
TUCSON PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

General Council Meeting

March 11, 2010 Minutes

Co-chairs: Linda Kot, Dia Barney

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 8, 2010, 3:00-4:30 p.m., Rillito-Sabino Rm.
Sentinel Bldg., 320 N. Commerce Park Loop

1. **Minutes.** Susanna Rodriguez asked to strike the second sentence of the second paragraph of the HMIS report. Wayne Steele moved to approve the minutes as amended. Gail Gibbons seconded. **Motion passed.**
2. **Presentations.**
 - **Co-chairs Report.**
 - **City of Tucson funding.** The City of Tucson has approved an additional \$5,000 for the implementation coordinator position.
 - **Handclaps.** Appreciation was extended to: Susanna Rodriguez for noting the availability of these additional city funds and the City for providing them; the Tucson Homeless Connect Committee and volunteers; and CPSA on obtaining a grant of \$110,688 for constructing a green apartment building.
 - **Nominating Work Group Formation.** Three volunteers from among voting members, including one former executive committee member, were sought for the nominating work group to provide a slate of 2010-2011 executive committee and co-chair nominees at the April General Council meeting. Nancy Panico, Betty Bitgood and Wayne Steele volunteered. **Volunteers were elected without opposition or abstention.**
 - **Budget Update.** Lori Block distributed a copy of the TPCCH budget as of February 28, 2010. Additional unexpected funds were received from: the City of Tucson (\$5,000), the Arizona Department of Economic Security (\$1,503.47) and FEMA (\$928) ADOH? . The current general treasury balance is \$10,738.67.

Eight approved TPCCH transportation program recipients have not yet requested reimbursements and must do so before fiscal year end or forfeit them. Of that fund, \$2,000 remains uncommitted and available. She distributed information on applying for the \$2,000 from ADOH to help homeless, legal U.S. residents who are agency clients to obtain identification documents. Letters of intent to request these funds are due by March 30th.
 - **Common Ground/100,000 Home Campaign.** Leslie Carlson shared information on a program that may be of interest to TPCCH members. New York-base non-profit Common Ground successfully created and implemented a vulnerability index to identify those homeless persons at the highest risk of early mortality. These individuals would be placed into housing. They launched the “100,000 Homes” campaign to extend this success to other cities, including Phoenix and Tucson. Common Ground will train Phoenix participating agencies in April. The trainer would like to present the effort in Tucson. Phoenix’s effort is called Project H3 (Home, Help, Hope), and can be found on the Facebook social networking site.
 - **Next step.** Leslie will email background and details to the TPCCH members.
 - **Tucson Homeless Connect.** Don Blascak summarized the fourth Tucson Homeless Connect, which drew 37 service providers, 284 homeless guests, and more than 100 volunteers. Some donations will carry over to the next event. New event services included Red Cross-sponsored meals, veterinary care (which drew media attention), Wi-fi service by Simply Bits, and guest cell phone usage provided by Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans. CPSA was also a major sponsor.
 - **2010 Street Count.** Laurie Mazerbo reported. The final total is 1,561 persons observed for an increase of 16% over 2009, and a rate of 30% chronically homeless. Kevin Jackson moved to accept the report as submitted. Nancy Panico seconded. **Motion passed without objection or abstention.**
 - **Project Action (HPRP) update.** Jodie Barnes reported. Project Action has helped 71 households and distributed \$77,000. Refer clients to www.pimacountyhelp.org . Ages 18 and up are eligible. The phone numbers are: 882-7462 for the Tucson metro area; and 1-877-876-7462 for outlying areas. As noted in last week’s announcements, Kevin Jackson was unanimously elected as TPCCH’s representative to the Project Action advisory committee.

3. Committee Reports.

- **Continuum of Services.** Jennifer Andersen reported. DES has received all area PIT shelter surveys. These survey results will be compared to HMIS data to assist Exhibit 1 preparation. DES will release state-wide data when compiled. The coming year's Continuum of Care Consultants contract has been signed.
- **Discharge Planning.** Deferred.
- **Tucson Homeless Connect.** Don reported. The next event is Friday July 23rd. Due to significantly higher summer guest numbers last year, a higher number of guests is expected in July. The committee hopes to add low-income bus ID service to the event, and requests additional volunteers for pre-event outreach, publicity and documentation, and food preparation. He provided 300 brochures targeted to help homeless people understand and participate in Census 2010.
 - **Next step.** Interested volunteers will email info@tpch.org.
- **Education.** Eric Cross reported. The 2010 Annual Conference, "Connecting Resources for Community Recovery will be Friday, September 17th at the Holiday Inn Palo Verde. The committee is seeking a prestigious keynote speaker and additional volunteers.
- **Emergency Services.** Brother David Buer and Don reported. This winter's congregational shelter programs have ended. They offered a total of 3,990 bed nights for the two programs, Project Hospitality and One Step Beyond. The committee will analyze why not all bed nights were used and plan accordingly. St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church has already pledged 300 bed nights for next year. The committee will review Operation Deep Freeze statistics when available. Summer Sun planning begins Tuesday. Brother David also shared information on the Franciscan's continuous winter shelter pilot project.
- **HMIS.** Mary Beth Jantzen reported. There is a basic HMIS training tomorrow. Gospel Rescue Mission is completing its accession to HMIS. Pio Decimo Center is also joining. Advanced Reporting Tool training will likely be slated in April. There are more than 6,000 unduplicated clients currently in HMIS. The reports workgroup continues developing recommendation on HMIS reporting and information access.
- **Homeless Youth.** Laurie Mazerbo reported. Interagency Training Day will be Friday, May 7th, 12:00-4:30 p.m., tentatively at Trinity Presbyterian Church. The program will be on gang activity training, youth agency challenges, and the HEARTH Act and McKinney-Vento Acts.
- **Membership.** Deferred.
- **PTEH.** Leslie reported for chair Anna Wheeler. The committee is integrating last month's General Council feedback into the continuing design and recruitment for the PTEH Leadership Council. They also developed input to submit with TPCH's input to the Federal Strategic Plan To End Homelessness. Steven Nelson urged members to provide input for that plan at <http://fsp.uservoice.com>.

4. Old Business/ConPlans.

Leslie and Mark Ludwig urged members to review and provide feedback on the city/county and state Consolidated Plans (ConPlan) respectively during the 30-day feedback period.

- **Next step.** Leslie and Mark will forward the appropriate web links when available.

5. New Business / Announcements.

- **Public Housing.** The public housing waiting list will be open Monday, March 29th-Thursday, April 1st.
 - **Next step.** Beth Carey will forward notice of the opening to the TPCH list serve.
- **Franciscan Shelter.** Brother David requested volunteers to input data from the Franciscan continuous shelter.
- **City Human Service RFP.** The City or Tucson will accept proposals for crisis assistance funding only Monday, March 15th through Friday, March 19th at 5:00 p.m.
- **LPN Coordinator.** The El Rio Broadway Clinic for the homeless needs a new LPN coordinator. Go to www.elrio.org to apply.
- **Veterans Stand Down.** The next event is one day, Friday May 21st, at Allen Hall. Veteran's Court Representatives will be there to explain how they handle non-felony offenses. All veterans may attend and receive assistance.

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Attendance

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