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# TUCSON PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

## Executive Committee

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### January 25, 2011 Minutes

Co-chairs: Lisa Griffin and Steve Nelson

<b>Next Meeting:</b> Thursday, February 24, 2011, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. Sullivan Jackson Employment Center, 400 E. 26 <sup>th</sup> Street
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<b>Agenda items for TPCCH General Meeting February 10<sup>th</sup></b>
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ 10-minute Van of Hope program update, Kathy Hall</li><li>■ 5- minute call for organizing social media for TPCCH, Stan Hamnett</li><li>■ 5-minute July-December budget report, Lori Block</li><li>■ 15-minute Project Action update, Jodie Barnes and Jane Kroesen</li></ul> |
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### TOPICS DISCUSSED

1. **Minutes.** Jodie Barnes moved and Sylvia Cuestas seconded that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as presented. **Motion passed.**
2. **Presentations.** The Southern Arizona Health Village for the Homeless has requested time to provide an update on their Van of Hope program. Consensus was to place it as the first presentation of 10 minutes, and to place the 15-minute Project Action presentation last. Stan Hamnett would like to ask for volunteers to discuss and organize the long-term needs of TPCCH for use of social media. Consensus was to call for volunteers to join with the Education Committee for that purpose. Participants reviewed the July-December budget report and agreed to place a five-minute update on that report on the agenda.

Participants reviewed the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) implementation update regarding *Opening Doors, the Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness* (FSP). Steve noted that the following wording in that update is especially important: “Congress’ decision to enact a continuing Resolution rather than appropriations bills will alter the near term plans”. Because the HEARTH Act allocated significant increases in funding, it cannot be implemented. This is likely why no HEARTH implementation regulations have been released. Participants discussed the changes that will be required of TPCCH under the HEARTH Act, the need and possible candidates for a new fiscal agent after June 30<sup>th</sup>. They considered what decisions in addition to requiring a new fiscal agent may be required in the near-term while HUD seeks to meet HEARTH requirements through the local continuums, and which entities are appropriate candidates for fiscal agent. ICH has confirmed that they do not currently plan to continue as TPCCH fiscal agent after June 30<sup>th</sup>. Consensus was that the process of seeking a new fiscal agent should be begun, and that the information should be covered in the February General Council’s co-chairs’ report.

Further discussion was to complete the planned meeting with local agency executive directors regarding the HEARTH Act, its requirements, and the need for their participation in designing how the TPCCH as the local continuum of care can move forward to meet those requirements.

Jodie asked for a future report on the new facilities adjacent to the Tucson VA Hospital. Steve noted that the facility will be administered by the Arizona Department of Veterans Services, who may be able to provide information.

- **Next steps: a.)** Updates on the Van of Hope, organizing TPCCH social media, the July-December budget, and the status of expected HEARTH Act implementation will be placed on the February General Council agenda.
  - b.)** The co-chairs will report on Opening Doors/HEARTH Act changes required of TPCCH and request that the Executive Directors Workgroup (EDW) complete their plan and agenda for this meeting by the end of February.
  - c.)** Steve Nelson will ask the Arizona veterans affairs director to assign someone to

present to the March or April General Council regarding the new housing facilities adjacent to the VA Hospital.

3. **AHAR data summary.** Steve Nelson read a summary of the TPCCH HMIS submission of non-duplicate numbers of persons service October 1, 2009-September 30, 2010 as follows: Emergency Services family, 938; Emergency Services individual, 1,931; transitional housing family, 989; transitional housing individual, 1,488; permanent supported housing family, 328; and permanent supported housing individual, 722. Bed use rates were: emergency shelter, 92%; transitional housing, 92%; family transitional housing, 72%; and permanent housing, 95%
  - o **Next step.** Jodie will ask the HMIS co-chairs to summarize the AHAR submission at the February General Council meeting.
4. **Next Meeting.** Thursday, February 24<sup>nd</sup>, 3:00-4:30 p.m., Sullivan Jackson Employment Center, 400 E. 26<sup>th</sup> Street.
  - o **Next step.** TPCCH administrative coordinator will alert all Executive Committee members soon to the next meeting and the importance of their attendance.

Submitted by Settle Madden

#### Attendance

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