and make a space available for this coalition to organize and facilitate the resource fair. A meeting time in the near future is to be determined.

**Membership Committee (Carlos)**

* Next meeting 2/20/25 at 2:00PM at TLCR

**HMIS/Case Conferencing Committee/Coordinated Entry** (Lucia)

5-6 people in process for housing. WACOG is currently out of funding. New funds will be available in the next fiscal year.

**Strategic Planning Committee-** No Updates

 Next meeting January 29th at 3:30 PM at Achieve, available online.

**PIT Count:**

* Scheduled for 1/23/25 – 1/27/25
* Backpack packing 1-18-25 10AM-2PM
* Training required
* Still in need of feminine hygiene products and 50 food gift cards
1. **Capacity Building Grant**

Staff position has been filled (LCEH coordinator) staff starts on 1/16/25

1. **Agency Updates**

**Achieve-** Achieve's Housing Program is currently over capacity and not accepting new clients at this time. There’s no set timeframe for reopening. However, Behavioral Services is still accepting referrals for supportive services, case management, skills training, and employment services. Achieve also provides landscaping and janitorial services.

**City of Yuma –** No update

**TLCR-** currently has 13 houses, anticipates another home being available in February. Assistance and transportation for job searching available.

**Adult Protective Services-** No update

**Crossroads Mission**- Planning a “just for youth” event, date to be determined. Outreach provides tents, food, animal food, and hygiene. Staff in the field 3 days a week. Additionally sees homebound people without natural support systems. Beds in the family shelter are full, currently taking overflow to sleep in the chapel.

**Hansen House-** offers a hospice program for individuals who are diagnosed with a terminal illness and experiencing homelessness. If you have someone who qualifies, please call, and they will assist with the intake process. There is usually a bed available for those in need.

**The Salvation Army-** Preparing for the PIT count 1/23/25-1/27/25. Rental assistance available is indicated for veterans only.

**WACOG-** Rental assistance for families with kids awaiting funding for FY 2025. Some utility assistance available. Housed 30 families FY 2024.

**NCHP**-provides resources and assists with funding for veterans needing housing, funding still available. Working on a clothing drive for high school students.

**Housing**- 800 families received approval letters. Working with Catholic Communist Services on building a 16 unit complex to house families that experienced domestic violence.

**AZ @ work**- 16-24 age groups to help with training to obtain jobs. We are having at the MLK Center a thanksgiving dinner open to the public from 11:00am-2:00pm.

**AZ complete**- Quarterly meeting coming up on 2/19/25 10:30 AM an email will be sent out to this coalitions list serve.

**Community Medical Services**- Provides medically assistive treatment for those experiencing Opioid use disorder.

**Sonoran Prevention Works** – Provides monthly basic need supply, meals, and Narcan/ Narcan training

The Next YCEH Meeting -**Tuesday March 11, 2025 at 9:00am** (Yuma City Hall)

1. Adjournment

Lucia Wilson, Achieve Human Services adjourned the meeting at 10:42 am

**Meeting Attendees:**

**Zoom:**

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| **Name** |
| Heather Shwind |
| Lindsay Wilcox |
| Kelly Tanner  |

**In-Person:**

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| **Name** | **Organization** |
| Amber Herzog | Salvation Army |
| Sergio Valle | Crossroads Mission |
| Efrain Zavala | First UMC |
| Carmen Gardea  | Adult Protective Services  |
| Debbie Pallack | First United Methodist Church – The Hansen House |
| Maria  | Kofa High School  |
| Rob Fram | WACOG |
| Sylvia Hernandez | HUD – VASH |
| Kassandra Granados | City of Yuma |
| Reyes Moreno | Hope, Inc. |
| Nora Saldivar  | ADS Migrant  |
| Lora Deleon | APS |
| David Reynoso | Vista High School |
| Karly Rodriguez | N/A |
| Luis Figueroa | Crane School District |
| Lucia Wilson | Achieve Human Services |
| Jordin Aguilar | YRMC BHC |
| Marisela Sanchez | CMS |
| Miguel Villalpando | NCHP |
| Raychal Jesser  | Yuma County Juvenile Center  |
| Michelle Smith | Community Member  |
| Nicia Herrera | Az @ work |
| Jessica Terrazas | VA |
| Alma Villalobos | Juvenile Court |
| Ryan Butcher  | Health District  |
| Kathleen Godley | FCC Yuma |
| Cindy Hodistra | SVPC |
| Linda Coronado | GESD #32 |
| Felipa Castellanos | Safe House  |
| Olivia Porchas  | Yuma High |
| Erick | CCS at Safe House |
| Tucker Hookstra |  |
| Robert Nolen | DCC |
| Kevin Burns  | TLCR |
| Kelly | YUHSD |
| Nidia Casas | YCSSC |
| Pastor Dan | Sierra Vista  |