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# TUCSON PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

## General Council Meeting

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### October 8, 2009 Minutes

Chairpersons: Dia Barney and Linda Kot

<b>Next Meeting:</b> Thursday October 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2009, 3:00 -4:30 p.m., SAAF, 375 S. Euclid Avenue
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1. **Minutes.** Anna Garcia moved and Kathleen Joy seconded that the minutes of the September meeting be approved as presented. **Motion passed without opposition or abstention.**
2. **Tucson Proposition 200.** Joy Wilcox presented the Primavera Foundation opposition to “the Public Safety Initiative”, Tucson Proposition 200, to amend the City Charter to mandate minimum staffing levels for police and response times for the fire department. This would require additional staff, equipment, and administrative costs. The mandate is unfunded, and may cost up to \$270 million, and dramatically cut or eliminate other existing services and/or require new taxes. She distributed Primavera’s position statement; invited participation in phone banks and an opposition walk; and provided [www.donthandcufftucson.com](http://www.donthandcufftucson.com) and a website with balanced information, <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/psfi>.
3. **Presentations.**
  - **Chairman’s Report.** Handclaps and congratulations were offered to the TPCH Education Committee for another successful annual conference; and the recipients of Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP) or “Project Action” funding, which are SAAF, CODAC, and the Primavera Foundation.
  - **HUD 2009 NOFA.** Val Quadros reported that the timeline for preparing TPCH’s 2009 HUD application was approved unanimously by a TPCH electronic vote, and distributed copies. Preparation time is unusually short, with all applications due to HUD November 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - **R&R Committee.** TPCH is a “hold harmless” continuum. If TPCH meets HUD’s baseline score, all renewals will be funded. Renewal projects do not need to be rated or ranked. Therefore, the Rating and Ranking (R&R) Committee will review only bonus project applications. Val asked for volunteers and nominations for the R&R Committee. Betty Bitgood, Mary Pat Sullivan, and Jim Kuzdal responded. Bill Magnotto moved and Val seconded that the volunteers be accepted as the R&R committee. **Motion passed without opposition or abstention.**
    - **Next step.** R&R Committee members will meet October 13th, 9:00 a.m. at La Frontera’s Sonora House, and return each applicant its score that afternoon.
  - **Submission of Renewals.** Steven Wind noted that he has requested additional information from each grantee to ensure accuracy of our TPCH’s Housing Inventory Chart, and has forwarded to each grantee the HUD instruction sheet on filling out Exhibit 2. Mary Pat Sullivan moved that TPCH approve the submission of all grant renewals. Bill Magnotto, Don Blascak, and Brother David Buer seconded. **Motion passed without opposition or abstention.**
  - **Scoring System.** Steven Wind explained the 100-point scoring system for Bonus Project applicant evaluations. Steve Nelson moved, and Val seconded that the system be approved. **Motion passed without opposition or abstention.** It was noted that there was currently no contingency plan for resolving a tie.
    - **Next step.** General Council will meet Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> to approve a Bonus Project or Projects.
- **TPCH Annual Conference Report.** Eric Cross reported. He thanked Dia Barney, Olivia Gutzman, and Elva De La Torre plus the administrative coordinator for consistent attendance and enthusiasm. “Navigating through tough times” was an appropriate theme: attendance was down from 175 last year to 116. Evaluations were very favorable. Eric extended many thanks to Don Blascak and Jill Rich for a fantastic silent auction, which doubled last year’s receipts. Total net was \$4,450.00, over \$500 more than last year.
- **AZCEH Update.** Leslie Carlson reported on the Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness (AZCEH) Annual Conference, October 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. Keynote speaker is Governor Janet Brewer, who has served on the Maricopa County Continuum of Care. Becky Kanis, Director of Innovations for the New York non-profit, Common Ground will talk about the “vulnerability index” as part of a national campaign to identify and house the 100,000 homeless persons at greatest risk of early mortality. There are about 50 breakout sessions, and special tracks for veterans’ services and McKinney-Vento liaisons, who can attend free.

**Presentations cont'd.**

- **HPRP/Project Action Update.** Jodie Barnes reported. HUD's contract deadline was met by awarding contracts to service agencies CODAC, Primavera, and SAAF for Project Action. These agencies' representatives are meeting weekly with the City's Jane Kroesen to smooth out the process and develop an orientation for providers before the expected start date of November 1<sup>st</sup>. Because of great need and the project's design (to serve those who cannot be served by existing programs), the roll out will be "soft". Jane noted that the program is intended as a model for the new Emergency Solutions Grants under the HEARTH Act, and is striving to create best practices. The referral website access should begin around November 1<sup>st</sup>. Rural services should be available by December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Veterans Stand Down.** Steve Nelson reported. The Tucson Veterans Stand Down outreach event is set for the same weekend as HopeFest, with which they work to provide veterans' dental services. AAA Transportation is providing transport between events. Stand Down is at Allen Hall, 12:00 p.m. Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> through 12:00 p.m. Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Activities planned include movies on a loaned wide-screen TV, and showing of a History Channel/Library of Congress oral history by veterans. The Gospel Rescue Mission, Christian Faith Center, Caridad de Porres, and Suns Lion Club are providing meals. Guests must stay for the weekend, except for transportation to and from HopeFest.

**3. Committee Reports.**

- **Continuum of Services.** The next meeting is October 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Sentinel Building.
- **Discharge Planning.** The next meeting is October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2:30-4:00 p.m., at CPSA, 100 N. Stone Avenue, Suite 300.
- **Education.** The next meeting is December 7<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-5:00 p.m., at COPE, 85 W. Franklin Street.
- **Emergency Services.** Brother David Buer reported. The committee is working hard on an effort to have two months of continuous shelter this winter. There is a real possibility of having one extra site for 50 homeless men. They are working to add a component for women and children. Many details remain to be worked out. To date, bed night pledges for the two congregation-based programs (November 28<sup>th</sup> – February 28<sup>th</sup>) are 2,233 for Project Hospitality, and 1,080 for OSB for a total of 3,313. Two new churches are participating. The next meeting is October 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:00-11:00 a.m. at Jackson Employment Center.
- **HMIS.** Karen Caldwell reported. The committee is working to achieve bed coverage levels for participation in the Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress (AHAR), and has done so in transitional and permanent housing. Administrators meet next week with Gospel Rescue Mission executives to demonstrate and encourage HMIS use. The committee feels confident that TPCB can participate in AHAR next year. Stan Hamnett noted that there were many scheduling conflicts in setting up the Gospel Rescue Mission meeting and that he is pleased to help. Barbara Montrose offered kudos to LaFrontera's RAPP team for entering their information into HMIS although not required to do so by their SAMSA grant.

Because of scheduling conflicts with training and program information input this month, the next meeting will be Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 3:00-4:30 p.m., at SAAF, 375 S. Euclid Avenue.

- **Membership.** Mary Pat reported. The committee met twice in the past month. Membership and attendance look good. They are requesting that committee chairs report monthly on which members are "active" to help the committee best do its work.
- **Homeless Youth.** Irene Timms reported. Laurie Mazerbo is now co-chair. The committee met October 2<sup>nd</sup> to prepare for the November 14<sup>th</sup> event, "Home is Where the Art is", 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Skrappy's 191 E. Toole Avenue. This is an awareness fair for National Runaway and Homeless Youth month. Donations are sought, especially clothing. Please drop off donations at Skrappy's. Tucson Heart Hospital will provide a meal for attendees. The next meeting is Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-10:00 a.m. at Skrappy's.
- **PTEH.** Leslie reported. The committee met jointly in September with the Plan To End Homelessness (PTEH) Task Force to work on an update to the plan, and separately today to discuss how the process will continue. The Task Force and Committee meet again jointly November 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-9:00 a.m. at the Carondelet Foundation, 120 N. Tucson Boulevard.
- **Tucson Homeless Connect.** Don reported that he is preparing operations procedures for each event area to standardize activities and minimize meeting time. The next meeting is Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8:30 a.m. in the Sentinel Building.

**4. Next Meeting.** The next, special General Council meeting is Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m. at SAAF, 375 S. Euclid Avenue.

The next regular General Council meeting is Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 3:00-4:30 p.m., Rillito-Sabino Room, City Sentinel Building, 320 N. Commerce Park Loop.

Submitted by Settle Madden

**Attendance**

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