
TUCSON PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

Plan to End Homelessness Committee

June 21, 2010 Minutes

Chair: Anna Wheeler

<p>Next Meeting: July 12, 2010, 10:00-11:30 a.m. Sentinel Bldg., 320 Commerce Park Loop</p>
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<p>Report to General Council</p>

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Work continues on established PTEH priorities.■ Committee will recommend to TPCH Executive Committee that the PTEH Committee serve as the TPCH link to the Tucson initiative for the 100,000 Homes Campaign. |
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TOPICS DISCUSSED

1. **Minutes.** Minutes of the May 24th meeting were approved by consensus.
2. **PTEH Focus Area Implementation update.** Leslie Carlson reported.
 - **Improved Data.** The TPCH HMIS Committee's Reporting Workgroup is completing an HMIS annual report template and hopes to have the first report produced in August. This report should provide a better understanding of homelessness in our community. Leslie is participating in that work group. She also is helping prepare an evaluation plan for the Southern Arizona Health Village for the Homeless. This will offer another opportunity to gather data on local homelessness, and has also provided an opportunity to encourage the Carondelet Health Network hospitals to improve the ways they document the homeless status of patients.
 - **Public Relations/Awareness Campaign.** Leslie stated that the PTEH Task Force and many other people feel that addressing misconceptions and improving community understanding of the different kinds of homeless populations is an ongoing priority. The committee has available a total of \$9,200 of grant monies for this purpose, and an agreement to work with the firm LP&G. Participants discussed ideas for a public awareness campaign. Lori Block moved that the committee adopt creation of the public awareness campaign as one of its main focus areas for the coming year. Gail Gibbons seconded. **Motion passed.**
 - **Affordable Housing.** Leslie continues to work with Call to Action for Affordable Housing, which will have a planning retreat next week, and as a member of the Metropolitan Housing Commission.
 - **Improved Services Coordination.** This priority is being addressed primarily by the Tucson Fire Department's Human Services Referral Program, which is going well. Leslie noted that she plans to meet with that program's coordinator to discuss additional opportunities for service coordination. Consensus was that she should do so.
3. **Common Ground Update.** Linda Kot reported, and provided background on Common Ground (a New York-based non-profit), its Vulnerability Index for identifying those homeless persons most at risk of early death due to homelessness, the national 100,000 Homes Campaign, and the Phoenix area's application of it, Project H3 (Home, Health, Hope). She noted that the TPCH General Council this month approved exploration of local application of this effort. Mark Clark, CODAC president and CEO, and Ron Koenig, of the City of Tucson Department of Housing and Community Development, will co-chair the exploratory workgroup for Tucson's participation in the 100,000 Homes campaign. The first meeting between the workgroup and TPCH co-chairs to plan and start the workgroup will be June 23.

4. **Committee Goals and Work Plan for 2010-2011.** Linda Kot explained that approximately 40 people have already expressed interest in working on the local 100,000 Homes effort, and this will likely be a community wide initiative that TPCH will be a part of.. Participants noted that the campaign directly relates to the Plan to End Homelessness, and discussed the PTEH committee’s role. Participants reached consensus that it would be appropriate for the committee to act as the TPCH link with Tucson campaign, and to recommend this to the TPCH Executive Committee. The committee also agreed that if the Tucson campaign co-chairs request some of Leslie’s time to provide staff support for the campaign that this would be a very appropriate use of her time.
5. **Next steps.** a.) Linda will relay the committee’s recommendation to the Executive Committee.
b.) Committee will work on 2010-2011 goals and work plan at the July meeting.
6. **Outside Agency Grant for PTEH Coordinator.** Lori reported that funding has been awarded from a Pima County Outside Agency (PCOA) grant and the City of Tucson to support the PTEH coordinator position at 35% of full-time for the coming year. The Pima County grant was written with a scope of work that included the TPCH Leadership Council, which the committee has recently decided not to pursue. The County’s grant administrator has agreed that the scope of work for this grant to TPCH can be amended to reflect this change. Participants discussed how and within what time frame the grant may be amended, and asked Lori to find out more details from the County grant administrator. Because of contract deadlines, the committee will discuss this further via email.
 - o **Next step.** Committee will consider the County grant contract “scope of work” description and amendment by email.
7. **New Business/ Revitalize Your PTEH webinar.** Anna Wheeler noted that she participated in the June 17th Homeless Resource Center webinar “Revitalize Your Ten-Year Plan To End Homelessness: Lessons from Portland, Oregon” and found it exciting. She noted that Portland has a multi-sector leadership council that does not include human services agencies. There is a separate body comprised of human services agencies that informs the process and provides balance. Both of these bodies are separate from Portland’s Continuum of Care, although the CoC has been central to their Plan’s implementation. The webinar was recorded and can be viewed at <http://learning.center4si.com/>. Anna added that Portland reported it was absolutely necessary to have a paid staff position for Plan implementation.
 - o **Next step.** The administrative coordinator will email the webinar link to committee members.
8. **Next meeting.** Monday, July 12th, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Sentinel Building, 320 Commerce Park Loop. The August meeting was also set for Monday, August 16th.

Attendance

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