
TUCSON PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

Homeless Youth Committee

June 4, 2010 Minutes

Co-Chairs: Irene Timms and Laurie Mazerbo

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| Next Meeting: July 2, 2009, 9:00 – 10:00 pm Wingspan/Eon, 430 E. 7 th Street |
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| Report to TPCB General Meeting |
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| ■ Kevin Jackson and Laurie Mazerbo elected as 2010-2011 co-chairs |
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TOPICS DISCUSSED

- 1. Minutes.** Kathy Wooldridge moved and Kim Sisson seconded that the March and May minutes be accepted.
Motion passed.
- 2. Election of 2010-2011.** Laurie Mazerbo, Alexis Garth, Kim Sisson and Kevin were nominated as 2010-2011 co-chairs. Kevin Jackson and Laurie Mazerbo were elected by paper ballot.
- 3. Old Business.**
 - **Interagency Training Day Review.** Participants discussed the May 7th Interagency training day. More than 40 persons attended. Consensus was that the venue, activity. Speakers, Caridad-de Porres luncheon, and half-day format were all very good and should be continued. The Friday schedule also worked well, but May seemed to be a difficult time to attract school personnel.
 - **November event plans.** Kathy said that Skrappy's will host the November 13th event. Laurie Mazerbo suggested that each member check whether their agency can contribute \$25-\$50 each to have Caridad provide a meal for the event? Consensus was to do this. Kathy estimated that based on previous events and current attendance at Skrappy's; there would be a rotating crowd of around 300, with overall attendance probably around 400. She noted that Skrappy's has a new art teacher who will come up with activities again, and that bands, a kid's show, and Wingspan participation will be sought, and the local roller derby team invited. Kevin Jackson offered to check the Wingspan pantry for snack items for the event.
 - **Next steps.** a.) Laurie will request a catering quote from Caridad-de Porres.
 - b.) Kathy will email participants regarding a planning meeting
- 4. New Business.**
 - **School liaisons.** Participants discussed how to involve schools' McKinney-Vento liaisons in the committee and the continuum of care. Discussion included: the fact that phone calls to various agencies show a general lack of understanding of available services; the HEARTH Act requires coordination between continua of care and their local McKinney-Vento school personnel and allows for allocation of funds to serve people defined as homeless by the U.S. Department of Education; that many McKinney-Vento liaisons have other primary jobs and their administrators may be better contacts; that Arizona's Child Protective Services are less able to respond to requests for assistance from agencies and schools; that the current Arizona public opinion climate regarding undocumented immigrants may soon affect services by agencies that receive state funds; examples members' of recent difficulties in attempting to assist homeless students; and that Frank Migali of the Arizona Department of Education is in charge of all state Title 1 officers. Dani Tarry noted that she has insisted that Tucson Unified School District provide site-based, fact-to-face McKinney-Vento training this year.
 - **Next step.** Dani will bring the need to coordinate services for homeless students with the local continuum of care, TPCB, to the attention of others at the

New Business cont'd.

- **Skrappy's buying building, sending speakers to Capitol.** Kathy noted that Skrappy's has raised the needed \$91,000 to purchase their building within the allotted time frame and the Tucson City Council has accepted their offer. Donations ranged from \$25 to \$2,500, with 5,000 people donating under \$100 each. Two of Skrappy's participants have been invited to speak in Washington D.C. regarding their experiences with youth development/after-school services. Their anticipated audience is 130 people.

5. Next Meeting. Friday, July 2nd, 9:00-10:30 a.m., at Wingspan/Eon, 430 E. 7th Street.

Submitted by

Attendance

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