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# TUCSON PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

## Emergency Services Committee

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### May 5, 2010 Minutes

Co-chairs/convener: David Buer, ofm

<b>Next Meeting:</b> Wednesday, June 9, 2010, 10:00-11:30 am SJEC, 400 E. 26 <sup>th</sup> Street
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<b>Report to TPCCH General Meeting March 13<sup>th</sup></b>
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| ■ Sylvia Cuestas to co-chair with Jill Rich for 2010-2011 |
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### TOPICS DISCUSSED

1. **Minutes.** Jill Rich moved and Sylvia Cuestas seconded that the April minutes be accepted as presented.  
**Motion passed.**
2. **Summer Sun Preparations.** Brother David Buer reported that the St. Francis Cooling Centers will be held 12:00-4:00 six days weekly. The cooling centers will be open at Inner City Harvesters Church on Saturday, Mondays, and Tuesdays; and at Holy Family Church on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> through Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Participants discussed the term for the Summer Sun effort and reached consensus to consider Summer Sun in general to extend from June 1<sup>st</sup> through September 1<sup>st</sup>. Jill Rich noted that she brought two cases of sunscreen to distribute.
  - **Next steps. a.)** Don Blascak will mail the TPCCH administrative coordinator a list of churches that will accept donations drop-offs.
  - **b.)** TPCCH administrative coordinator will draft a news release for Jill Rich to edit and distribute.
3. **Winter Shelter Review.**
  - **Letter to Executive Directors.** Kim Ward and Don Blascak reported. The current plan is to complete the letter draft and forward it to the TPCCH Executive Committee with a request that the co-chairs sign it to demonstrate the importance of agency executive directors' support for case management within Project Hospitality. Participants reviewed a draft and suggested edits.
  - **Continuous Shelter.** Brother David reported that Lori Block has analyzed the data from the continuous winter shelter and noted that 151 unduplicated individuals were served.
  - **OSB / PH Update.** Don reported that bed nights pledged for the next winter shelter season are 280 for One Step Beyond, and 584 for Project Hospitality, for a total of 864 bed nights pledged to date. Additional bed night pledges are awaiting a church session approval of replacement of a church's project coordinator.
4. **Blankets.** Yoli Hasler reported that she added 5,000 blankets to the TPCCH blanket order in process for a total of 10,000 blankets, which should arrive by the end of June. Don reported that he is unsure how many blankets currently remain at the St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) warehouse. Participants discussed how many additional blankets will likely be needed for the coming season.
  - **Next steps. a.)** Yoli will phone to increase the current blanket order to 15,000.
  - **b.)** Don will check how many blankets remain at the St. Vincent de Paul warehouse.
5. **Budget.** Lori Block noted that the Salvation Army is still working on its final billing for their services to the winter shelter program, so an estimate of available funds is not yet available.

**6. New Business.**

- **Stand Down.** Sylvia noted that the next Veterans Stand Dow will be Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Allen Army Reserve Center, and distributed flyers for same.
- **Pima County Health Department (PCHD) “Communicator” Tools.** Aaron Pacheco noted that PCHD has linked into the Pima Office of Emergency Management system that allows for mobile or home phone health and safety alerts either by broadcast or to individuals. He noted that that system was very successful during recent power outages, especially in helping a nursing home prepare for evacuation. He distributed brochures for the system, and invited members to contact him for more copies through Special Needs Task Force, which is changing its name to the Vulnerable Populations Task Force. He noted that the tool is funded by the Department of Homeland Security. Don said that Communicator is being used by all county emergency health coordinators, and can send voice mails. Sylvia asked that Aaron consider making a presentation at Gen. Council.
  - **Next step.** Sylvia will present the idea of a “Communicator” presentation to the TPCCH Executive Committee.
- **Health Village for the Homeless.** Don and Lori described this project to provide a mobile health care facility of our community’s homeless people. The effort is a partnership among Carondelet Health, El Rio Health Center, and the Primavera Foundation. There is currently no official TPCCH representative to this effort, although Lori and PTEH Implementation Coordinator Leslie Carlson both work with the effort. Individual agencies are encouraged to participate. The next meeting is at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary’s Hospital.
- **VOAD.** Don reported that he is trying to revive the local Volunteer Organizations Assisting in Disaster (VOAD) effort, and is TPCCH’s representative to that organization. There was a recent meeting at the Red Cross with representatives from all five Southern Arizona counties.
- **Committee Co-chairs.** Don has decided that he would prefer the committee to elect a different co-chair for 2010-2011 in order to allow for new perspectives, greater participation, and continuity. Jill nominated Sylvia Cuestas. Kim seconded. **Sylvia was elected unanimously.**

- 7. Next Meeting:** Weekday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Sullivan Jackson Employment Center (SJEC). Consensus for the following meeting date was Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Submitted by Settle Madden

**Attendance**

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