
TUCSON PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

Discharge Planning Committee

October 7, 2010 Minutes

Co-chairs: Dan Haley and Betty Bitgood

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 4, 2010, 2:30 – 4:00 pm Hope, Inc., 1200 N. Country Club Rd.

Report to TPCH General Meeting

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| ■ Note change in services for Title 36 mental health care recipients |
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TOPICS DISCUSSED

- Minutes.** Betty Bitgood moved and Patty Eaglen seconded that the minutes of the August and September meetings be accepted as presented. **Motion passed.**
- Update for emergency shelter list**
 - **Assignments.** Participants accepted assignments as follows: Betty, Gospel Rescue Mission; Dan Haley, Emerge and Salvation Army; and Patty, Primavera Foundation.
 - **Next steps.** Updates will be submitted to TPCH administrative coordinator by Friday, October 15th.
 - **Plans for meeting with area ER/ED staff.** Dan noted that he forwarded a copy of the letter inviting area emergency room/department staff to meet with committee members to the Executive Committee, but has not heard anything.
 - **Next step.** Dan will follow up regarding the invitation letter.
 - **Title 36.** Dan reported that procedures for public agency handling mentally ill persons who do not qualify for state insurance coverage (AHCCCS) changed on October 1st. All triage now is done through SAMHC. If a person is petitioned as mentally incompetent and does not qualify for AHCCCS, that person is no longer be referred to a service agency and receive no follow up care except generic medications, This will be an important thing to discuss with hospitals ER/ED staff.
 - **Next step.** This change will be noted in the committee's report to the October General Council.
- Old Business.**
 - **Guidelines distribution.** Dan noted that he took a box of Guidelines to the Pima County Jail and is delivering a box to the Arizona Department of Corrections; Nick Jones at OPCS took three boxes; Settle has distributed a box and one-half to TPCH members. Approximately five boxes remain.
 - **Aging out of foster care.** Betty noted that Tyson Gillespie of Intermountain Independent Living Services has agreed to speak to the committee about this issue. Consensus was to hear Tyson and consider a presentation to the General Council. Betty is putting together a packet of information for the committee as well.
- Next Meeting.** Thursday, November 4th, 2:30-4:00 p.m., Hope, Inc., 1200 N. Country Club Rd. **(Meeting cancelled and rescheduled to Wednesday, December 8th, same time and location.)**

Submitted by Settle Madden

Attendance

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