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# TUCSON PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

## Continuum of Services Committee

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### April 22, 2009 Minutes

Chairs: Susanna Rodriguez, Val Quadros

<b>Next Meeting:</b> Wednesday, May 27, 2009, Pantano Room, Sentinel Bldg., 320 N. Commerce Park Loop
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<b>Report to TPCCH General Meeting May 14<sup>th</sup></b>
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### TOPICS DISCUSSED

- Minutes.** Nick Jones moved and Steve Nelson seconded to approve the March minutes as presented.  
**Motion passed without objection or abstention.**
- Continuum of Care 2008 Application Debriefing.** This morning's debriefing was general to all continuum applications, not specific to TPCCH. Our continuum scored 75.5 of 100. The threshold for funding of new projects was 78.5. This explains why TPCCH's new project applications were not funded. Steve Nelson noted that the method of scoring changed in 2008 from prior years. Previously, 40 points were assigned to need. Currently, those points are distributed across several scoring areas. Data collections, homeless needs, and continuum of care performance were 52% of the total possible score and also the areas in which TPCCH lost the most points (9). The lack of a functioning HMIS system appears to have hurt the continuum in scoring.  
Participants discussed the percentage of chronically homeless persons in the community (65% in 2008) in HUD scoring. It seemed unusually high compared to HUD's estimate of 20% nationwide. Participants discussed the issue, and reached consensus to review the 2009 Street Count chronically homeless number.  
Susanna noted that HUD announced that registration for 2009 will likely be in late summer with the application due after Labor Day.
  - Next steps:** a.) The committee and TPCCH co-chairs, with Street Count co-chairs and the administrative coordinator will review the chronically homeless number and percentage.  
b.) Linda will alert DES that TPCCH is reviewing those numbers.  
c.) Committee will review the 2008 Exhibit 1 in May in preparation for 2009's Exhibit 1.  
d.) Val will forward her debriefing recording to the administrative coordinator for distribution to committee members.
- Shelter Count.** Steven Wind reported that he still needs shelter surveys from several agencies. Participants reviewed and discussed the preliminary 2009 shelter survey/bed capacity numbers distributed by email. Barbara Montrose noted that program beds that are not exclusively for homeless persons (and, therefore, probably persons who weren't homeless) were included in the reviewed results. It is her understanding that only programs exclusively for homeless persons should be included. Participants reached consensus to investigate the reporting and program requirements in order to assure that TPCCH submits an accurate point-in-time (PIT) shelter survey and housing inventory chart (HIC).
  - Next step.** a.) Steven Wind will email the co-chairs the list of agencies that need to give the CoC consultants their shelter surveys.  
b.) Co-chairs will remind those agencies to turn in their shelter surveys.  
c.) Steven Wind will share the spreadsheet data and committee concerns with Andy Hall of DES in their scheduled conference call.  
d.) Committee will seek guidance from HUD as to whether beds in programs not exclusive to homeless people are to be included in the PIT and HIC reports.

- 4. 2009 Application Preparation.** Steven Wind reported that he and Jan Daley are proceeding with gathering – and documenting the sources of – information needed for the 2009 Exhibit 1. They have also compiled a Street Count quadrants map documenting homeless population changes over the last four years, and other materials for gaps analysis. They have begun work on compiling a housing inventory chart. They will wait on some aspects of preparation until the 2009 notice of funds availability (NOFA) requirements are published.

Participants discussed issues that may have decreased TPCH's 2008 HUD score and how they may relate to 2009 application preparation. These included: a reported drop in the number of persons exiting programs with employment (38% compared to 58% in 2007 and previous years); differences in the agencies' means of preparing their Annual Performance Reviews (APRs); and reporting housing maintenance costs as supportive services instead of operating costs. Consensus was to discuss including extra review for unusual results; to consider APR training; and to try to ensure consistent reporting of operating costs in order to better reflect TPCH's emphasis on housing during the May meeting.

- 5. New Co-chair Nominations.** Susanna noted that she has served two years as a CoS Committee co-chair and should not continue. Val Quadros agreed to continue if elected. Consensus was to ask Susanna to continue as co-chair until/unless another volunteer steps forward.
- 6. New Business.**
- **RAPP.** Barbara reported that La Frontera's RAPP Team received increased funding this year.
  - **Renter's Tax.** Barbara reviewed the potential negative consequences of the City's proposed city 2% renters' tax to people in supported housing programs and the agencies which serve them. She advocated opposing the tax, and exempting renters who earn up to 100% of the area's average median income from the tax, if passed. There will be a rally against the tax April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Tucson Convention Center in conjunction with the City Council study session. She suggested that agencies may want to emulate property management groups in providing transportation. She noted that CPSA's CEO will write to the Mayor and Council members opposing the tax.
- 7. Next Meeting.** Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Pantano Room, Sentinel Building, 320 N. Commerce Park Loop.

Submitted by Settle Madden

## Attendance

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