
TUCSON PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

Emergency Services Committee

October 13, 2010 Minutes

Co-chairs: Sylvia Cuestas and Jill Rich

Next Meeting: November 10 th , 2010, 10:00-11:30 am Sullivan Jackson Employment Center, 400 E. 26 th St.
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Report to TPCCH General Meeting October 14th
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TOPICS DISCUSSED

- 1. Minutes.** Kim Ward moved Brother David Buer and Lori Block seconded that the September minutes be approved as presented. **Motion passed.**
- 2. Winter Shelter Preparations.**
 - **Letter to EDs.** Kim Ward reported that the letters to local agency executive directors (EDs) have gone out. She has had no responses to date. Sylvia Cuestas reported that Sharon Francis at RAPP contacted her to request training from the winter shelter staff.
 - **Winter shelter.** Kim noted that Salvation Army representatives, Don Blascak, and Lt. Fabian Pacheco are meeting October 19th, 8:30 a.m., at the Hospitality House with AAA Transportation regarding the coming season's transportation. Temple Corps is prepared to be the overflow shelter for Operation Deep Freeze (ODF). Brother David asked how homeless women and women with children could be accommodated. Kim said that the women will be handled at Hospitality House. Jill Rich noted that they could also be accommodated at Temple Emmanuel. Kim noted that the Salvation Army will accept female and child late-comers to the continuous winter shelter at Flowing Wells Assembly of God.
 - **Case manager scheduling.** Participants discussed how to schedule case managers. Jill noted that case managers are generally scheduled only at ODF for duty as needed one week at a time in order to provide easy access to services. Project Hospitality (PH) case managers should be those who referred the individual to PH.
 - **Next step.** Kim will ask her receptionist to make follow-up calls regarding speaking with local agencies' staff about providing case managers for ODF and actively case managing persons referred to PH.
 - **Congregational programs.** Don reported that bed nights pledged to date are 1,196 for One Step Beyond (OSB) and 2,697 for PH a total of 3,883. A total of 59 nights are completely subscribed. Total shortfall for the season is 485 bed night. There are no nights without some beds pledged. Jill noted that Temple Emmanuel can take more nights.
 - **Next step.** Don will provide Jill with the schedule of bed nights pledged so that Temple Emmanuel can subscribe to additional nights.
 - **St. Francis Shelter.** Brother David noted that he and Flowing Wells Assembly of God personnel have met and begun planning for another year of 90 days of continuous shelter this winter. Soup Patrol began on Friday, October 8th. They will again serve at the FWAG shelter.
- 3. Alternate Winter Shelter Proposals.** Lori reported on the idea of combining all three current shelter programs into a single-site, single-program continuous shelter from mid-November through mid-March. The General Council in September approved a workgroup to study the feasibility of doing this. Lori suggested that the feasibility be done by several separate subgroups. The first group would search for an appropriate building, starting with listing the requirements for an appropriate site, and then seeking one. The second

4. Alternate Winter Shelter Proposals cont'd.

could work with the congregations to determine if they're willing to be involved if they must provide dinner for 150-200 rather than 20-30. This may require adding money for food to the winter shelter budget.

Don noted that he has met with the Tucson Unified School District's facilities planners. TUSD planners are awaiting responses by contractors to an outstanding request for proposal (RFP) for appraisal of the closed schools' worth for purchase and/or lease. In November, they plan to evaluate those appraisals and develop a process – somewhat similar to Base Realignment and Closure process – for disposing of these properties. TPCH is on the list of entities to be notified when the process is designed and opened. Don noted that demotion, sale and lease of the schools will be considered. TUSD's preference is to sell the buildings. Currently, the closed schools that appear appropriate for winter shelter use are Richey, Jefferson, and Roberts. Others have expressed interest in each of these schools. Don noted that TPCH could work with a potential buyer to develop a plan to lease to TPCH for the time needed.

A list was circulated for additional volunteers, and consensus reached for the workgroup to meet on Monday, November 15th, 11:00 a.m., at the Sullivan Jackson Employment Center.

- 5. Blankets.** Don reported that to date 3,978 blankets have been distributed. Many of these are at agencies and ready to be used. An additional 552 blankets will be distributed to congregations. Approximately 5,570 blankets remain in stock. Two truck loads are anticipated. Yoli Hasler noted that she has spoken to the manager of her usual Department of Defense contact, who was confused about the current and previous orders. She then emailed her contact regarding the need for the additional 10,000 blankets, but has not yet has a response.

- 6. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, November 10th, 10:00-11:00 a.m., Sullivan Jackson Employment Center, 400 E. 26th Street.

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Attendance

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