
TUCSON PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

Discharge Planning Committee

February 23, 2010 Minutes

Chair: Dan Haley

Next Meeting: March 23, 2010, 2:30 – 4:00 pm CPSA, 101 N. Stone Ave., Suite 300

Report to TPCCH General Meeting
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TOPICS DISCUSSED

1. **Minutes.** Betty Bitgood moved and Kristina Lunde seconded that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as presented. **Motion passed.**
2. **“Guidelines” Distribution Review.** Dan reported that the Arizona Department of Correction (ADC) has received a large delivery of copies and is surveying need in order to request a specific number of additional copies. Gloria reported that she obtained 400 copies for the Pima County Jail and has also converted the document to and distributed it in WordPerfect so that specialists can produce it from their computers. She requested another 400 copies.
 - **Next step.** Dan will deliver another 400 “Guidelines” to Gloria.
3. **Old Business.**
 - **Recruitment.** Dan reported that it is important that the committee recruit representatives from area hospitals and children’s services, especially foster care. Additional volunteers were requested at the General Council meeting. He asked that current committee members are \consider and suggest/invite participation from such professionals.
 - **ADC.** Linda Saxon said that the Arizona Department of Corrections has issued a request for proposal for outside vendors to provide the department’s mental health and medical services.
4. **New Business.**
 - **Update for Emergency Shelter List.** Dan agreed to update the list and present it for committee review at the next meeting. Betty volunteered to attempt to contact emergency room personnel in order to facilitate communication and education efforts. Gloria Mendoza will check on whether there is currently is a way to report the number of homeless people in the jail for the annual street count, and, if not, whether the question of homelessness could be included on the intake interview.
 - **Next steps.** Gloria will work with the Pima County Jail administration to determine whether or not they ask about homelessness on intake.
 - **Guidelines Updates.** Dan asked committee members to prepare to accept assignments for updating the “Guidelines on Getting Out” beginning next month.
 - **PREP.** Kristina reported that this year is the last year of the Primavera Foundation’s current structure of the Prisoner Reentry Program (PREP) grant. Entry in the future will be a randomized trial with 60% of qualified applicants going directly into PREP, and 40% being referred to other services. PREP will continue to do orientations in the prisons.
 - **ADC 2009 Numbers of Homeless Releases.** Dan distributed a copy of a working document indicating that 2,471 ADC inmates were released in Pima County in 2009.

Submitted by Settle Madden

Attendance

Betty Bitgood
Clark Dyer
Dan Haley
Kristina Lunde
Gloria Mendoza
Linda Saxon

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