



**PINAL COUNTY
COALITION TO
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Meeting Agenda and Minutes

Tuesday, April 14, 2026, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Virtual

First Chairperson: Cinda Thorne; Second Chairperson: Meredith Doyle

Committed Agencies	Representative	Present
A New Leaf	Michelle Boyle, Amanda Flores	X
Against Abuse	Kiya Darlage, Dynia Abraham, Mary Duarte	X
AJUSD	Heather and Meara	X
Autumn Community Foundation	Shavell Gounod	
Axiom	Meredith Doyle	
Axiom Community of Recovery	Nick Koury, Monica Bearden	
AZ Complete Health	Melissa Dye, Kristi Denk	X
Banner University Health Plans	Kayla McGhee, Jennifer Vargas	X
BCBSAZ Health Choice	Rose Kent	X
CAHRA	Jason Lohman	X
CGA	Michael Robinson, Lydia Montano, Sarah Graham, Cowboy, Jose, Greta Edwards	X
Central Arizona Aging	Marla Pierce, Martha Meyers	X
City of Casa Grande	May K Allen	X
Compassion Connect AZ	Alicia Barela, Jennelle Esquivel	
EMPACT-Suicide Prevention Center	Erica Chestnut-Ramirez, Sarah Swonder, Samantha Gaskill, Cecilia Cardona	X
Genesis Project	Trinity Frey, Sheryl Bigelow	X
HOHP	Kim Vandenberg, Suzanne Payan	X
Horizon Health and Wellness	Mary Jo Silcox, Robert Robles, Jennifer Luna, Ashley Salas, Stephanie Espinoza	X
Mercy Care	Jennifer Page, Matthew Kelly	X
Molina Healthcare	Cinda Thorne	X
National Community Health Partners	James Moore, Olista Stewart, Nadine Vasquez	X
Olive Branch	LaDawn Griffith	X
Open Arms Vocational Living Center	Amber Liermann	X
Pinal County Adult Probation	Scott Smith	X
Pinal County Housing	Taliashiere Williams	X
Pinal County Lead Agency	Heather Patel, Angelita Casillas	X
Pinal County Reentry/PCSO	Sarah Ballester	X
Pinal Hispanic Council	Ralph Varela	
PPEP Technical High School	Joseph Martinez, Isaac Perez	
SAVAHS	Jocelyn Muzzin, Cara Donnelly	X
Stanfield Elementary School	Rosalva and Deanna	
Tribal Representative	Monica Antone	
United Way	Joseph Caruso	
Catalysts Helping Increase Potential	Richard Cunningham, Joanna Wilson, Melissa Williams	

Other attendees: see below

1. Call to Order by Chair Cinda Thorne at 1:02 PM
2. Attendance/Establish Quorum (24/34)
3. Announce Poll
4. Action Items
 - Approval of Minutes for February 10, 2026.
 - a. Scott 1st and Kim 2nd
5. Presentations
 - HOHP – presentation with Kim Vanderberg for HOHP



- a. History of HOHP and the services they provide for Veterans, for example the events that help their community. Ots an overview of the work they are doing.
 - b. Report on the number of visitors
 - c. Report on the services they provide
 - i. 10 services
 - d. Anticipation for their building to be opened in June 2026
 - e. Unit 1- 4 for making connections – using veterans to connect with other veterans
 - f. Their Transitional Housing capacity they are hoping to increase
 - g. Holiday event for veterans, and homebound veterans, and based on referrals from the organizations
 - h. Marla Pierce – Veterans having ALS – not at this point having anyone with ALS
 - i. Cinda – advice for with veterans to give to direct service – heart, patriotic feel, treat every veteran on a case-by-case basis, treat substance abuse as a disease not a problem
- AAI – presentation with Kiya Darlage
 - a. About victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, stalking, and dating violence
 - b. Brief overview of service areas (Pinal, Maricopa, etc.) and the services they provide
 - c. Confidentiality Scenario – the importance of keeping survivor information confidential and referring them to a survivor advocate organization
 - d. Informed decision-making exercise – to showcase the importance of informing survivors and the challenges with making decisions
 - e. Sarah Ballester questions – incarceration is tricky to navigate with confidentiality issues, however there is openness to hear the case to discuss how Against Abuse can help people
 - f. Add the PowerPoint to the website, contact kiyadarlage@against-abuse.org for the presentation
6. Discussions and Updates
- Reentry Roundtable update
 - a. The report is posted on the website
 - b. Informing strategic plan
 - Scholarship opportunities
 - Members should apply
7. Finish Poll – final count 27/45
8. Committee report outs facilitated by the Chair (3 min. each max.)
- a. Membership Committee - Cinda
 - a. Total number of members = 34
 - b. Membership form is due in January, submit now! <https://pcceh.com/members/>
 - b. Statewide CoC Governance Advisory Board - Cinda
 - a. Key initiatives – the end of this week
 - c. State LCEH Leads Meeting – Cinda
 - a. Key initiatives – NOFO 2026 and HMIS Quality update
 - d. PIT Committee – Suzanne
 - a. Calling for volunteers
 - b. Recap 2026
 - e. HMIS/CE/CC Committee – Jocelyn
 - a. Meeting regularly
 - b. Though we have less slots open and we are case conferencing
 - c. Planning to review equity assessment in the next meeting.
 - f. JEDI Committee – Angelita
 - a. See the upcoming schedule for more presentations
 - b. Working on 26/27 strategic plan



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- g. Casa Grande Coalition to End Homelessness/CG Helps - Jason
 - a. Important initiatives – moving to CG Helps
 - i. Moved to Casa Grande
 - h. Apache Junction Coalition to End Homelessness/AJ Resource Center – Sheryl
 - a. Just finished a drive for cleaning supply – if anyone gets housed in the area they can go to the coalition and receive cleaning supplies
 - b. First blood drive in July 2nd
9. Agency Announcements/Agency Updates
- Carlos Flores – 14th annual recovery palooza, May 2nd from 9-1, free and open to the community
 - Teresa Tapia – CG Helps will be doing on 4/24 Community Breakfast from 8:30 – 10:30, something that they plan on doing once a month
 - HMIS – still trying to get one system for all of Arizona
 - PIT Count – a team to help individuals/ 40+ camp living in the desert for years, oldest was 12 years living in the desert – just giving an update of the housing status of these individuals
10. Next Meeting – Tuesday, June 9, 2026 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. VIRTUAL
11. Adjourn 2:43 PM

UPCOMING CALENDER

4/14/26	LCEH meeting – presentation from HOHP and AAI
6/9/26	LCEH meeting – Pinal Hispanic Council and possible McKinney Vento



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Evelyn Veliz		
Holly Valdez Against-Abuse, INC		
Jennifer Lagunas - CGA		
Jen Page-Mercy Care		
Jodi Herfurth, ABC		
Kaitlin Muldner		
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