
TUCSON PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

Discharge Planning Committee

September 17, 2008 Minutes

Co-Chair: Mary Ochoa

<p>Next Meeting: January 21, 2009, 2:30 – 4:00 pm Old Pueblo Community Services 4501 E. 5th Street (Oct.-Dec. 2008 meetings cancelled)</p>
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<p>Report to TPCCH General Meeting</p>

<p>■ n/a</p>

TOPICS DISCUSSED

1. **Minutes.** Deferred.
2. **Conference review.** Participants discussed the 2008 TPCCH Annual Conference sessions that they attended. Dave Shapiro commented that the presentation of the Department of Economic Security's (DES) Arizona Long Term Care System eligibility rules and various benefits was thorough, but lacked hints as to how to help the applicant understand the eligibility rules. Mary Ochoa suggested asking for assistance by calling her; checking with the www.ArizonaSelfHelp.org website; visiting one of the local community centers; or contacting Pima Council on Aging. Mary attended a presentation including domestic violence shelter information, and noted that DES will be working with local domestic violence shelters to help their clients with DES applications. Mary noted that DES is preparing a general application for the Internet, and hopes to launch it in early 2009. Mary said that she is working with a group of 12 faith communities put together by Linda Leatherman to start an Open Table effort in Tucson.
3. **Department of Corrections Speakers.** The scheduled speakers cancelled. Mary distributed a copy of Arizona Department of Corrections Director Dora Schriro's presentation "The Arizona Plan, Getting Ready: Keeping Our Communities Safe," and participants discussed this overview of the discharge planning process.
3. **Emergency Shelter list update.** Participants reviewed and accepted responsibility for updating and/or adding information on specific resources as follows: Patti Scott-Lopez, Primavera; Dave Shapiro, Salvation Army; Mary Ochoa, Emerge
4. **Next Community Reentry Forum.** Dave reported that the next Community Reentry Forum will be in early November and will feature a talk by representative of a group working with drug addicts' families.
5. **Next Meeting.** Wednesday, October 15th, 2:30 – 4:00 pm, Hope of Glory Ministries, 939 S. 10th Avenue (east side, just north of 19th Street).

Submitted by Settle Madden

Attendance

Betty Bitgood
Mary Ochoa
Patti Scott-Lopez
Dave Shapiro

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