
TUCSON PIMA COLLABORATION TO END HOMELESSNESS

Conference Committee

March 8, 2011 Minutes

Chair: Olivia Gutzman

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 10, 2011, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m., CODAC, 127 S. 5 th Avenue

TOPICS DISCUSSED

- 1. Minutes.** Minutes of the February meeting were approved by consensus.
- 2. Breakout session topics.** Participants discussed potential breakout session topics and speakers, including topics suggested at the previous meeting and submitted by email. Suggestions included the following.
 - **Caring for the care giving.** Cindy Diaz, who was unable to attend, was to contact the “caring for the caregiver” presenter at the Pima Council on Aging.
 - **Homeless Round Table.** The purpose would be to help attendees better understand the culture and attitudes of the homeless people with whom they work. Panelists should include at least one person who does not want assistance; one who has overcome homelessness; and two or three who are in various stages of homelessness. Participants also discussed how panelist might be enlisted. Ideas included asking agencies for suggestions, and inviting guests at the summer Tucson Homeless Connect.
 - **Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) services**
 - **Social Security**
 - **Nutritional services.**
 - **New AZCEH Executive Director Joan Serviss.**
 - **New DES Homeless Coordinator Donna Blyley.**
 - **The 100,000 Homes Campaign progress: 51homes. And Project H3**
 - **Veterans’ homelessness update.**
 - **Youth homelessness update.**
 - **Outreach panel.** Panelists would explain why, where, when, and how to do outreach, and would include participants in the 51homes survey week.
 - **Law enforcement and homelessness.** Representatives from local law enforcement (Tucson Police Department, Pima County Sheriff’s office, and the towns of Marana and Oro Valley would be invited as well as, potentially, a representative of homeless court and Southern Arizona Legal Aid.)
 - **Homeless success stories.**
 - **Increasing productivity for organizations**
 - **Grant writing opportunities.** This was requested by several of last year’s participants.
 - **HEARTH Act update**
 - **Housing, programs and eligibility.**
 - **Residential treatment programs.**
 - **Women’s programs and services**
 - **Social Security.**
 - **Faith-based resources.**
 - **Resources and benefits for homeless families & homeless single fathers**
 - **Medical resources.**
- 3. Next Meeting.** Tuesday, March 10, 2011, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m., Rillito-Sabino Room of the City’s Sentinel Building, 320 N. Commerce Park Loop.

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