
TUCSON PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

Continuum of Services Committee

November 19, 2008 Minutes

Chairs: Susanna Rodriguez, Val Quadros

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 17, 2008, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., SAAF, 375 E. Euclid Avenue

Report to TPCCH General Meeting December 11th

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Electronic vote to approve 2009 CoC consultant RFP and up to \$500 advertising costs.■ Report on client moves caused by decreased FMRs |
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TOPICS DISCUSSED

1. **Minutes.** Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted by consensus.
2. **Street Count Workgroup.** Adam Ragsdale reported. The 2009 Street Count will be the morning of January 28, 2009. The shelter count is done that morning/evening. The workgroup met yesterday and set dates for training of Street Count enumerators on Tuesday, January 6th, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., and Thursday, January 8th, 2:00-4:00 p.m., plus a brown bag coordination luncheon on Wednesday, January 21st, 12:00-1:00 p.m. The group is seeking a location, preferably with a faith community. They also set goals to: double the number of last year's volunteers (94); increase the number of homeless and faith community volunteers; and use a couple of established drop-in and feeding sites as a pilot project for incorporating the use of a survey in the street count. The latter should provide more accurate information regarding the number of chronically homeless persons than can be provided by enumerator observation alone. He noted that the workgroup is aware of and designing strategies to avoid any duplication of persons counted that the use of a survey at fixed locations may present.

Leslie Carlson added that she will begin outreach to the rural communities and local law enforcement agencies soon. It was suggested that the workgroup seek to add a point-in-time count for homeless children, perhaps using school district attendance figures obtained from the schools' McKinney-Vento representatives.

Linda reported that there was a meeting with the Arizona Department of Economic Security to answer questions about the use of the annual shelter survey, and a local training on using the survey is being planned. She noted that the use of a survey in the street count will help provide answers regarding homeless persons' veterans, children, and HIV status that the street count cannot normally address.

 - **Next steps:** a.) Lori Block will help the workgroup find a faith community training location.
 - b.) Steve Nelson will provide Leslie with a Sheriff's Department contact.
 - c.) Val Quadros will help recruit La Frontera personnel for the street count.
 - d.) Adam will ask the workgroup to address the issue of a homeless children's count.
3. **RFP for next year's CoC Consultant.** Participants reviewed and discussed the edited request for proposal (RFP) for the coming year's CoC consultant as emailed to members. Consensus was to re-insert the language requiring the consultant to facilitate the rating and ranking process "with the assistance of the Continuum of Services Committee." The deadline for response to the RFP was set as close of business, Friday, December 12th. Susanna and Val will be the information contacts. Consensus of committee was to submit the RFP as revised above with a request for up to \$500 in advertising costs to a TPCCH electronic vote as soon as the revision is completed.
 - **Next steps:** a.) Susanna will revise the RFP.
 - b.) Approval of the RFP and the request for up to \$500 in advertising costs will be submitted for an electronic vote.
 - c) RFP to be posted for advertisement after the electronic vote process is completed.

4. Old business.

- **FMRs.** Barbara Montrose reported. She noted that persons whose rent exceeds the HUD fair market rental rates (FMRs) by more than 10% are forced to move to units that comply with the FMRs. Her CPSA programs have had a total of 64 persons renting above the FMR's. The total number of units in those programs are: Shelter Plus Care (SPC) 1, 160 units; SPC 2, about 45 unites; and SPC3, about 20 units. Barbara noted that these moves are very costly, requiring research plus new rental and utility deposits plus moving expenses or staff time to assist with the move. The City of Tucson has filed an appeal to the most recent FMRs and related determinations.

Val noted that pimacountyhousingsearch.org offers a special population search tool that will return results suitable for clients with special needs and in programs with rents restricted by FMRs. She noted that she and a number of case managers that she knows have success locating housing with the tool.

- **Next steps: a.)** Beth Carey will check to see if an appeal response has been received and ask Dia or Linda to provide a copy of the appeal letter that was sent out.

b.) Committee will report on the issue to the General Council.

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