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# TUCSON PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

## Continuum of Services Committee

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### July 29, 2009 Minutes

Co-chairs: Val Quadros, Jennifer Andersen

<b>Next Meeting:</b> August 26, 2009, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Pantano Rm. Sentinel Bldg., 320 N. Commerce Park Loop
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<b>Report to TPCH General Meeting August 13<sup>th</sup></b>
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Circulate an update list for reporting of new and in-process projects and housing</li></ul> |
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### TOPICS DISCUSSED

- Minutes.** Steve Nelson moved and Susanna Rodriguez seconded that the minutes of the June meeting be accepted as presented. **Motion passed.**
- 2009 Registration and NOFA Release Preparations.** HUD announced in their recent webcast that the Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) will be released no earlier than August 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Grant Inventory Worksheet.** Steven Wind reported that: the grant inventory worksheet has been reviewed; all grantees' intent to apply forms have been gathered; and the results match the inventory worksheet and HUD's posted records. With two confirmations, the grant inventory worksheet data will be completed. He will then forward to TPCH Co-chair Linda Kot for submission to HUD.
  - **New Project Opportunities.** There will be an opportunity to apply for a new project for homeless, disabled individuals or families. Participants discussed how best to develop the new project application criteria and ensure that it is aligned with the continuum's strategic plan and community needs. Consensus was to form two workgroups of volunteers as follows:
    - **Application Process Workgroup:** Val, Jennifer, Beth, Nick, Steve volunteered to develop the criteria for the new project applications and the continuum's gaps analysis process.
    - **Strategic Plan Workgroup:** Leslie Carlson, Nancy Panico, and Mary Pat Sullivan will review TPCH's strategic plans and make recommendations. Steve Nelson noted that coordination with ARRA-funded efforts will earn TPCH additional points on the HUD application and that local coordination must be noted in the 2009 application.Susanna noted that it is important to include new projects not funded by HUD in each year's application, and reporting in general. She suggested that a list for announcing new projects be circulated at General Council meetings. Barbara Montrose may have a copy of the previous form.
    - **Next steps. a.)** Val will obtain a copy of the form
    - **b.)** Committee will ask to circulate a new projects reporting form at General Council, and distribute same to the TPCH list serve.
  - **Housing Inventory Chart (HIC).** Steven reported that the work on the HIC appears to have resulted in the most accurate HIC to date. Leslie Carlson proposed that she use the 2009 HIC to review previous year's HIC in order to retroactively develop more accurate data for previous years and better assess progress on the Plan to End Homelessness. Consensus of the group was that this would be helpful.
- New Business.**
  - **Continuum Name in HUD Records.** Steve Wind noted that the current HUD listing reads "Tucson Planning Council for the Homeless" rather than the previously used "Tucson/Pima County Continuum of Care". Steve Nelson noted that TPCH can request that HUD change the name, but that the geographic codes submitted at registration actually determine the continuum's pro rata need and are more important.

- HUD Focus Groups.** Attendees at HUD’s Arizona focus groups reported on these efforts to obtain input into HUD’s writing of regulations for HEARTH Act implementation. Beth Carey and Nick Jones noted that they gave input regarding continuum structure and governance regulations. The general consensus of their focus group was that HUD needs to be as flexible as possible about continuum structure in order to allow individual continua to organize themselves to best meet their communities’ needs. Steve Nelson noted that he and Dia Barney attended a grantee focus group. There was much discussion regarding the new definition of homelessness, which is to be brought into line with the definition used by the Department of Education. The latter contains some vague wording, such as “doubled up”, which is not specifically defined. HUD must write their interpretation in a sufficiently specific manner for it to be a useful implementation tool. It initially appears that the new legislation may be interpreted to allow services to anyone whose housing is not stable and who lacks sufficient resources to obtain and maintain housing on their own.

- 4. Next Meeting.** August 26<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Pantano Room, Sentinel Building, 320 N> Commerce Park Loop.

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### Attendance

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