
TUCSON PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

General Council Meeting

May 13, 2010 Minutes

Co-chairs: Linda Kot, Dia Barney

Next Meeting: Thursday June 10, 2010, 3:00-4:30 p.m., Rillito-Sabino Rm.
Sentinel Bldg., 320 N. Commerce Park Loop

1. **Minutes.** Jennifer Andersen moved and Nick Jones seconded that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as presented. **Motion passed.**

2. **Presentations.**
 - **Co-chairs Report.**
 - **Handclaps.** Participants recognized Bill Magnotto for his years of service as TPCCH representative to the local FEMA Board.
 - **FEMA representative.** Nick Jones moved and Phyllis Russell seconded that Bill Magnotto continue as the TPCCH representative to the FEMA Board. **Motion passed without opposition or abstention.**
 - **“100,000 Homes Campaign”.** Mark Clark of CODAC, Mattie Lord of the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) and Brad Bridwell of the Arizona Department of Veterans Services (DVS) presented. They provided background and implementation details on the national 100,000 Homes Campaign and the Phoenix area’s application of it, Project H3 (Home, Health, Hope). Volunteers use Common Grounds’ vulnerability index and software analysis to identify and bring into housing those homeless persons most at risk of early death. In less than one month. Project H3 participants have brought into housing four of the 10 most at-risk homeless persons identified. The effort has received significant coverage from the area’s news media. Results were achieved with reallocation of funds. The only new funds used were sponsorships of \$1,000 each (in cash or in-kind) for household furnishings for each of the 50 persons to be housed. Mattie noted that the effort has been “transformative” and has produced valuable systems change. She and Brad noted that they serve the entire state and would assist any similar effort that TPCCH might undertake.

Mark noted that when Common Ground representative Becky Kanis met with local human services representatives April 16th, 27 persons signed up to explore applying 100,000 Homes locally, and suggested the TPCCH is the most logical and effective entity to lead that exploration.

Beth Carey moved that TPCCH will take the lead in exploring the feasibility of implementing a “100,000 Homes”-style campaign in our area. Pat Carnes seconded.

Discussion was that there should be a workgroup to include TPCCH members plus the 27 individuals who already signed up for the effort, as well as community volunteers. Barbara Montrose asked to amend the motion to include the workgroup. Amendment was accepted by those who moved and seconded the motion.

The motion then became “that a TPCCH workgroup lead by Mark Clark will take lead in exploring the feasibility of implementing the 100,000 Homes Campaign in our area”. **Motion passed without opposition or abstention.** A sign up list passed.

 - **Next steps. a.)** TPCCH administrative coordinator will forward the volunteer list to Mark Clark.
 - **b.)** Mark and workgroup will invite community members and set a meeting.

3. **Gaps analysis.** Steven Wind of continuum of care consultants Le Croy & Milligan distributed background materials prepared by that the Continuum of Services Committee’s Gaps Analysis Workgroup for use in determining the community’s unmet need. At the workgroup’s request, participants divided into three groups to determine the current need for emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent support housing respectively.
 - **Next steps. a.)** Groups will send their notes to Steven at steven@lecroymilligan.com.
 - **b.)** The Gaps Analysis Workgroup will combine the three groups’ input and translate it into numbers for the annual HUD Exhibit 1.

4. **Election of 2010-2011 Executive Committee.** Twenty-eight of 34 voting members were represented, exceeding a quorum. Nancy Panico presented the Executive Committee slate, previously emailed to GC members. The slate presented new co-chairs and continuing members, Steve Nelson and Lisa Griffin; new members David Roun and Stan Hamnett; and continuing members Jodie Barnes, Marty Twohill, and Sylvia Cuestas.

Mary Pat Sullivan moved that the proposed slate be elected. Barbara Montrose seconded. **The slate was elected by 25 of 28 representatives.** Participants offered a handclap to the nominating workgroup.

5. **Committee Reports.**

- **Continuum of Services.** The committee elected Jennifer Andersen and Mary Pat Sullivan as 2010-2011 co-chairs. Andy Hall of DES distributed and reviewed a summary of the 2010 annual point-in-time shelter survey results. He noted that the total number of beds in the community appears lower than in some previous years because the survey has been made more accurate and currently counts only those beds specifically serving homeless persons.
- **HMIS.** The committee elected Philip Pierce and Susanna Rodriguez as 2010-2011 committee co-chairs. The committee brought forth the motion, “That TPCH approves renewal for two years of the HMIS Participants Agreement revision emailed with the reminder of this meeting”. Motion **passed without opposition or abstention.**
- **PTEH.** Gail Gibbons reported on the status of PTEH Leadership Council creation, which the General Council approved in February. A Deputy County Administrator declined to put the Leadership Council endorsement vote on the Board of Supervisors agenda, because of concerns that this council might be duplicative and/or conflict with TPCH. The City Council postponed a vote on the topic because council members had also heard some of these concerns. The PTEH Committee discussed these issues and how they might be addressed. On May 13 there was an opportunity to discuss the concerns at a meeting that was hosted by the City Council Ward 5 office. PTEH Committee Chair Anna Wheeler attended, along with PTEH Coordinator Leslie Carlson. Those in attendance who had raised concerns about the Leadership Council included Art Eckstrom, Efrain Romero, Steve Nelson from the Pima County Department of Employment and Training, and Jody Sullivan who works at the Tucson Preparatory School. Albert Elías from the City of Tucson’s Department of Housing and Community Development also attended, as well as Ward 5 Council Member Richard Fimbres, and his aide, Mark Kerr. After discussion, it appeared that it would not be possible to satisfy the concerns that had been raised about the Leadership Council. The PTEH committee representatives stated that we would withdraw the plan to form the Leadership Council and would seek other ways to engage civic and business leaders from diverse community sectors to work on ending homelessness.
- **Tucson Homeless Connect.** Deferred.
- **Education.** Eric Cross reported. The committee elected Olivia Gutzman and Elva de la Torre as 2010-2011 co-chairs. Because the Arizona Department of Housing has scheduled a conference on the same day previously selected for the TPCH Annual Conference, a new date will be chosen.
- **Emergency Services.** Brother David Buer reported. The committee has ordered 15,000 additional FEMA blankets. Pledges for the 2010-2011 congregational winter shelter efforts to date are: 1,040 bed nights for Project Hospitality, and 280 for One Step Beyond, for a total of 1,320 bed nights pledged. A letter to area agencies’ executive directors to help improve understanding and case management participation for the congregational shelter programs is planned. The committee has elected Jill Rich and Sylvia Cuestas as 2010-2011 committee co-chairs. Project Summer Sun will be in effect June 1st – September 1st. Sunscreen is available for distribution.
- **Homeless Youth.** Lori Mazerbo reported. The committee has a very successful Interagency Training Day last Friday. The committee will elect new co-chairs in June.
- **Membership.** Mary Pat Sullivan reported. All current voting members are in good standing. Committee members work without a chair, and are seeking ways to help new members.
- **Discharge Planning.** Deferred.

6. New Business / Announcements.

- **El Rio Medical Director.** Tara Radke noted that El Rio Community Health Center has a new full-time medical director, Dr. Christopher Cornelius, a University of Arizona alumnus who recently returned to the area.
- **Handclap for Co-chairs.** Participants offered a handclap to the current Executive Committee members and TPCH co-chairs.
- **Veterans Stand Down.** There will be a one-day Veterans Stand Down to provide services to homeless veterans on Friday May 21st, , 7:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at Allen Army Reserve Center, 1750 E. Silverlake Road.

7. Next Meeting. Thursday, June 10, 2010, 3:00-4:30 p.m., Rillito-Sabino Room, Sentinel Building, 320 N. Commerce Park Loop.

Submitted by Settle Madden

Attendance

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