1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Lucia Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:09am.

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

1. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Minutes March 2024

Motion by to approve by Debbie Pallack the minutes from the March 12, 2024 and second by Heather Schwind. Motion approved.

1. **Fair Housing and Homeless Resource Fair – Lucia Wilson**

400 wristbands were handed out for the Fair Housing Event. Breakfast and Lunch was provided for 200 people sponsored by TCOC Property Management. 13 Haircuts were provided to homeless people. Proclamations were done by the City of Yuma and Yuma County. The raffle was successful, a lot of the items handed out were from the Pit Count. An email will be sent out with suggestions to do a similar outreach event at least once a year. Cheri Horbacz with Southwest Fair Housing sponsored the location for the event.

1. **Committee Updates**

Membership Committee (Carlos)

A representative from each agency must submit a YCEH registration form. Lucia has emailed the forms, please fill out and return to register your organization.

The membership committee is driving to boost membership of the coalition.

* + - 1. Need agencies and organizations to attend and volunteer for local events
      2. Next Meeting scheduled for Tuesday June 4th at 10:00am in person at Achieve
      3. Find ways to develop a recruitment strategy to attend coalition meetings
      4. Email the Coalition of any community events in order to attend and spread awareness

Event Planning Committee

Meeting has been scheduled for July 18th at 1:00pm-Homeless Conference in November 2024

Possibly sell t-shirts or make a theme for the conference, will discuss further in the next meeting

HMIS/Case Conferencing Committee/Coordinated Entry (Lucia)

Next meeting is May 15th at 2:30 pm.

WACOG has exhausted all of their funds, refer to Achieve or NCHP

New coordinated entry flyers are printed, please hand out to people experiencing homelessness

Coordinated entry assessment meeting June 7th at 10:00am in person at Achieve

HMIS annual training /refresher (All HMIS users) -Next meeting is June 13th at 1:00pm

Strategic Planning Committee (Michelle Smith)

Current strategic plan is approved through 2024, but it must be updated for 2025.

A meeting has been scheduled for June 6th at 10:00am

1. **Funding Available for Diversion Assistance**

Achieve has funding available for rental housing deposit assistance, vehicle repair, power turned off, and immediate risk of losing housing. (2 utility, 1 vehicle repair, multiple deposit assistances completed recently). Refer clients to Achieve. Funding is to prevent homelessness. There are no income limits. It will continue to be available until June. Budget will be reviewed to see funding status, continue to refer to Achieve if you know anyone in need.

1. **Homeless Encampment Project ASU/UofA/NAU**

They will interview different organizations via zoom. Questions will be asked about encampments and discuss possible solutions. A $40 gift card will be provided for participants. An email will be sent out to see who is interesting in participating. The purpose of their project is to better understand homeless encampments. One proposal involved distributing a survey to individuals experiencing homelessness to assist in gathering data for their project.

1. **Homeless Encampment Tracker**

One of the options is to purchase a Homeless Encampment Tracker. Currently looking at the “Show the Way” App. It connects to HMIS. You can do the coordinated entry through the app. There is also a data tracking function that can be used to apply for grants. The app can track encampment locations, manage status, support clients, improve access to services, and promote community engagement. Upon consent for a photo, the app can use facial recognition to distinguish individuals to ensure the right services are provided. Commitment and coordination among providers are crucial to take full advantage of the app.

There are various plan options. The one being considered allows 10 users with HMIS access or key personnel with full access and general access for an unlimited number of users. The estimate is $950 monthly and $250 for facial recognition feature for a total of approximately $15,000 annually. A demo will be scheduled, and coalition members will be invited to participate and ask questions. Lucia will send out more information once the demo is confirmed.

1. **Agency Updates**

**Achieve** – Housing Program – Bringing in a 5 individuals due to being under budget but will pause new admissions until current clients are housed. Behavioral health services – accepting new referrals for clients in need of behavioral health, supportive services, and case management.

**Behavioral Health Center-** Referrals for inpatient and IOP are being accepted 24/7.If any questions arise contact Jordan.

**City of Yuma –** The action plan draft is available in various locations and on the City’s website. We will be accepting comments through June 18th. If any questions or concerns, you can contact Kassandra.

**HACY**- Waiting list for housing voucher program closed until the end of the year. People on list will see movement close to end of year. The waitlist on other special program vouchers and RAD units remain open.

**NCHP –** Available funding for rapid rehousing & homeless prevention for veterans. 6 beds available for shallow subsidy where they will pay 50% of the rent for up to 2 years, they must qualify for homeless prevention or rapid rehousing.

**NCHP Suicide Prevention-** Referrals are still being accepted for veterans to successfully connect them to mental health services or other resources to prevent suicide.

**Crossroads Mission**- The family shelter is full, 6 top bunks and 1 bottom bunk available in the female dorms, the Men’s shelter has 2 beds available.

**Salvation Army-** A cooling center, resources, phone charging station, and water will be provided at their location. Rental and APS assistance will still be provided.

**TLCR-** May 22nd a training will be available at 9:00am, 11:00am, and 3:00pm for the QPR Gatekeeper training. As for the Palooza event, there was more than 2,500 attendees with 32 participating agencies. Next event will be the Sun Splash by Cibola on the first or second week of July. 10 male houses and 4 female house are still available. Monthly events are still occurring, pizza available today at 12:00pm.

**Hansen House:** Hansen House is operating and accepting referrals. It is a license end-of-life care home, partnering with a hospice agency to care for patients. Hansen House offers 24-hour caregiving and welcomes homeless individuals at end of life.

**Methodist Church-** Water is available throughout the summer at Methodist Church, no cooling center but their only a block away of Salvation Army. Water is also available 24/7 by the basement area off of 3rd avenue in an ice chest. A $2000 funding opportunity is available to fund local projects to assist refugees and migrants, seeking partnership for any organization interested in this funding opportunity.

**HUD VASH –** Referrals for veterans are still being accepted. Referrals for housing are on hold at the moment but they are referring them to the community.

**Community Health Associates-** Northend Clinic on 3rd Ave is also a cooling center. A program for SMI is available during the day to learn living skills and help them stay out of the heat.

**CMS-**Walk-ins for Opiod addiction and referrals are accepted, hygiene bags are also available.

**AZ Complete Health-** For behavioral health providers there will be a provider services meeting available tomorrow morning, with fair housing training included.

**Banner University-**No updates, but pleased with the non profits in the community for the great support

**Safehouse-** Duplex Program is full, Helping Hand Program has a maximum of $3000 to be used for housing preferably victims for DV, no need to attend to the shelter if this assistance is needed. APS and rental assistance is still available. If any questions, contact Felipa.

The Next YCEH Meeting -**Tuesday July 9, 2024 at 9:00am** (Yuma City Hall)

1. Adjournment

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

**Meeting Attendees:**

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