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# TUCSON PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

## Education Committee

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### May 11, 2010 Minutes

Chair: Eric Cross

<b>Next Meeting:</b> June 8, 2010 – 3:30-5:00 pm, COPE 101 S. Stone Avenue, Floor 3.5
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<b>Report to General Council</b>
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| ■ Conference preparations continue |
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### TOPICS DISCUSSED

- Minutes.** Minutes of the April meeting were approved by consensus.
- Conference Preparation.**
  - **Keynote Speaker.** Eric Cross reported that he still has had no word regarding the two preferred speakers from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Participants reached consensus that Becky Kanis of Common Grounds would also make an excellent keynote speaker.
    - **Next step.** Eric will continue to follow up on all potential keynote speakers.
  - **Breakout sessions.** Elva reported on her contacts regarding “damp” or “safe haven” shelters. Participants discussed the session structure and potential speakers. They reached consensus to gear the session toward the philosophy and best practices of such shelter programs. Eric reported that Beth Carey accepted the invitation to speak, and asked that the session be scheduled as early as possible. Consensus was to move the session to an earlier slot. Eric noted that he received the names of judges responsibly for all the City of Tucson specialty courts.

Participants discussed what should be presented regarding behavioral health and reached consensus to present “Behavioral Health Techniques for Everyone” in order to share practices and tips for the front-line service providers who constitute the majority of conference attendees. Other possible session topics considered were: the TPCCH winter shelter efforts; how to engage and empower homeless people; developing a homeless resource kit; and job preparation/development.

    - **Next steps. a.)** Elva will continue to follow up on the “damp shelter/safe haven” presentation.
    - **b.)** Eric will continue to seek a speaker for a session on the law and homeless people.
  - **Budget.** Deferred.
  - **Resource Fair.** Deferred.
- New Co-chairs.** The elected 2010-2011 co-chair reported receiving their supervisors consent for them to serve.
- Next Meeting.** Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-5:00 p.m., COPE, 101 S. Stone Avenue, Floor 3.5.

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### Attendance

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