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# TUCSON PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

## Homeless Youth Committee

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### December 4, 2009 Minutes

Convener/Co-Chair: Laurie Mazerbo

<b>Next Meeting:</b> January 8, 2010, 9:00 – 10:00 pm CUP, 3552 N. Stone Avenue
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<b>Report to TPCCH General Meeting</b>
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#### TOPICS DISCUSSED

1. **Minutes.** Minutes of the November meeting were accepted by consensus.
2. **“Home is where the Art is” Review.** Consensus was that attendance was down. Publicity should go out earlier and more activities be presented, with start times, on the published schedule.
3. **Banner.** Discussion deferred until Kathy Wooldridge can be present.
4. **Homeless Youth Committee Participation.** Participants discussed the fact that a local agency is serving/ housing youth without personnel background clearances or licenses for minors’ housing. Consensus was that compliant agencies will distinguish themselves by conducting invitation-only, multi-agency events. It was suggested that the committee might ask for a TPCCH Operating Policies revision stating that Homeless Youth Committee participants must be in compliance with all applicable regulations.
  - **Next steps.** Laurie Mazerbo will discuss with the co-chair, and then the committee will revisit the issue.
5. **Future Projects.** Participants were urged to volunteer for the 2010 Homeless Street Count on Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, and consider when/how to conduct the next Interagency Training Day.
6. **Events/Announcements.**
  - **YOTO Holiday Party.** The event will be Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-7:30 p.m., at the Sun Life Chapel, 2955 W. Ironwood Hills Drive (Silverbell & Grant). Food is donated. Each of the 359 youth in service will receive one ticket each to choose a gift from each of five themed rooms.
  - **Wingspan/AZ Gender Alliance.** There will be a monthly hot meal Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at Wingspan/Eon for LGBT youth, ages 13-23, and their allies. The Wingspan Holiday Party will be Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> beginning 4:30-5:00 p.m. Both are at 430 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street. The organization’s monthly calendar was distributed.
  - **ODF is on.** Operation Deep Freeze (ODF) to temporarily house homeless persons during severe weather has been declared “on” for tonight and tomorrow night.
7. **Next Meeting.** Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-10:30 a.m., CUP, 3552 N. Stone Avenue.

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#### Attendance

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