
TUCSON PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

General Council Meeting

February 5, 2009 Minutes

Co-Chairs: Linda Kot, Dia Barney

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 26 th , 2009, 3:00-4:30 p.m., Pantano Rm. Sentinel Building, 320 N. Commerce Park Loop

Items for February 12th General Council Agenda

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Street Count Update■ Inform of Settle's hours■ Vote on ACEH Membership |
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1. **Minutes.** Gary Bachman moved and Steve Nelson seconded that minutes of the January meeting be approved with corrections as discussed. **Motion passed.**
2. **Street Count Update.** Settle Madden noted that the preliminary total count appears to be 1,233. Kevin Jackson reported on the results at Open Inn. Linda Kot reported that approximately 40 persons signed in at Primavera R&R.
 - **Next step.** A Street Count report will be placed on the February General Council agenda.
3. **Settle's hours.** Linda Kot noted that the TPCCH Administrative Coordinator had to put in additional hours to complete Street Count tasks for a total of 126.75 hours for the month. Consensus of the committee was to pay for the additional hours. Settle will attempt to offset these hours in future months.
 - **Next step.** General Council will be informed.
4. **HMIS (New Users).** Gary Bachman reported. Emergency shelters personnel will be trained on the system next Monday. The system currently has 60 licenses. They are looking at whether some licenses that are not being used can be reassigned. If not, more licenses will be needed in the next budget year, and some training may need to be delayed. The current state budget crisis also places the availability of matching funds in doubt. Overall, the implementation goals to date appear to have been achieved. Next week's training may bring the community bed coverage up to 75%. The status of coverage will be reassessed after the training.
5. **Future of TPCCH (Executive Directors Meeting).** Linda Kot reported that she spoke with Margaret Kish, who is interested in having a meeting of executive directors of area agencies, and would like to work with the City to set up such a meeting.)
5. **ACEH Membership.** TPCCH's membership in the Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness (ACEH) is due again. Membership in ACEH has been TPCCH's means of advocacy. Participants discussed whether TPCCH should seek an advocacy committee, as the Education Committee does not currently have enough members or time to fulfill this function. This might be discussed at the
 - **Next step.** Co-chairs will determine the membership amount and bring the matter to General Council for a vote.
6. **Membership Committee.** Kevin reported. There have been no new additions to the committee or to the voting membership of TPCCH.

7. **Committee Updates.** Kevin reported. The Continuum of Services, Membership, and Education Committees are interested in requesting additional members, and will do so under their committee reports. The HMIS wants to present an update re: protocol and procedures.

Participants discussed the general need for increased committee participation generally, and specific needs on the Membership, and Continuum of Services Committees.

- o **Next step:** Co-chairs will include the needs in their presentation.

8. **“Need Help” Brochure, New Listings. Linda reported.** The committee has discussed that anyone who wishes to be included must be providing emergency services, as that is the purpose of the publication. There does not appear to be an issue regarding new additions.

9. **Winter Shelter and Homeless Connect.** Don Blascak reported.

- **Winter Shelter.** There have been 18 Operation Deep Freeze (ODF) nights to date with 85-86 persons each night. More women than before are participating, up to 11 or 12 on some nights. The Salvation Army has had two resignations in winter shelter personnel and is moving to replace the ODF manager and a driver. Blankets are consolidated into two locations, TEP on Ina Road and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul warehouse. Plenty are available. The Salvation Army will order 15,000 blankets for the 2009-2010 winter shelter season. Caridad/de Porres will monitor the request’s progress.
- **Tucson Homeless Connect.** Preparations, including the event layout and walk-through, are nearly completed. The computer setup plan will be completed tomorrow. Setup for the event is 12:00-5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 12th. ;

Approximately 30 providers and volunteers will arrive at Trinity Presbyterian Church between 8:00 and 8:45 a.m. the day of the event. Volunteers will have just-in-time training and a facility tour at 8:45 a.m. There will be four vans bringing guests, who should arrive at 10 AM.

Caridad/de Porres will prepare and deliver the luncheon. A total of four barbers and barber chairs are committed. The Social Security Administration and Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) are providing services. Vans will take ID seekers at 12:30 p.m. to the designated MVD office to get IDs, which will be paid for by funds allocated to the event. The Homeless Court judge will be there from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The church is providing the event twice as much space as last time. The congregation likes the event, and is happy to house it. Registration and feeding will be in Fellowship Hall. Most services will be downstairs in Trinity Hall.

Six elected officials or their representative have agreed to attend. Leslie Carlson and Phyllis Lim will greet them and offer them the opportunity to engage with homeless guests.

Jodie Barnes noted that one more laptop is needed for the use of the SSA. Anyone who can loan one, please do so.

10. Old Business

- **Website.** Proposed changes to the website were discussed at the January meeting. Lori Block has discussed this with web host Garret Dangerfield, who agreed to continue hosting.

11. New Business.

- **Community Response to Agency Budget Cuts.** Beth Carey asked how TPCH can discuss and/or coordinate a community response to the ongoing state, city, and county budget cuts. A need for each agency to report deficits and translate them into services lost and their impact on individuals and families was noted. The planned executive directors’ meeting was suggested as an appropriate venue to begin this discussion. Participants discussed the issue, and what TPCH might do, including mention the need for a coordinated community response; set up a coordinating or advocacy workgroup; how such a workgroup might be defined; and whether the workgroup could suggest how to make up for governmental budget cuts.

- o **Next step.** Co-chair will ask about interest in forming a workgroup will be assessed at the February 12th General Council meeting.

- **Suggestions for Handclaps.** The co-chairs requested suggestions for hand claps. Those included, congratulations to Street Count volunteers; notice of the media coverage for the Street Count; and arrival of the Neighborhood Stabilization Plan monies, approximately \$10 mill to the city and county.

12. Next Meeting. Participants discussed when and at what time to meet next. Consensus was to meet next on Thursday, February 26th, 3:00-4:30 p.m., Sabino Room, Sentinel Building, 320 N. Commerce Park Loop.

Attendance:

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