
TUCSON PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

Homeless Youth Committee

April 2, 2010 Minutes

Convener/Co-Chairs: Laurie Mazerbo

Next Meeting: Friday, May 7, 2010, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Trinity Presbyterian Church, 400 E. University Blvd.
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Report to TPCCH General Meeting April 8th

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| ■ Possible request for luncheon funds |
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TOPICS DISCUSSED

1. **Minutes.** Deferred.
2. **Interagency Program Training Day.** Don reported that two representatives from the Tucson Police Department anti-gang task are slated to present. Trinity Presbyterian Church's Fellowship Hall has a screen for their presentation. That room will be available at 10:00 a.m. on May 7th, holds 84 persons comfortably, and has two long buffets plus a screen. Irene Timms previously offered the use of a La Paloma Family Services' projector. Heidi Reynolds-Stinson and Sarah Castelhana of Youth On Their Own (YOTO) reported that it appears that Dagwood's Café will not be able to provide lunch, and that two McKinney-Vento speakers have agreed to speak if scheduling permits. They are awaiting confirmation. Participants discussed arrangements and reached consensus to: explore buying lunches from Caridad-de Porres, and, then possibly request TPCCH funds; use one of the buffets for literature exchange in place of having staffed tables; and use the ICH laptop for any needed presentations.
 - **Next steps.** a.) Laurie Mazerbo will contact Caridad de Porres regarding luncheon costs.
 - b.) YOTO representatives will confirm the luncheon speaker.
 - c.) Co-chairs will send event invitations as soon as practical.
3. **Homeless Awareness Month plans.** Saturday, November 13th was previously selected as the date, but the usual venue (Skrappy's), time and the continued participation of previous years' principals has not yet been confirmed.
 - **Next step.** Laurie Mazerbo will seek confirmation of the venue and previous principals' participation.
4. **New Business.**
 - **School Homeless Liaisons.** Lisa Griffin noted that TPCCH needs to strengthen ties with school homeless liaisons in anticipation of working more closely with them as HEARTH Act implementation encourages each continuum of care to expand services to schoolchildren previously regarded as homeless only under U.S. Department of Education rules. Participants discussed how to reach out to these liaisons.
 - **Next step:** YOTO representatives will invite school homeless liaisons with whom they work to participate in the TPCCH Homeless Youth Committee and General Council.
 - **C.A.R.E. Fair.** Don Blascak noted that he has heard that this year's C.A.R.E. Fair, providing multi-agency and other assistance to homeless and low-income schoolchildren and their families, has been cancelled.
 - **Next step.** Don will phone the Sunnyside School District to check on C.A.R.E. Fair status and report back to the committee.
5. **Next Meeting:** Friday, May 7th, 10:00 a.m. at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 400 E. University Boulevard.

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Attendance

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