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# TUCSON PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

## Homeless Youth Committee

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### August 27, 2010 Minutes

Co-Chairs: Laurie Mazerbo and Kevin Jackson

<b>Next Meeting:</b> Friday, October 8, 2010, 9:00 – 10:00 pm Wingspan, 430 E. 7 <sup>th</sup> Street
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<b>Report to TPCCH General Meeting</b>
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| ■ Homeless Youth Awareness event planning continues |
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### TOPICS DISCUSSED

- 1. Minutes.** Kathy Wooldridge moved and Alexis Garth seconded that the minutes of the August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting be accepted as presented. **Motion passed.**
- 2. Homeless Youth Event.** Participants discussed preparations for the Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> event at Skrappy's. Set up will be at 5 p.m.; tabling 6-9 p.m.; and event close at 10 p.m. Laurie Mazerbo reported that Caridad-de Porres promised to provide a quote for meat lasagna, vegetarian lasagna, possibly some macaroni and cheese, plates, utensils, and napkins today. The committee will need to arrange pick-up. Laurie, Kevin Jackson, and Ray Figueroa volunteered to pick up the food and take it to Skrappy's. Laurie will distribute the quote so that committee members may arrange their donations. She asked that each agency write its check directly to Caridad-de Porres. [Quote later received did not include plates, napkins, and utensils. Committee will need to obtain these.]

Jayne Song-Gin reminded the group that Youth On Their Own (YOTO) and La Paloma Family Services will provide sodas. They will need cups. Lucia Ortiz said that she can provide some coolers for the sodas. Settle Madden will check to see if sufficient cups are available from an event she helped organized to give some to this event.

Kathy Wooldridge reported she has enough tables and chairs for the event. She said that Alice Bovell continues to work with her on prize solicitation for the event although Alice has left Open Inn. YOTO committed to do a beading table. Wingspan plans an information table and a performance piece, which is still in planning. Our Family Services will also do an information table. Kathy said that they will have a soda can art station. Alexis Garth suggested that one of the Skrappy's artists may want to do caricatures. Kathy is still working with the roller derby on a demonstration for the event.

  - o **Next steps. a.)** Laurie will email the catering quote to committee members, who will arrange payment of their portions of the cost.
    - b.) Members will email Kath Wooldridge at [skrappys@hotmail.com](mailto:skrappys@hotmail.com) with any planned performances by mid-September.
    - c.) Kevin will check with the Summer Sun program to see if they have sufficient water to give some to the event.
- 3. Sin Puertas.** Sin Puertas staff members discussed their program, which focuses on substance abuse treatment, street outreach, and case management for homeless youth, ages 17-21, and coordinates with other service providers. They also work with the Los Artes GED program, and provide comprehensive sexual education. All services are free to the youth. Sin Puertas case management begins with assessment of a youth's current needs as the client perceives them, whether that is housing, education, employment, or even risk reduction, for STDs and HIV, for example. They connect with Open Inn and Our Family Services for housing.

Charlie Alcaraz noted that they work on minimizing the need for youth to see multiple case managers, in order to reduce the difficulty of youth obtaining help, and focus on keeping open the lines of communication with other case managers.

- 4. Street Outreach Focus Group.** Laurie said that Our Family Services was invited by grantors to a nation-wide street outreach focus group in Minneapolis, and asked for committee members' challenges, successes, and comments. Participants discussed current needs and challenges, and noted the following.
- Recent requests for proposals have placed great emphasis on case management. Grantor need to be reminded that the intent of funding street outreach, from the time legislation was passed, has always been immediate fulfillment of basic needs and engagement with the youth served. It is important to remember that it takes a long time to build a relationship.
  - Partnerships and collaborations need to develop procedures, release of information compacts, and memoranda of understanding to allow youth served to have a single point (or, at least , fewer points) of contact.
  - Additional housing is the “big issue”. “When kids say that they’re ready to come in, we have no where to put them,” Laurie noted.
  - Employment for youth with felony convictions is a major challenge.
  - More “low demand” shelters are urgently needed. Ideally, these should be like Los Angeles Area Youth Network’s Covenant House, which is also a drop-in center.
- Next steps. a.)** Committee members will email any additional feedback to Laurie at [lmazerbo@ourfamilyservices.org](mailto:lmazerbo@ourfamilyservices.org) so that she may include it in the focus group.
- b.)** Committee members will seek opportunities to collaborate on a local “low demand” shelter.
- c.)** Laurie will forward information on job opportunities for youth with felony convictions to Settle for distribution to the committee.
- 5. Next Meeting.** To avoid conflict with the TPCCH Annual conference on October 1st, the next meeting was set for Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-10:30 a.m., at Wingspan, 430 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

Submitted by Settle Madden

### Attendance

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