
TUCSON PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

Homeless Youth Committee

April 3, 2009 Minutes

Co-Chair/convener: Irene Timms and Lisa Griffin

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| Next Meeting: April 24, 2009, 9:00 – 10:00 pm Open Inn, 630 E. 9 th Street. |
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| Report to TPCCH General Meeting |
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TOPICS DISCUSSED

- 1. Minutes.** Minutes of the March meeting were approved by consensus.
- 2. YAG Updates.** Lisa Griffin reported. Information is gathered and in the process of being posted to www.tucsonyag.org. Open Inn staff may help post information to speed website completion.
- 3. Interagency Program Training Day.** Irene reported receiving no responses to 10 invitations to local youth-serving agencies. She believes this is because she used her office, 240 W. Navajo Street, as the response address before learning that no mail is being delivered to there. Consensus was reached to: resend invitations using Open Inn's return address and "Atten. Lisa."; attempt to schedule the training for either Thursday June 18th or Thursday 25th from 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.; research Pima Community College, the Public Libraries, and CPSA as potential meeting sites; and provide lunch and drinks for the event, requesting funding from TPCCH if needed.
 - **Next steps:** a.) Participants will email Irene with additional service providers to invite.
b.) Kathy Woolridge will check on room availability.
c.) Irene will re-send invitations as discussed.
- 4. Outreach Training Outline.** Brandon Rawls reported. The peer coordinators recommend a resources pamphlet targeted specifically to homeless youth. This would be especially helpful to those who are not immediately willing to enter a program. Kathy volunteered to help and to ask Skrappy's participants to create and silk-screen a complementary poster. She suggested that local stores might display the poster, and stock resource pamphlets for those who are interested. Consensus was to go forward with this effort.
- 5. Summer Sun.** Don Blascak asked whether there will be a Summer Sun respite center for youth. Brandon noted that Open Inn's resource center is currently open Tuesday-Saturday, 12:00-4:00 p.m. year-round. The hours may change in the near future. Don noted that Open Inn can be added to the distribution list for contributed bottled water. Kathy noted that Skrappy's, at 6th and Toole Avenues, will be open 12:00-8:00 p.m., which days to be decided.
 - **Next step.** a.) Open Inn will be added to the Summer Sun shelter list.
b.) Brandon and Kathy will let Settle know when the schedules are set.
- 5. November Homeless Youth Event.** Alice Krohn reported that Guitars, Etc. is the newest Safe Place and will donate a guitar (door prize) and a gorilla-costumed character for the event. The Downtown Tucson newspaper editor will provide coverage. Kathy reported that the well-lighted parking lot is reserved and can be used for entertainment; Alice will ask a fire dancer to perform, with Open Inn providing insurance.
 - **Next steps, a.)** Kathy will seek a half-pipe demo plus a radio sponsor, and begin other publicity efforts for the event.

6. New Business.

- **Election of 2009-2010 Co-chairs.** The need to elect a chair or co-chairs was announced and nominations sought. Participants asked if Lisa and Irene were willing to continue. They agreed.
 - **Next step.** Election will be held at the April 17th meeting.
- **Other Community Events.** Don agreed to join the committee. He noted that the next Tucson Homeless Connect, one-day/one-stop homeless service event, is next being held July 17th; provided background on that and sister events Veterans Stand Down and Hope Fest; and extended a special invitation to youth agencies to participate in the next event. Back Pack to School, sponsored by Gap Ministries, is raising funds toward holding four events to provide supplies-filled backpacks to local Title 1 students at designated Title 1 schools, and to reach out to help the families as well.
- **Women's Commission.** Kathy reported that she has been nominated to the Tucson Women's Commission to head its youth committee representative. If elected, she will be calling on her colleagues to recommend young women for that committee.
- **Thanksgiving.** The possibility of combining Open Inn's and Skrappy's Thanksgiving dinners for youth was suggested

8. Next Meeting. Consensus was to hold a second meeting this month on Friday, April 17th at La Paloma Family Services EYMA Office. Schedule conflicts arose and meeting was changed to Friday, April 24th 9:00-10:30 a.m., Open Inn, 630 E. 9th Street..

Submitted by Settle Madden

Attendance

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| Lucia Ortiz | Tucson Preparatory School | lcortiz@yahoo.com |
| Brandon Rawls | Open Inn | brawls@openinn.org |
| Jeremy Serwer | YOTO | jserwer@yoto.org |
| Irene Timms | La Paloma Family Services | irene@lapalomakids.org |
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