

Application to Serve on the Continuum of Care Board for the
Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Continuum of Care

Continuum of Care Board

The Continuum of Care Board is a group of community leaders, decision makers and experts in the area of homelessness that provide vision, strategies and guidance toward the goal of ending homelessness in the Maricopa County region. The role of the Continuum of Care Board is to be the decision-making body for the Continuum of Care (CoC). Decisions will be made with input from the CoC Committee.

Membership

The CoC Board membership is developed and implemented in compliance with requirements from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), as defined in the HEARTH Continuum of Care Program Interim Rule released on July 14, 2012.

Membership Structure

There will be a minimum of seven seats on the board and a maximum of 13 members. Membership of the CoC Board will follow the agency within the category below, rather than the individual.

Category	Number of Seats (Maximum)
Formerly Homeless Representative	1
ESG Recipient's Agency Representative	1
Continuum of Care Chair	1
Policy/Advocacy Representative	3
CoC Funded Provider Representative	3
Funder	2
Community Seat	2

Definition of CoC Board Categories:

- Formerly Homeless Representative: An individual who was at one point homeless.
- Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program Recipient's Agency Representative: HUD defines ESG recipients as state governments, metropolitan cities, urban counties, and U.S. territories that receive ESG funds from HUD and make these funds available to eligible sub recipients, which can be either local government agencies or private nonprofit organizations.
- Continuum of Care Chair: The current Chair of the Continuum of Care Committee serves on the CoC Committee and Board.
- Policy/Advocacy Representative: Individual(s) who represent local government, county or state agency, advocacy or policy-making group, member of the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council, or other local policy/advocacy group recommended by the Continuum of Care.
- CoC-Funded Provider Representative: An agency that operates a Continuum of Care Program funded homeless assistance program.

- Funder: A local agency that funds homeless services and housing programs in Maricopa County. This could include a philanthropic funder, a municipality, United Way, or other funder recommended by the Continuum of Care.
- Community Seat: Individual(s) who represent the public housing authorities, businesses, faith-based organizations, jails, hospitals, universities, or other community seat as recommended by the Continuum of Care.

The three CoC funded provider seats on the Board will represent one or more of the following homeless subpopulations:

- a) Single individuals
- b) Families with children
- c) Veterans
- d) Persons who are chronically homeless
- e) Persons with HIV/AIDS
- f) Unaccompanied youth
- g) Persons with behavioral health issues
- h) Persons who are victims of domestic violence

Application Process

Currently, there are open membership opportunities in the categories of *Policy/Advocacy Representative, CoC Funded Provider, and Funder*. The Board is specifically seeking applicants representing the areas of workforce and healthcare as a priority. If you are interested in serving on the Continuum of Care Board and addressing regional efforts toward ending homelessness, we encourage you to please submit the following materials to Brande Mead, Human Services Program Manager, Maricopa Association of Governments, by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2015 via email at bmead@azmag.gov. The CoC Board will review applications for membership and vote to approve new members at the CoC Board meeting on June 22, 2015.

- ✓ Letter of Interest and Experience (one page maximum)
- ✓ CoC Board Application
- ✓ Signed Commitment Statement

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Contact Information

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Board Composition

What category are you applying to represent (please check all that apply):

Check	CoC Board Category
Full	Formerly Homeless
Full	ESG Recipient's Agency
Full	Continuum of Care Committee Chair
	Policy/Advocacy
	*CoC Funded Provider
	Funder
Full	Community Seat
*Please indicate which homeless population(s) you represent (list all that apply):	

Financial/Grant Disclosures

Does your organization currently receive funding or intend to apply for, any of the following grant programs (check all that apply): *Receipt of application of funding does not disqualify you from serving on the CoC Board.

Not to my current knowledge

	Continuum of Care Program (CoC Program)
	Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) If yes, from what grantee?
	Department of Veterans Affairs SSVF
	SAMHSA
	CDBG If yes, from what grantee?
	HOME If yes, from what grantee?
	Other federal homeless assistance funding?
	HOPWA If yes, from what grantee?
	Other grants related to homeless assistance/housing?

Please describe why you would be a good representative on the CoC Board for this category (ies) you selected?

I feel I would be a good representative on the CoC Board for the work that Dignity Health (Corporate and in Arizona) are doing within the space of housing, healthcare, improving health of communities and advocating for health equity. I also have over 35 years of community health and community building within Arizona and can leverage both local and national contacts.

How long have you been in your current position and how does your work relate to the CoC?
I have been working for Dignity Health – St. Joseph’s Hospital for 14 years and working within the community for more than 37 years in health, education, and health improvement. I have conducted more than five community health assessments for Dignity and other communities in developing comprehensive plans for health and community improvement.
Please explain why you are interested in serving on the CoC Board?
I would like to provide assistance in the integration of housing is healthcare. It is imperative that an individual’s health and well-being become integrated within the space of improved community development and housing.
Please describe your involvement with the Continuum of Care in the past.
I work closely with CSH, LISC, Mercy Housing, and Foundation for Senior Living, Native American Connections, Lodestar, ABC Housing and others in promoting health and housing. Dignity Health and St. Joseph’s have always been involved in the continuum of care and improving the health of the community.
Please describe how you know about and your understanding of the MAG Continuum of Care?
I understand the MAG Continuum of Care to be the opportunity for agencies and experts to come together to solve complex issues regarding homeless, housing and health services within Maricopa County.
What local collaborations are you involved with related to ending homelessness in the community? I currently have the Frequent Users of Systems Engagement (FUSE) working with chronically ill and homeless individuals to help them get into housing. Currently we have over 35 organizations coming to the table to work together to solve the issue of individuals who are homeless and chronically ill into permanent, supportive housing.
Describe your familiarity with the goals in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) HEARTH Act.
I attend webinars on these issues, but am always learning as I work with the diverse groups.
How do you plan to advance the goals established in the HEARTH Act locally?
I would like to establish the integration of health more in the discussion regarding “housing is healthcare. I am also very interested in pursuing the possibility of using Medicaid and Medicare as potential funding sources for housing and care management of individuals who are chronically ill and homeless.
Describe how you will gather and incorporate feedback from other stakeholders that represent the category that you are applying to represent in your in your decision making, if you are selected.
I currently use the Collective Impact model with the community organizations that are currently participating in FUSE and the Arizona Communities of Care Network. I am attaching information on both FUSE and the Arizona Communities of Care Network for your information and review.



Commitment Statement

By my signature below, if selected to the Continuum of Care Board, I understand that I shall commit to attend the regularly scheduled CoC Board meetings during my term as a member, should I be selected.



Signature:

Date: June 5, 2015

2015 CoC Board Meetings	
Maricopa Association of Governments: 302 N. 1 st Avenue, Second Floor, Ironwood Room, Phoenix	
January 26 - 2:00 p.m.	July 27 – 1:30 p.m.
February 23 - 2:00 p.m.	August 24 – 1:30 p.m.
March 30 - 2:00 p.m.	September 28 – 1:30 p.m.
April 27 – 2:00 p.m.	October 26 – 1:30 p.m.
May 18 – 2:00 p.m.	November 16 – 1:30 p.m.
June 22 – 1:30 p.m.	December 14 – 1:30 p.m.