
TUCSON PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

Tucson Homeless Connect Committee

November 19, 2009 Minutes

Convener: Don Blascak

<p>Next Meeting: December 17, 2009, 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Santa Cruz Room, Sentinel Building 320 N. Commerce Park Loop</p>

<p>Report to TPCH General Meeting</p>
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| <p>■ Additional \$1,050 raised as of November 19th</p> |
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TOPICS DISCUSSED

- Minutes.** Glenn Fournie moved and Rick Sumner seconded to approve the October minutes as presented.
Motion passed.
- Funding.** Don Blascak reported that the TPCH General Council approved \$2,000 for the next event. Glenn Fournie reported that WalMart on Valencia donated \$300; Tucson Electric Power, \$250; and the Southern Arizona Procurement Fair, \$500. All donations are in cash, for a total of \$1,050. With the \$2,000 TPCH, total current funding is \$3,050. Glenn is also requesting a donation from the city to be split between the February event and the following Tucson Homeless Connect. He has submitted requests to Southwest Gas, Costco, Raytheon, Target, Wells Fargo Bank, and Desert Diamond Casino. Maryann Beerling is approaching CPSA.
 - Cigna Health Insurance is donating 200 toothbrushes and 200 bandage dispenser packs.
 - **Budget.** Lori Block distributed and participants reviewed a revised budget based on 400 guests at \$15 per guest and totaling \$6,000
 - **Fundraising/Awareness Activity.** Glenn noted that he was approached by some parents who asked if their children could take information about Tucson Homeless Connect to their school to raise awareness and donations. Participants discussed the idea and reached consensus that this is an excellent idea beneficial to the event and in keeping with TPCH's advocacy/education mission.
 - Lori noted that she believes a local printer would donate 8x11-inch colored flyers to assist with this effort. Glenn said that the City design staff will design the flyer.
 - **Next step. a.)** Committee members will work on the "top 10" reasons to support Tucson Homeless Connect by email.
 - b.)** Glenn will ask the city designer who did the prior events' "thank you" signs to design the flyer.
 - c.)** Lori will seek a printing donation.
 - **Inventory.** Wayne Steele submitted a list of materials stored at Trinity Presbyterian Church and available for the next Tucson Homeless Connect event, and participants reviewed to determine what else was needed. Don noted that he also has 12 more cases of D cell flashlight batteries.
 - **Executive Directors Workgroup Representative.** Lori Block volunteered to represent the committee in the workgroup, Don would also like to attend.
 - **Signage.** Participants discussed the idea of using a main banner with changeable sponsor logos, and smaller banners to denote service area types.
 - **Next step.** Don will check with Kathy Wooldridge of Skrappy's regarding banner production.

- 3. Providers.** Rick Sumner noted that the providers' subgroup will continue to have member/liaisons work by category with the providers with whom they have working relationships. They plan to institute a providers' welcome packet with feedback form. Settle Madden relayed a recommendation from Veterans Stand Down to invite Pima County Animal Control to do vaccinations and licensing; use cell phone booths and calling cards for guests; and seek a podiatrist. Participants discussed category banners.
- **Next steps. a.)** Rick will communicate categories to guide lead Charlie Bowker to help determine banner needs.
 - b.)** Wayne will check to see if Trinity Presbyterian Church will allow animals.
 - c.)** Lori will follow through with cell phones.
 - d.)** The providers subcommittee will meet before the main committee's December 17th meeting.
- 4. Next Meeting.** Thursday, December 17, 2009, 8:30 – 10:00 a.m., room to be determined.
- **Next step.** Jodie will reserve rooms for the remaining meetings prior to the next Tucson Homeless Connect.

Submitted by Settle Madden

Attendance

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