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# TUCSON PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

## Plan to End Homelessness Committee

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### April 5, 2010 Minutes

Chair: Anna Watson

<b>Next Meeting:</b> May 3, 2010, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Rillito-Sabino Rm., Sentinel Bldg., 320 N. Commerce Park Loop
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<b>Report to General Council</b>
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| ■ Motion to approve L. Block and L. Kot as TPCCH representatives to PTEH Leadership Council |
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### TOPICS DISCUSSED

- 1. Minutes.** Lori Block moved and Gail Gibbons seconded that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved with the correction of a typographical error in number 4 and the elimination the following “next step.” **Motion passed.**
- 2. PTEH Leadership Council.** Leslie Carlson reported on several activities related to establishing the Plan to End Homelessness (PTEH) Leadership Council. The TPCCH Co-chairs sent letters to Hank Atha, Deputy County Administrator, and to Albert Elías, Director of the City’s Department of Housing and Community Development. The letter informed them of TPCCH’s approval to form the PTEH Leadership Council, and to ask for the Board of Supervisors and Tucson City Council to endorse the Leadership Council as the body that oversees PTEH implementation. Leslie also contacted CPSA and the Hospital Council of Southern Arizona to request their endorsements. Leslie prepared a summary report on PTEH accomplishments in response to a request from Deputy County Administrator Hank Atha, and this report was also shared with the PTEH Committee.

The membership structure for the Leadership Council includes two representatives from TPCCH. Committee members discussed suggestions for the TPCCH representatives, and reached consensus to recommend Linda Kot and Lori Block, and request the General Council’s approval of same.

Leslie also noted that the draft of the Tucson/Pima County Consolidated Plan (Con Plan) is to be posted today for public comment, and it is hoped that the Con Plan will include a discussion of the PTEH Leadership Council. The committee agreed that all TPCCH members should be encouraged to review the draft Con Plan.

- **Next steps.** a.) An email requesting the TPCCH members review the ConPlan with a recap of the TPCCH input to the FSP attached will be sent to the TPCCH listserv.
    - b.) Request for a vote to approve the recommended TPCCH Leadership Council representatives will be made to General Council, as a part of the PTEH Committee report.
- 3. PTEH Leadership Council Workgroups.** Leslie noted that she continues work on the priority areas identified by the PTEH Task Force and the some work is already underway in Leadership Council workgroups as follows.
  - **Improved data.** She is working with the HMIS Committee’s reports workgroup to design recommended procedures for requesting, obtaining and distributing reports from the TPCCH HMIS system; with the Continuum of Services (CoS) Committee’s workgroup examining data for inclusion in the new HUD data exchange; and with the “Health Village for the Homeless” mobile clinic joint project of the Carondelet Group, El Rio Clinic, and the Primavera Foundation.
  - **Affordable Housing.** Leslie continues serving on the Metropolitan Housing Commission and the “Call for Action for Affordable Housing,” which is proposed to serve as the Workgroup on this topic. Leslie plans to give a future presentation to that group regarding the PTEH.
  - **First Responders/Service Providers.** Leslie made a presentation to the Tucson Fire Department’s Human Services Referral Program (HSRP) to inform them about the Plan to End Homelessness, the Leadership Council and the proposal to have the HSRP serve as a Workgroup for improving service

**First Responders/Service Providers cont'd.**

coordination. One concern expressed in the meeting is that TFD is not reimbursed for transporting anyone to a health care facility who is not in “emergent” status (such as having a heart attack).

Participants suggested working with the Operation Deep Freeze transportation provider, using TPCH transportation funds, and/or seeking community funds to address this issue.

4. **Leadership Council timeline.** It is possible that the City Council and Board of Supervisors may consider endorsement of the Leadership Council in May. If this happens, the Council could have its first meeting in August or September.
5. **Common Ground meeting.** Leslie reported that she is part of an ad hoc group that has planned a meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup> regarding Common Ground’s “100,000 Homes” campaign. Speakers will be Becky Kanis of Common Ground and Mattie Lord of the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES). Mattie will describe how Phoenix is adopting this effort in their “Project H3” effort despite decreasing state funding. Invitations were sent to TPCH members and other stakeholders. Leslie will send reminders and work with committee members to make strategic phone calls to ensure that local decision makers participate.
6. **TPCH Annual Conference sessions.** The conference will be Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. An education committee member has asked about sessions related to the PTEH. Leslie has asked to schedule a presentation by staff of the Health Village for the Homeless regarding that project and health care for homeless people. Committee members offered other suggestions included a panel or presentation on affordable housing; a presentation on a local “100,000 Homes” effort, if begun; and a presentation on Primavera Foundation’s research into what employers’ look for when hiring people with a prison record.
7. **Coordinator funding.** The TPCH fiscal agent submitted a Pima County Outside Agency grant proposal to support the PTEH Implementation Coordinator position. She and the PTEH Coordinator answered questions about the proposal at a meeting of the Outside Agency committee on March 26. The City of Tucson was able to provide \$5,000 for the position to increase the Coordinator’s hours in April, May and June of 2010.
8. **Executive Directors Workgroup.** Lori Block reported. The workgroup has extended its efforts beyond the initial charge to design an agenda for meeting with area agency executive directors regarding TPCH’s work now and under the HEARTH Act implementation. The workgroup is currently carefully reviewing the TPCH Operating policies in order to best understand and present how TPCH operates now and will likely operate in the future, subject to publication of HEARTH Act regulations. The workgroup will probably continue to meet for the next six months. Lori plans to ask the workgroup to set a time/place for the actual executive directors meeting at their next meeting.
9. **Next meeting.** Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m., tentatively in the Sentinel Building, 320 Commerce Park Loop.
  - o **Next step.** Leslie will reserve a room.

**Attendance**

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