
TUCSON PIMA COLLABORATION TO END HOMELESSNESS

Emergency Services Committee

January 7, 2011 Minutes

Co-chairs: Sylvia Cuestas, Jill Rich

Next Meeting: Friday, February 4, 2011, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Sullivan Jackson Employment Center 400 E. 26 th Street
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Report to TPCCH General Meeting January 13th
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| ■ ODF has been called 20 nights to date. |
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TOPICS DISCUSSED

- Minutes.** Minutes of the December meeting were approved by consensus.
- Winter Shelter.** Don Blascak could not attend but provided a written report on winter shelter progress and blankets. Operation Deep Freeze (ODF) was called 20 nights through January 6th, when it was called off for the first time since December 30th. Bed nights pledged to date are 1,316 for One Step Beyond (OSB), and 2,509 for Project Hospitality (PH). Total nights pledged are 3,822. About 375 bed nights are still needed.
Jerry Brillo reported on the logistics of the winter shelter program. He noted that the winter shelter budget is currently paying AAA Transportation to transport clients to Compass detox if Compass cannot provide the transportation. AAA's donated van transportation limits the number of guests that can go to a congregation to 22, 11 passengers per trip with a maximum of two trips.
It was also noted that it is challenging for the Salvation Army and winter shelter staff to get case management results for PH clients. Their case managers work for a number of agencies, and do not always view providing information to the winter shelter programs as a priority. The possibility of adding a case manager to the winter shelter staff was discussed.
- Blankets.** Additional FEMA blankets arrived December 20th and 21st, and there are now 10,000 blankets in stock.
- Old Business.**
 - Continuous women's shelter.** Brother David noted that this effort is going well. Seven to eight women have been sheltered on the average night with 12 sheltered last night. A concern is that there are women on the streets who remain unaware of the shelter's availability. Yoli noted that the Salvation Army has and distributes the flyers for the shelter at Inner City Harvesters, 19th Street and 10th Avenue, with intake from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.
 - Street Count.** Sylvia Cuestas requested volunteers for the 2011 Homeless Street Count. A sign up list was circulated.
 - Family shelter.** Yoli Hasler noted that the Salvation Army is down to \$2,300 in motel funds for family shelter and trying to carefully manage it for the rest of the winter shelter season. She asked for suggestions for accommodating the increasing number of families who requesting emergency shelter, and noted that they have made five or six referrals to the Gospel Rescue Mission (GRM) and New Beginnings for Women & Children in the past week; and has visited with the director of GRM's Women's Shelter about current needs. Jill Rich noted that Temple Emmanuel will accept families, whom they can accommodate in classrooms, and that GRM's new facility for families is currently set to open in February or March.
 - Next step.** Yoli will invite the GRM Women's Shelter director to a committee meeting.

5. **Next Meeting.** Friday, February 4th, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Sullivan Jackson Employment Center, 400 E. 26th Street. (The Alternative Winter Shelter Workgroup will meet immediately prior to the committee meeting.)

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Attendance

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