
TUCSON PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

Emergency Services Committee

March 16, 2010 Minutes

Co-chair/convener: David Buer

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 14, 2010, 10:00-11:30 am Sullivan Jackson Employment Center, 400 E. 26 th Street
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Report to TPCCH General Meeting April 8th

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Continuous winter shelter exploration■ Congregation program/case management procedures review.■ Summer Sun preparations |
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TOPICS DISCUSSED

1. **Minutes.** Brother David noted that the February minutes should reflect that the average number of guests during the first 31 days of continuous winter shelter was 29 rather than 21. Jill Rich moved and Sylvia Cuestas seconded that the February minutes be approved as amended. **Motion passed.**
2. **Budget.** Lori Block distributed a break down of winter shelter income and expenses, showing that the committee manages a total of \$147,726.47 (attached) for emergency shelter programs. It currently appears likely that there will no need to call Operation Deep Freeze before the program ends March 31st, Don Blascak reported approximately 325 cots available, and suggested purchasing 50 cots to replace 50 that are likely to fail. Pending final cost figures in mid-April, funds may be available to spend on allowed categories (including cots) by June 30th. Lori noted that FEMA granted almost \$800 more than anticipated, including \$5,000 for summer sun lunches, a first-time award. Jill noted the need for the sunscreen for the Summer Sun program, and that the sunscreen/bug repellent is currently on sale. Consensus was to spend up to \$2,500 on sunscreen.
Lori noted that the City of Tucson's request for proposal for crisis services is due this Friday.
Brother David noted that the Franciscan Summer Sun sites last year operated on \$3,700 from his parish's donations. Those costs were for gifts to the host churches for utilities and for supplies such as juice and ice. He asked whether the committee could take over the operation of those sites. Participants discussed the fact that Project Hospitality (PH) and One Step Beyond (OSB) congregations pay for their own utilities and associated supplies, and noted that the issue of fairness should be considered.
 - o **Next steps.** a.) Jill will order no more than \$2,500 of sunscreen for the Summer Sun program.
 - b.) Lori will complete a request to the City of Tucson for \$30,000 as in previous years.
3. **Winter Shelter review.** Don reviewed the fill rates for bed nights for PH, which varied monthly, but were lower than desired, and One Step Beyond (OSB), approximately 80%. Participants discussed the history, procedures, and current status of the winter shelter programs, including Operation Deep Freeze (ODF). Consensus was that there is a need for more opportunities for and more intense case management of guests in ODF and PH. It was noted that the Veterans Administration case management of OSB clients continues to be vigorous. Participants reached consensus that the following need to be resumed: case manager trainings by Salvation Army; recruitment of case managers for ODF visits; and nightly case manager presence.
4. **Continuous Shelter Review.** Participants discussed the first year's experience of continuous shelter and whether or not continuous shelter could be provided for the 2010-2011 season. Concerns were expressed regarding the initial site's safety and health environment, the training of workers, and the expectations of and rules for guests. Consensus was to explore the possibility of doing continuous ODF in 2010-2011, and consider funding for the same.

Continuous Shelter Review cont'd.

Lori Block noted that it has always been difficult to exactly determine ODF's specific costs because the Salvation Army runs all three winter shelter programs, and invoices for all three together. She believes that as currently run, the program costs \$1,500 per night, and would therefore require another \$75,000 to occur in the way it is normally operated. A media appeal through Salvation Army was discussed. Using the "new homeless" combined with the variable weather and the minor differences in comfort between very low temperatures as media spins was suggested.

- o **Next step:** Kim Ward will begin discussion with the Salvation Army city commander about opening the Hospitality House for continuous shelter in 2010-2011.

5. **Blankets.** Yoli Hasler reported that she is awaiting a call from the Department of Defense representative with a fulfillment date for the current order of 5,000 blankets. She noted that the Salvation Army is distributing blankets rapidly.
6. **Summer Sun.** Don noted that he has begun working with churches on water donation drives for the Summer Sun program. Sites need to be confirmed and a list compiled.
 - o **Next steps. a.)** Don will work to organize and report congregational donations.
 - b.) TPCB Administrative Coordinator will check on prior and possible new Summer Sun sites.
7. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, April 14th, 10:00 -11:30 a.m. Sullivan Jackson Employment Center, 400 E. 26th Street. Meeting was later changed to Wednesday, April 14th due to the unavailability of one co-chair.

Submitted by Settle Madden

Attendance

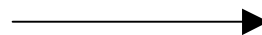
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Seasonal Emergency Services Budget – 2009/2010

Source of Funding	Purpose	Partners
City of Tucson - \$23,010	Coordination of PH/OSB, medical clinic at in-take, OSB transportation, ODF taxi transportation, detox, clinic services and supplies. Must have invoices and receipts for reimbursement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICH - \$16,510 • Compass Health Care - \$500 • Comin' Home - \$4,000 • Admin - \$2,000
Department of Economic Security(DES) - \$75,853.47	Intake site staff, training, supervision, ODF staff, training, supervision, facilities utilities, food, supplies Must show that we provided 4,691 bednights of shelter. DES pays \$16.17 per bednight.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salvation Army – up to \$66,353.47 • Admin - \$9,500
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) - \$31,863	Mass Shelter - 2,230 bednights - \$27,880, plus other food (2,500 sack lunches for summer sun \$3,983). Mass shelter money can be spent for food, salaries, utilities, supplies (sun screen, cots, etc), and storage as related to sheltering. Must show that we provided 2,230 bednights. Can not be the same bednights as we counted for DES. FEMA pays \$12.50 per bednight. Must have invoice from supply and food vendors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salvation Army – up to \$18,646.53 • Caridad – up to \$6,600 • Mobile Mini (storage) – up to \$1,000 • ICH – up to \$1,490 • Miscellaneous supplies – up to \$4,126.47
AZ Department of Housing - \$17,000 This year only	\$15,000 – motel vouchers for single women and women and children \$2,000 – help to obtain legal ID	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agencies to be determined - \$17,000

Partners:

- Caridad - \$6,600
- Comin' Home - \$4,000
- Compass Health Care - \$500
- Interfaith Coalition - \$18,000
- Mobile Mini Storage - \$1,000
- Salvation Army - \$85,000
- Program supplies and equipment – \$4,126.47
- Admin per agreement with TPCH: \$11,500 (8%)
- Motel vouchers and ID assistance - \$17,000



Total: \$147,726.47