
TUCSON PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

Tucson Homeless Connect Committee

July 9, 2009 Minutes

Convener: Don Blascak

Next Meeting: To be determined.

Report to TPCCH General Meeting

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TOPICS DISCUSSED

- Minutes.** Charlie Bowker moved and Jodie Barnes seconded that the minutes of the June 25th meeting be approved as presented. **Motion passed.**
- Event Arrangements and Challenges.**
 - Providers.** Don Blascak reported that 30 providers are signed up. Jeff Burnham noted that no podiatrist has stepped forward to participate. Charlie added that the providers subcommittee members plan to wear red shirts to identify themselves. Providers are asked to arrive at 7:30 a.m. Provider subcommittee members will: deliver packets that have the providers' forms and sign-in sheets; canvass the providers at about 8:40 a.m. to see whether there are providers who did not attend; remove any unneeded signs; and report (by cross-off on the master list) any non-attending providers to registration so that guests may be properly informed regarding services. Billy at the Gospel Rescue Mission has agreed to do certificates of appreciation for the providers.
 - Next steps. a.)** Don will complete the map of the event layout.
 - b.)** Don will issue a final providers list to the committee.
 - c.)** Don follow up with Billy to ensure that certificates are available.
 - Volunteers.** Lori Block reported that 60 volunteers have signed up to date. In keeping with previous events, she expects that approximately 40 will arrive on the day without prior enrollment. Erin Buckner noted that she has arranged a number of volunteers from the church and will ask attendees of the art class meeting this morning if they would like to volunteer.

Settle Madden will oversee registration, and ground floor exit interviews. Wayne Steele will oversee exit from Trinity Hall adjacent to the resource table. Charlie will be in charge of the volunteers who act as guest guides. He would like to have copies of a services map for the guides that is color-coded to match signage. He will give the guides a tour of the facilities prior to the event.

 - Next steps. a.)** Lori will train volunteers at 4:00 p.m. July 16th and at 7:30 a.m. July 17th.
 - b.)** Lori will make name tags for all event organizers and volunteers.
 - c.)** Don will provide the color-coded services maps.
 - Transportation.** Don reported that the Salvation Army is still negotiating for AAA Transportation to provide the round-trip service from Trinity Presbyterian to the Motor Vehicle Division. Four vans (Gospel Rescue Mission, Salvation Army, Primavera Foundation, and Comin' Home) will be available to transport guests. A fifth would be welcomed. Most of the drivers are experienced with the event.
 - Additional Donations.** Glenn Fournier and Maryann Beerling reported that Great Western Bank donated \$5 and Target donated a \$200 gift card, which can be used to purchase any additional hygiene items or event supplies. Don reported that he has received 25 cases of bottled water for the event.
 - Next steps. a.)** Glenn will make signs thanking all donors to the event.
 - b.)** Glenn will forward donor addresses to Lori for "thank you" letter creation.
 - c.)** Erin will bring easels for "thank you" sign display.
 - d.)** Don and Leslie Carlson will try to see that media interviews at the event take place where those signs are visible.

Event Arrangements and Challenges cont'd.

- **Publicity.** Don noted that he reviewed and approved Leslie's new release, which will go out immediately. Don noted that he and Steve Nelson are working to have people who have recovered or are recovering from homelessness available for media interviews.
 - **Next steps. a.)** Don will urge Phyllis Lim of the Tucson HUD Office to attend and greet public officials and media.
 - b.)** Leslie will ask members of the Plan To End Homelessness Task Force to attend the July 17th event.
 - c.)** Joe Lopez will ask an individual recovering from homelessness with help from Trinity if he will be interviewed.
 - d.)** Don and Settle will seek an event photographer.
 - e.)** Don will ensure that the media packets are reproduced.
 - **Parking.** Trinity building supervisor Joe Lopez reported that he will have the parking lot on the south side of University Boulevard blocked off for the use of providers and volunteers.
 - **Comfort Kits/Resources.** Glenn and Maryann have arranged for volunteers to assemble the comfort kits at 9:00 a.m. July 16th. Erin, Maryann and Glenn noted that they have obtained quite a lot of donated clothing.
 - **Next steps. a.)** Don will pick up clothing that is available today and take it to the Gospel rescue Mission so that it can be hanged and integrated into the White Shepherd clothing van for distribution at the event.
 - b.)** Maryann will bring hangers for the remaining clothes on the 16th.
 - **Recovery Meeting.** Participants discussed holding a 12-step recover meeting during the event for guests who are in recovery. Erin noted that this could be held in the gallery.
 - **Next step.** Patti Scott-Lopez will organize a 12-step recovery meeting for the event.
 - **Other.** In the interest of health, Maryann Beerling offered to bring a large supply of hand sanitizer.
4. **Facilities Tour.** Participants walked through the areas to be used for the event to familiarize themselves with the facility and general services locations.
5. **Next Meeting.** To be determined.

Submitted by Settle Madden

Attendance

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