
TUCSON PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

Continuum of Services Committee

February 23, 2010 Minutes

Co-chairs: Val Quadros, Jennifer Andersen

Next Meeting: March 24, 2010, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. City of Tucson Sentinel Bldg. 320 N. Commerce Park Loop
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Report to TPCH General Meeting March 11th

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| ■ 2010 Street Count Final Report |
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TOPICS DISCUSSED

- 1. Minutes.** Susanna Rodriguez moved and Nick Jones seconded that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as presented. **Motion passed.** .
- 2. Shelter Survey Follow-up.** Jennifer reported that surveys are still missing, from the Gospel Rescue Mission Women's Shelter and the VASH program. Susanna noted that the City/County ConPlan, as well as the Arizona Department of Economic Security and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, need the completed numbers from this survey. Jennifer added that recent feedback from HUD noted discrepancies between TPCH's numbers in the Housing Inventory Chart and HMIS. These need to be corrected.
 - **Next step.** Committee members will remind the individuals who have not yet submitted surveys to do so.
- 3. Street Count Follow-up.** Jennifer noted that a previously uncaught data entry mistake was discovered yesterday. The number of chronically homeless is reduced to 418, and the percentage to 27%. The Street Count co-chairs have agreed to serve again next year.
- 4. Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent & End Homelessness.** Participants discussed four questions for which they were requested to provide feedback for Arizona's representative to the March 3rd conference on development of the Federal Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness.
 - **Strategies to Prevent & End Homelessness.** Suggestions included: adequate funding for services to the reported number of homeless persons; rental assistance supports; re-examination of the crime-free and drug-free initiatives in light of the barriers they create to homeless persons seeking housing; special attention to those whose mental illness and/or substance abuse make obtaining and retaining housing difficult, such as more funding for and increased use of Safe Haven housing; development of a comprehensive strategy for housing sex offenders; provide funding for 10-year plans' implementation; encourage and continue collaboration and avoidance of duplication of programs among federal departments and agencies as is encouraged through the area continua of care; improve communication from the federal government to continua or care regarding all government grants, not only those originating from HUD.
 - **Best Practices & Barriers.** Participants declined to recommend best practices without in-hand data to support the effectiveness of suggestions.
 - **Effective Areas of Federal Government.** Participants cited as particularly effective the continuum of care process; the development of HMIS; and SAMHSA PATH Grants,

Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent & End Homelessness cont'd.

- **Suggestions for Improving Federal Effectiveness.** Continued and improved inter-agency communication, cooperation and coordination; reduction of regulatory requirements that create barriers to effective agencies participation in grant opportunities and/or delay implementation of projects, especially capital grants; and examination of federal goals and objectives to ensure that they actually match the needs of participating communities.

- **Next steps: a.)** TPCH administrative coordinator will forward draft minutes to Linda Kot.

- **b.)** Linda will forward recommendations from this and the PTEH committees to Arizona's representative to the March 3rd conference.

5. **CoS Timeline & CoC Consultant Contract.** Participants agreed to form a workgroup to establish a timeline for the committee's work and to educate the General Council on the Exhibit 1 preparation process. Jennifer, Val, Linda, Susanna and Steven Wind will form the workgroup.

- **Next step.** Workgroup will develop a timeline for discussion at the next meeting.

6. **New Business.** Barbara Montrose reported on the Executive Directors Workgroup, which is current meeting every other week. They have clarified their purpose, reviewed all TPCH funding sources and distribution; and are considering the results of HEARTH Act implement as well as the TPCH operating policies. She invited all those interested to attend. They currently assume that the workgroup may last up to two years.

The meetings are on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at the CPSA Wilmot office, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The next meeting is March 2nd.

7. **Next Meeting.** Wednesday, March 24, 2010, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Sentinel Building.

Submitted by Settle Madden

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