
TUCSON PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

Continuum of Services Committee

May 27, 2008 Minutes

Chairs: Susanna Rodriguez, Val Quadros

Next Meeting: June 24, 2009 10:30 am – noon, Pantano Room Sentinel Building, 320 N. Commerce Park Loop
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Report to TPCH General Meeting June 11th
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TOPICS DISCUSSED

1. **Minutes.** Barbara Montrose moved and Steve Nelson seconded that the April minutes be accepted as submitted. Motion passed.
2. **2009 Application Preparation** – Exhibit 1. Participants reviewed the HUD SuperNOFA 2008 Exhibit 1 application section by section for accuracy, needed changes, and areas for improvement. Discussion points included that: CoC consultant review of the 2008 and 2007 applications, which received the lowest and highest TPCH scores respectively, may be valuable despite the scoring and format changes between the two years; Annual Homelessness Assessment Report (AHAR) participation earns a continuum extra points and may be possible for TPCH this year; review of the 2008 housing inventory chart (HIC) is ongoing to eliminate inclusion of beds that are not exclusively for homeless persons and produce the most accurate possible HIC; that correction of previous years' charts could provide a good measure of progress for Plan to End Homelessness Implementation; and that Tucson's many shared grants present a reporting challenge.

Participants also noted that: a written protocol for HIC reporting would help with communication and result in clearer reports; that the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) plans to make further changes to DES point-in-time surveys to make it clear that only those programs with dedicated homeless beds should respond and count only the dedicated homeless beds; that the new Veterans Administration Supported Housing program numbers must be include in the HIC this year.

Consensus was that the CoC consultants and committee must review the narrative carefully, use language from the TPCH Operating Policies where appropriate; improve committee descriptions with committee chairs' input; use the "describe reasons for the change" sections of the HUD application as an opportunity to describe TPCH efforts and positive results; and do a major update to the HMIS section with assistance from grantee representative Gary Bachman and the system administrators.

Participants again discussed the 2009 Street Count chronically homeless (CH) numbers; whether they are accurate; and what the appropriate methodology to determine their accuracy would be. A rate of 65% CH may give Tucson the nation's highest CH percentage. Barbara noted that a survey five years ago showed an unusually high number of chronically homeless here. It was also noted that Street Count is always done during both Gem Show and the winter shelter season, which attract itinerant homeless people. The count was done on an Operation Deep Freeze (ODF) night this year. It was suggested that comparing CH data from the ODF overflow shelter against Street Count date may be an appropriate methodology for determining the Street Count CH number's accuracy.

Participants noted that consolidation of TPCH and DES surveys plus improvements in the shelter survey data collection process this year should be mentioned in the narrative.

2009 Application Preparation – Exhibit 1 cont'd.

It was noted that the electronic application changed the options for reporting on the 10-year plan and action steps. The HMIS implementation objective was eliminated. Completion of this section must wait until the new objectives are announced, and it is known whether the Plan to End Homelessness goals that were not included in the 2008 application can be added.

Participants also noted that reallocation of funds may be possible, but cannot be address until HUD announces whether there will be changes to the reallocation process.

- **Next steps:** a.) Val will forward to committee members a HUD PowerPoint presentation with national averages that provide direction for improvement.
 - b.) HIC Workgroup members (Susanna Rodriguez, Steve Nelson, Barbara Montrose, and Steven Wind) will continue working to make the HIC as accurate as possible.
 - c.) Leslie Carlson will compare the 2009 HIC, when completed, with previous years in order to determine the accurate number of homeless beds and assess progress in PTEH implementation.
 - d.) Co-chairs will send all committee chairs a request for committee descriptions to be submitted last Friday in July..
 - e.) Co-chairs will forward committee descriptions to Lori Block for posting on the TPCB website.
 - f.) Leslie will get chronically homeless information for ODF from the Street Count night from Andy Hall at DES, and report at the next meeting.
 - g.) Steven Wind will check with Jennifer Andersen, Linda Kot, and Andy Hall for appropriate text regarding the PIT shelter survey.
 - h.) Steve Wind will use the 2009 Street Count Report to note the addition of interview and food bank data into this year's Street Count.
 - i.) Steven Wind will contact Mattie Lord in order to obtain or identify from whom to obtain the state's formal discharge Planning protocols.

3. Election of New Co-chair. Val reported that Mary Pat Sullivan plans to be at the next meeting and will volunteer to co-chair.

- **Next step:** Accept additional nominations and discuss at next meeting.

4. Miscellaneous.

- **Weed & Seed Program.** Val Quadros distributed youth program flyers and announced that Adult Probation's Community Restitution unit cannot find enough elderly-owned homes for community restitution work in the neighborhoods listed on those flyers. They would appreciate suggestions to Jan Swivel at Pima County Adult Probation.
- **McKinney Vento Reauthorized.** Leslie noted that it will be important for members to read the summary of the newly signed McKinney Vento reauthorization (in the HEARTH Act) to prepare for the criteria and CoC grant application changes to be implemented in approximately 18 months.
 - **Next step.** Leslie will send the summary to the TPCB Administrative Coordinator for distribution.

5. Next meeting. Wednesday June 24th, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Pantano Room, 320 N. Commerce Park Loop.

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Attendance

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