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# TUCSON PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

## General Council Meeting

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### November 12, 2009 Minutes

Co-chairs: Linda Kot, Dia Barney

**Next Meeting:** Thursday Dec. 10, 2009, 3:00-4:30 p.m., Rillito-Sabino Rm.  
Sentinel Bldg., 320 N. Commerce Park Loop

1. **Minutes.** Nick Jones moved and Val Quadros seconded that the October 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> minutes be approved as presented. **Motion passed.**
  
2. **Presentations.**
  - **Co-chairs Report.**
    - **Handclaps.** Congratulations were offered to: Jill and Jim Rich, Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness 2009 Volunteers of the Year Award; and Veterans Stand Down and HopeFest 2009 for their successful events. Lisa Griffin received a blanket plaque in recognition of her service as Homeless Youth Committee co-chair.
    - **Executive Directors Meeting Workgroup.** The co-chairs asked for the formation of a work group to plan a meeting with executive directors. This meeting has been delayed for some time. Originally it was planned as follow up to the TPCH retreats when the structure of TPCH was being discussed. Given the new HEARTH Act and uncertain continued TPCH funding from Arizona Dept of Housing, it is now important to move forward with this meeting. The original plan was to invite executive directors from agencies that receive funding through the HUD Continuum of Care process. This would also include City and County department heads that receive funding or contribute funding to TPCH. Co-chairs pulled information from executive committee meetings and will put together information on the HEARTH Act for the work group. Co-chairs asked that each TPCH committee select one individual to serve on the workgroup to develop the agenda for the meeting. Members should be selected by the December general council meeting.
      - ◆ **Next steps.** a.) Co-chairs will send written background information to each committee.
      - b.) Each committee will forward their representative's name to [info@tpch.org](mailto:info@tpch.org).
  - **HPRP/Project Action Update.** Jodie Barnes, Leslie Carlson, and Jane Kroesen reported, and answered questions. They provided a power point presentation and commentary describing the development, current status, services provided by, and eligibility requirements of the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program, locally named "Project Action".
    - ◆ **Next step.** The Project Action website and phone numbers will be published as soon as they are available.
  - **AZCEH Update.** Participants were alerted to an upcoming session that may result in the loss of additional federal dollars and the AZCEH request to continue advocacy against PayDay Loan Operators in the State of Arizona
  
3. **Committee Reports.**
  - **Continuum of Services (CoS).** Jennifer Anderson reported. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) application deadline was extended to November 25<sup>th</sup>. The committee continues working on HUD Exhibit 1. All but one of the Exhibit 2s are submitted. The remaining one is being reconciled with HUD's grant inventory sheet. TPCH will also submit the joint CPSA/Open Inn "Frontiers" permanent supportive housing program for homeless/chronically homeless young adults as its bonus project. Steven Wind noted that much of HUD Exhibit 1 comes from the point-in-time counts, grantees' Annual Performance Reviews (APR), and program descriptors. Everyone must enter data into HMIS, and prepare reports accurately to support the community's request for funding each year.

The Annual Shelter and Street Counts will be held in January 2010. The 2010 Street Count Subcommittee is recruiting and will hold its first meeting December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2:00-3:30 p.m. at Our Family Services, 3830 E. Bellevue.

The next CoS Committee meeting is Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at SAAF, 375 S. Euclid Avenue.

**Committee Reports cont'd**

- **Tucson Homeless Connect.** Don Blascak reported. The next Tucson Homeless Connect will be February 19<sup>th</sup> at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Don moved that \$2,000 be allotted from the TPCH General Fund for the next Tucson Homeless Connect. Barbara Montrose seconded. **Motion passed without opposition or abstention.** The next committee meeting is November 19<sup>th</sup>, 8:30-10:00 a.m. in the Cactus Room of the Santa Rita Building, 310 N. Commerce Park Loop.
- **Emergency Services.** Brother David Buer reported. Jim Kuzdal has asked that agencies come to the St. Vincent de Paul warehouse on Fridays for emergency blanket pick-ups.
 

The Salvation Army is ready to begin all three winter shelter programs: Operation Deep Freeze, weather-dependent emergency shelter as needed November 15<sup>th</sup>-March 31<sup>st</sup>, plus the congregational shelter programs Project Hospitality (PH) and One Step Beyond (OSB). Bed nights pledged to date for those programs are 2,630 for PH and 1,044 for OSB for a total of 4,674. A total of 69 nights are filled November 28<sup>th</sup>-February 28<sup>th</sup>. Only one night has no subscribed beds. Additional subscriptions are expected. Special efforts are underway to accommodate families through winter shelter. The Salvation Army has a new phone system and will have a new fax referral number.

The next meeting is Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. at Jackson Employment Center, 400 E. 26<sup>th</sup> Street.

  - **Next steps. a.)** The winter shelter fax number and program descriptions will be sent to the TPCH list serve.
  - **b.)** Agencies will select and refer case managed clients for congregational shelter.
- **HMIS.** Mary Beth Landis-Jantzen reported. This month a working session for entering program descriptors and training for HPRP personnel were held. System administrators alerted and instructed agencies that did not attend the former and provided the November 20<sup>th</sup> entry deadline. One training on basics and another on the advance reporting tool are scheduled on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at the City's IT Training Lab. Gospel Rescue Mission plans to join HMIS in January. Comin' Home and Old Pueblo Community Services are adding programs to HMIS to ensure maximum bed coverage. The next meeting is Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 3:00-4:30 p.m., at SAAF, 374 S. Euclid Avenue.
  - **Next step.** Details of the December HMIS trainings will be emailed.
- **Homeless Youth.** Laurie Mazerbo reported. November is National Homeless Youth and Runaway Prevention Month. The committee will present an event for youth at Skrappy's Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> with a meal, music, door prizes, and agencies to offer resources. The next meeting is, Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-10:30 a.m., at Eon/Wingspan, 430 E 7<sup>th</sup> Street.
- **Membership.** Jodie Barnes reported that the committee's next meeting needs to be set up.
- **Discharge Planning.** Nick Jones reported. The committee is discussing the community discharge plan for Exhibit 1 and "Guidelines on Getting Out" distribution. The next meeting is Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2:30-4:00 p.m., CPSA, 100 N. Stone Avenue, Suite 300, and may be attended by phone.
- **Education.** The next meeting is Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at Dia Barney's office. Please phone for location.
- **PTEH Committee and Task Force.** Anna Wheeler reported. The committee met jointly with the PTEH Task Force on November 5<sup>th</sup>. They continued updating the Plan to End Homelessness; reviewed draft goals and strategies for 2010-2012. They will finalize this work January 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 and will discuss formation of a longer-term multi-sector implementation group to work with TPCH and a new name for the plan. The next committee meeting is Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 1:30-2:30 p.m., in the Sentinel Building.

**4. Old Business.**

- **El Rio Clinic Update.** The El Rio Homeless Clinic has a new coordinator, Gina Williams.
- **UPH.** Deborah Montgomery of University Physicians Hospital, which runs University Family Care, one of the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) insurance plans, distributed brochures.
- **Need Help.** Updates to this brochure are in process with the hope of including Project Action information. A draft will be circulated to the TPCH list serve for proofing before printing.
- **Holiday Free Meals.** Participants requested a list of free holiday meals and meal supplies for the homeless and underserved.
  - **Next steps. a.)** A request for holiday meals/food listings will be sent to the TPCH list serve.
  - **b.)** Members will email events to [info@tpch.org](mailto:info@tpch.org).

- 5. **Next Meeting.** Thursday, December 10, 2009, 3:00-4:30 p.m., Rillito-Sabino Room, Sentinel Building, 320 N. Commerce Park Loop.

Submitted by Settle Madden

**Attendance**

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