MARICOPA REGIONAL CONTINUUM OF CARE (COC) COORDINATION AND NON-INTERFERENCE WITH LOCAL EFFORTS TO ADVANCE PROTECTING PUBLIC SAFETY POLICY

OVERVIEW

To promote community-wide commitment to ending homelessness, as established by the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009, the Maricopa Regional Continuum of Care (CoC) leads with services to engage individuals experiencing homelessness. The CoC cooperates with, and does not interfere with or impede, local efforts to advance public safety, and assists first responders in providing services to individuals experiencing homelessness. The CoC complies with all local laws and maintains close partnerships with first responders to ensure a coordinated, service-first approach.

For purposes of this policy, local efforts to advance public safety include efforts to:

- Clear tents and encampments;
- Decrease the public use of illicit drugs;
- Utilize standards to address danger to self or others (e.g., involuntary commitment); and
- Share information in accordance with the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA).

POLICY

NON-INTERFERENCE

The CoC, its Board, its committees, and CoC-funded recipients will not take actions that interfere with or impede lawful local efforts in each of the areas listed above and will not encourage or direct others to do so. This policy does not limit the ability of the CoC or its recipients to offer housing and services to the people affected by those efforts.

ENCAMPMENTS

The CoC supports jurisdictional outreach by creating toolkits for interdepartmental coordination, so that entities such as parks departments, outreach teams, and human services offices are actively communicating with law enforcement when interfacing with people living on the streets. Mobile Coordinated Entry (CE) access points span the entire region, focus on encampments, and ensure

proactive contact with those least likely to apply for assistance, working together with local efforts to advance public safety.

ILLICIT DRUG USE

The CoC's efforts to decrease the public use of illicit drugs are set out in the CoC's Advancing Recovery and Prohibitions Against Illicit Drug Enablement Policy, which applies to all CoC-funded housing projects and is incorporated by reference into this policy.

DANGER TO SELF OR OTHERS

The CoC will not interfere with the application of standards under applicable law to address danger to self or others, including involuntary commitment, by the authorities and professionals legally responsible for making those determinations.

SORNA COMPLIANCE

CoC-funded recipients must comply with Arizona State law regarding SORNA and its implementation within the state, as well as all state laws regarding sex offenders. The CoC will not impede information sharing conducted in accordance with SORNA. Information sharing under this policy must be consistent with applicable federal, state, and local privacy and confidentiality requirements, including the HEARTH act and the Homeless Management Information System privacy and security policies.

PARTNERSHIP WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRST RESPONDERS

The CoC Board includes a designated law enforcement seat to ensure a strong line of communication and collaboration with local agencies. The CoC supports first responders in serving individuals experiencing homelessness by maintaining consistent communication, coordinating system-level efforts, and aligning regional strategy to uphold a coordinated, service-first approach.

IMPLEMENTATION

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ATTACHMENT A. DOCUMENT VERSION HISTORY & RATIONALE

This log provides a concise record of changes to the Policy, including when updates were made, what was changed, and the rationale behind the revisions. This supports transparency, continuity, and onboarding of new leaders/staff.

VERSION HISTORY TABLE

Version	Date Approved	Section(s) Updated	Summary of Changes	Rationale / Reason for Update	Approved By
1.0	09/22/2026	All	Adopted by the Board.	Established procedures.	CoC Board.