**YUMA COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS**

**Strategic Planning Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

Vision: The Yuma Coalition to End Homelessness is committed to assisting individuals and families who become homeless or are at risk of becoming homeless to gain housing stability, self-sufficiency and improved quality of life. Toward this end, over the next ten years, the Yuma Coalition to End Homelessness will implement and expand a comprehensive Continuum of Care to prevent and end the tragedy of homelessness.

**DATE: Tuesday, August 19th 2025**

**Time: 2:00pm-3:00pm**

**LOCATION: Achieve Human Services**

**3250A East 40th Street, AZ 85365**

**ZOOM**

Welcome and introductions

1. Call meeting to order 2:00pm
2. **Attendees:**

Lucia Wilson- Achieve

Elvis Kost- Achieve

Stephanie Espinoza- HHW

**Summary**: The strategic planning session focused on finalizing adjustments to a plan aimed at reducing homelessness in Yuma County. Lucia Wilson detailed measures to decrease both unsheltered and first-time homelessness, emphasizing outreach and housing stability strategies. She proposed advocating for a local anti-discrimination provision to prevent landlords from denying housing based on lawful income sources, with a target for adoption by June 2026.

An education campaign for landlords is set to begin with a forum in March 2026, and Wilson aims to secure endorsement letters from at least three partner agencies by February 2026. The draft ordinance adjustments were reviewed, and Stephanie Espinoza expressed satisfaction with the progress made. Future monthly meetings were confirmed, with the next session scheduled for the 16th, where they will address any necessary changes from the main coalition meeting.

1. Updated Strategic Plan:
   1. Outreach strategies for reducing homelessness
   2. Development of the Tenant Success Toolkit
   3. Implementation of source of income protections
2. Follow ups:
   1. Lucia Wilson will develop and distribute a Tenant Success Toolkit for community use.
   2. Lucia Wilson will aim to provide annual housing stability training to permanent supportive housing case managers by February 2026.
   3. Lucia Wilson will develop and submit a draft ordinance policy language on source of income protections to the Yuma City Council by March 2026.
   4. Lucia Wilson will conduct a landlord engagement and education campaign with the first forum by March 2026.
   5. Lucia Wilson will secure formal endorsement letters from at least three partner agencies or community coalitions by February 2026.
3. Meeting End : 2:31pm
4. Next Meeting 9/16/25 @2:00pm