
TUCSON PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

Tucson Homelessness Connect Work Group

May 28, 2009 Minutes – DRAFT

Chair: Don Blascak

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 11, 2009, 9:00-10:30 a.m., Pantano Rm., Sentinel Bldg., 320 N. Commerce Park Loop

Report to TPCH General Meeting June 11th
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TOPICS DISCUSSED

1. **Minutes.** Minutes of the April 30th meeting were approved by consensus.
2. **Event Status.**
 - **Guest Entry.** Don Blascak reported. The church has agreed to allow guests through Fellowship Hall (making van drop-offs convenient by the adjacent ramp), where they will have immediate shade, water, and coffee, Registration would remain in the same area, and foot traffic would proceed from there as before. Lunch will also be in Fellowship Hall. Resources. Discussion revealed consensus to relocate exit tables, most likely in a separate room next to Trinity Hall.
 - **Next step.** Don will contact Trinity's Joe Lopez regarding an appropriate resource/exit location.
 - **Volunteer Instructions.** Lori Block has completed and distributed the volunteer instructions.
 - **Media.** Leslie Carlson has agreed to review and update media, public service announcements, public official invitations; and collection of event documentation. The Tucson HUD Office did not get the intern they expected, but has agreed to reproduce forms in the requested numbers.
 - **Radios.** Stan Hamnett reported that he has not been able to contact the person who lends radios. (Loan of radios confirmed the next day.)
 - **Resources.** Don noted that Lori has most of the tablecloths from the previous event. Registration tables will be clothed in blue; exit and resource tables in red; luncheon in checked; and all others in white with the possible use of some remaining orange table cloths. Bus passes will be available.

Donations to date are meager. There are many plastic bags, 30 hats; and more than 100 bottles of water. Sunscreen will be provided by the TPCH Emergency Services Committee. Stan will provide socks.

Stan noted that he still has eight or nine cases of the donated commercial grade lantern batteries, and will ensure that the White Shepherd Van will be there to distribute clothing. Don noted that approximately six or seven cases of batteries were given away at the previous event. Stan reported that many homeless people seem to use newer, more compact lanterns.

 - **Next step. a.)** Don will approach the American Red Cross for comfort kit items.
 - b.)** Committee will approach Southwest Gas and the local Social Security Administration Office for lip balm donations.
 - c.)** Don will distribute a list of needed comfort kit items.
 - d.)** Settle will continue to include resource solicitations in the TPCH Weekly Announcements.
 - e.)** Wayne Steele will coordinate with Joe Lopez on bathroom paper restocking and clean-up supplies.
 - **Forms czar.** An overseer for the forms is still needed. Stan suggested Billy Cockerham. (Billy agreed the next day.)

3. Providers Update. Rick Sumner reported that the provider invitations are going out today with follow-up by email reminders and phone calls. There will be a provider packet including a welcome, event summary, schedule and map, plus sheets for capturing the representative's name documenting services and numbers served, plus instructions for use of these sheets. Double-sided provider signs are planned. Providers arrive early and enter through the entrance nearest their assigned location with event volunteer assistance. Provider liaisons will wear red shirts and red lanyards. Don suggested encouraging providers to exchange business cards.

Charlie Bowker reported that he has one nurse committed and several pending or recruiting. The UA Mobile Health Center is being recruited again.

4. Commercial Sponsorship. Maryann Beerling has agreed to work on commercial sponsorships for events beginning in July 2010.

5. Transportation. Rick noted that Mickey can be the transportation manager, and another driver will be located to replace Mickey. Don noted that he is working with AAA Transportation to see if they will donate a van specifically for the Motor Vehicle Division round-trips, and possibly for the northwest pick-ups. Stan is committing one van and driver.

6. Next Meeting: Friday, June 11, 2009, 9:00-10:00 a.m., Pantano Room, Sentinel Building, 320 N. Commerce Park Loop.

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Attendance

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