
TUCSON PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

Homeless Youth Committee

February 6, 2009 Minutes

Co-Chair/convener: Lisa Griffin

Next Meeting: March 6, 2009, 9:00 – 10:00 pm Open Inn, 630 E., 9 th Street

Report to TPCH General Meeting

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TOPICS DISCUSSED

1. **Minutes.** Minutes of the January meeting were approved by consensus.
2. **Agency Updates.**
 - **Giving Tree.** Libby Wright reported that two homes were donated to the Giving Tree, giving them a total of six homes, some of which are used as co-housing. One home is dedicated to single fathers with children. Some grandparents raising children live with them.

The walk for Homeless Kids in November drew approximately 250 walkers and was followed with a celebration with live music. Newspapers pre-publicized the event, and drew a number of individuals who were not previously aware of or associated with the Giving Tree. TV stations covered the event. They felt that it raised awareness. All area agencies are invited to present tables at the 2009 event.
 - **YOTO.** Jeremy Serwer reported that Top of the Town fundraising dinner and “Youth of the Year” award presentation is set for March 7th, 5:30 p.m. at La Paloma Resort.
3. **November National Homeless Awareness Event.** Deferred.
4. **Update on Tucson YAG.** Lisa Griffin reported. The website www.tucsonyag.org is up although still under construction. They hope to have all information received to date input to the site by the end of next week.

Attendance at the Tucson Young Adult Guide (YAG) group is down, so Lisa will be calling for members at the next TPCH General Council meeting. The next meeting of the Tucson YAG group is February 18th, at Intermountain, 3:00-5:00 p.m. All committee members and colleagues are invited.

 - **Next steps:** Information on www.tucsonyag.org will be included in the next TPCH weekly announcements.
5. **Interagency Program Training Day.** No location has yet been secured. Irene Timms was unable to attend due to a client giving birth. She will email the draft invitation letter to McKinney-Vento representatives to committee members. The area McKinney-Vento representatives will meet on February 12th, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at 3228 E. Ginter Road (Palo Verde Portable Building at Sunside School District Administration). Committee members who can do so will attend.
 - **Next steps. a.)** Irene will email the draft invitation letter to committee members.
b.) Members who attend the McKinney Vento representatives meeting will informally survey the representatives present then report back to the committee.

8. New Business. Brandon Rawls asked if a client who is eager to volunteer might attend and potentially join the committee. Participants assured him that the youth are welcome to join and their perspectives needed, then discussed ways to encourage and accommodate youth participations.

9. Next meeting. Friday, March 6th, 9:00-10:00 a.m., Open Inn, 630 E., 9th Street.

Submitted by Settle Madden

Attendance

Jeff Goers	Giving Tree	jeffbgo@yahoo.com
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Brandon Rawls	Open Inn	brawls@openinn.org
Jeremy Serwer	Youth on Their Own	jserwer@yoto.org
Libby Wright	The Giving Tree	libbyloveskids@yahoo.com