
TUCSON PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

Emergency Services Committee

April 14, 2010 Minutes

Co-chairs: Jim Kuzdal, David Buer

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May, 5 2010, 10:00-11:30 am Sullivan Jackson Employment Center, 400 E. 26 th St.
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Report to TPCCH General Meeting May 13th
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| ■ Don Blascak and Jill Rich elected as 2010-2011 co-chairs |
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TOPICS DISCUSSED

- 1. Minutes.** Jill Rich moved and Kim Ward seconded that the minutes of the March meeting be approved as presented. **Motion passed.**
- 2. Summer Sun Preparations.** A preliminary list of available sites was distributed, reviewed, and revised. Jill reported 10 cases of bug repellent sunscreen available. Don reported that some of the winter emergency shelter funds may be available for purchase of sack lunches for the Summer Sun effort if sufficient funds remain to serve all sites as grantors require. The Salvation Army and the Interfaith Coalition for the Homeless are encouraging, collecting and distributing water from donation drives.
 - **Next step:** TPCCH administrative coordinator will continue to seek updates to the list of sites.
- 3. Winter Shelter Review.** Don reported that recruitment of bed night pledge has begun and more than 650 bed nights are already pledged. One church has asked to switch from hosting Project Hospitality to One Step Beyond, and offered to extend their service season.

Participants discussed how to improve social worker/case manager coverage during Operation Deep Freeze (ODF) and Project Hospitality (PH). Consensus was to: write a letter to area agency executive directors on TPCCH letterhead explaining the need for professionals at ODF and the requirement that PH participants be in active case management upon referral and remain so during participations; and to conduct orientations and case manager coverage sign-up at the agencies prior to the winter shelter season.

 - **Next step.** Kim Ward will draft the letter with Don's input.
- 4. Blankets.** Deferred.
- 5. Continuous Winter Shelter possibilities.** Participants discussed the possibility of conducting a continuous winter shelter for 2010-2011, and read copies of letters from the Flowing Wells Assembly of God pastor and associate pastor regarding their experiences of continuous Brother David's continuous shelter. After extensive discussion, members voted for options as follows: no more discussion, 2; continue the discussion in a body separate from TPCCH and this committee, 5; continue the discussion in a committee workgroup, 2; and abstaining, 2.
 - **Next step.** Committee will continue with its current structure for the 2010-2011 winter shelter season.
- 6. Election of 2010-11 co-chairs.** The floor was opened for nominations for the committee's 2010-2011 co-chairs. Yoli Hasler nominated Don Blascak, who accepted. Clarissa Garcia nominated Mary Pat Sullivan, who declined and nominated Jill Rich. **Don and Jill were elected as co-chairs with one abstention.**
 - **Next step.** Jill Rich and Don Blascak become committee co-chairs on July 1st.

7. **Next Meeting:** Participants decided on the dates of the next two meetings as follows: Wednesday, May 5th, and Wednesday, June 9th. Both meetings will be held 10:00-11:30 a.m. at Sullivan Jackson Employment Center, 400 E. 26th Street.

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Attendance

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