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# TUCSON PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

## Continuum of Services Committee

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### June 23, 2010 Minutes

Co-chairs: Val Quadros, Jennifer Andersen

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 28, 2010, 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.,**  
Pantano Rm., Sentinel Bldg. 320 N. Commerce Park Loop

**Report to TPCCH General Meeting July 8<sup>th</sup>**

- Preparations continue for 2010 Exhibit 1. NOFA not yet released.

### TOPICS DISCUSSED

- 1. Minutes.** Nick Jones moved and Val Quadros seconded that the minutes of the May meeting be approved as presented. **Motion passed.** .
- 2. Rating and Ranking Workgroup.** Susanna Rodriguez noted that the group plans to meet within the next two weeks.
- 3. NOFA policy requirements and general section.** The Notice of HUD's Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Policy Requirements and General Section to HUD's FY 2010 NOFA for Discretionary Programs was distributed by email with the meeting reminder. Participants discussed the document and noted the following. There is greater accountability for performance, which is being achieved through electronic linking of data through the HUD Data Exchange (HDX); each continuum's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS); and phased-in implementation of electronic submission of Annual Performance Reports (APRs). The policy requirements included detailed instructions on when programs begin their first electronic APR submission. Those who wish to propose a new bonus project should understand the HUD policy priorities in order to address those priorities in and gain application points for their bonus project proposals.

Participants also discussed changes in both HUD data standards and the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) software. Additional new requirements include: use of some parts of the Self Sufficiency Matrix; changes in required fields; and required system consistency. HMIS will no longer accept entries that are inconsistent with existing data. For instance, when the point-in-time (PIT) counts are done, entries that do not match the existing housing inventory chart will not be accepted. Programs with HMIS users who need training updates should contact Don Logue of Symmetric Solutions, [dlogue@symmetricsolutions.com](mailto:dlogue@symmetricsolutions.com) .
- 4. Next steps in application process (timeline review).** The 2010 Continuum of Care Grant Submission timeline was distributed by email with the meeting reminder. Participants reviewed achievements to date, and changes needed to reflect dates of accomplishments and delay of the NOFA release. It was suggested that replace "days after NOFA release" as soon as possible.
  - **Next step.** Jennifer Andersen will update the timeline.
- 5. Old Business.** Steve Nelson noted that TPCCH's 2009 Exhibit 1 score has still not been received. If a thorough review of the scoring is desired, the continuum must write, within 30 days of receipt of their score, a letter to the regional HUD office to request knowledge of the scoring system and the review. The CoS Committee is responsible for making the request.
  - **Next step.** Committee co-chairs will draft a letter requesting a review of TPCCH's Exhibit 1 score so that it is available when scores are released.

**6. New Business.**

- **Meeting time.** Jennifer asked whether there were any objections to making the meeting time earlier in the day. Participants reached consensus to meet at 8:30 a.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month.
  - **Next step.** Susanna Rodriguez will check for city room availability. If no city room is available, the meeting will be held at the Sullivan Jackson Employment Center, 400 E. 26<sup>th</sup> Street. (Pantano Room was reserved.)
- **DOL Awards.** Steve Nelson noted that the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Veterans Employment and Training Services yesterday announced the award of two homeless veterans re-integration grants: a renewal of \$245,000 to Sullivan Jackson Employment Center; and a first-time grant of \$200,000 to the Primavera Foundation. The grants are for workforce development and will provide employability training and employment assistance for homeless veterans who were released from the active military without a dishonorable discharge.
- **Bridge Subsidy Program.** Barbara Montrose noted that the Arizona's Departments of Housing (ADOH) and Behavioral Health Services recently awarded CPSA 23 new units for people with SMI determinations who are homeless or precariously housed and on the Section 8 waiting list. The name of the program is Bridge Subsidy.
- **Low-income/Homeless Grant Housing.** Nick Jones reported that Old Pueblo Community Services (OPCS) received another \$575,000 from the ADOH's Arizona Your Way program, which places low income families into homes. OPCS is also opening another 70 beds for homeless veterans.

7. **Next Meeting.** Wednesday, July 28, 2010, 8:30-10:00 a.m., location to be determined (TBD) as noted under "Meeting time".

Submitted by Settle Madden

**Attendance**

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