
TUCSON PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

Discharge Planning Committee

May 26, 2009 Minutes

Chair: Dan Haley

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| Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 23, 2009, 2:30-4:00 p.m., CPSA, 100 N. Stone, Suite 300 |
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| Report to TPCH General Meeting June 11th |
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| ■ Flanagan letter for consideration if necessary |
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TOPICS DISCUSSED

- Minutes.** Minutes of the April meeting were approved by consensus.
- Meeting Date.** Dan proposed meeting on the fourth Tuesday of the month to avoid conflict with his participation in the Governor's Co-occurring Policy Advisory Team. There were no objections.
 - Next step.** TPCH Administrative Coordinator Settle Madden will alert the committee membership and gather feedback.
- Giving Tree Meeting Update/Emergency Shelter List Inclusion.** Dan reported that he visited The Giving Tree on April 27th, toured the main facility plus two other houses, and talked with Executive Director Libby Wright. Libby stated that charging or requiring clients to work for shelter is based on a modified therapeutic community model. Participants reached consensus to exclude the Giving Tree based on reports of questionable practices.
 - Next steps.** a.) Dan will forward a current list of emergency room social workers to Settle.
b.) Settle will distribute the Emergency Shelters List minus the Giving Tree entry.
- Guidelines to Getting Out Updates.** Participants reviewed and/or accepted assignments as follows
 - Format.** Consensus was to accept the new redesign including the TPCH logo, and cover option 1.
 - Content Updates.** Consensus was to include Giving Tree feeding only. Participants accepted updates as follows: Tom Conkright – residential substance abuse treatment facilities and drop-in centers; Dan Haley – bus passes, and transitional housing facilities; Betty Bitgood– employment assistance; Gloria Mendoza – food assistance plus health and dental care; and Elaine Gray – domestic violence facilities.
 - Next steps.** a.) Committee members will get their updates to Settle by June 8th.
b.) Dan will invite a Weed and Seed or other appropriate representative to rewrite the section on Crime Free Multi-housing.
- Flanagan Letter.** Participants discussed the Executive Committee's request to shorten the letter, and whether the letter remains appropriate, given the additional recent cuts to the corrections budget plus a proposal to privatize state prisons. Consensus was that an invitation to participate in exploring options with the committee may be more appropriate.
 - Next step.** Dan will contact TPCH Co-chair Dia Barney about appropriate changes and next steps for the letter.
- Next Meeting.** Tentatively, Tuesday, June 23rd, 2:30-4:00 p.m., CPSA, 100 N. Stone Avenue, Suite 300.

Submitted by Settle Madden

Attendance

| Name | Organization | Email |
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| Tom Conkright | Hope, Inc. | tomconkright@hopetucson.org |
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| *Gloria Mendoza | Pima Community Access Program | gloria.mendoza@sheriff.pima.gov |
| Terrance Watkins | Hope, Inc. | terrancew@hopetucson.org |

* Participating by teleconference