
TUCSON PIMA COLLABORATION TO END HOMELESSNESS

General Council

March 10, 2011 Minutes

Co-chairs: Steve Nelson, Lisa Griffin

Next Meeting: April 14, 2011, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m., Rillito-Sabino Rm., Sentinel Bldg., 320 N. Commerce Park Loop

TOPICS DISCUSSED

1. **Minutes.** Stan Hamnett moved and Mary Pat Sullivan seconded that the minutes of the February meeting be approved as presented. **Motion passed.**
2. **Presentations.**
 - **Chairpersons' report.**
 - **2011-2012 Nominating Workgroup.** Per TPCH Operating Policies, the 2011-2012 Nominating Workgroup is to be formed in March in order to offer an executive committee slate at the April meeting for voting in May. Three TPCH voting members are needed to form the group. The term of service for workgroup member is one year. Mary Pat Sullivan nominated Nick Jones, who accepted and agreed to convene the workgroup. Don Blascak also agreed to serve. Barbara Montrose suggested Susanna Rodriguez, who also accepted. The 2011-2012 is therefore composed of Nick Jones, Don Blascak, and Susanna Rodriguez.
 - **HEARTH update.** Steven Nelson reported. Because the federal government is currently operating on continuing resolutions that limit HUD funding to 2010-2011 levels, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will fund only renewals and ESG programs. HUD apparently does not plan to implement parts of the HEARTH Act legislations that required additional funding. However, HUD is implementing many changes that do not require new funding, such as complying with the HEARTH Act's educational assurances. Therefore, TPCH needs to move forward with establishing a HUD collaborative applicant and all that entails.
 - **Executive Directors Workgroup presentation.** Barbara Montrose reported. After aligning the TPCH Operating policies for moving forward as with HEARTH, this workgroup has been working on further exploring how TPCH will make the move to identifying a collaborative applicant. She reviewed the following documents (distributed by email prior to and on paper at the meeting): the three choices available under HUD's guidelines for structure as a collaborative applicant with the *pros*, *cons*, and requirements for implementing each option; and a letter to member agencies' executive directors to enlist their advice and support

Beth Cary said that there needs to be a specific meeting of executive directors to foster and nurture existing relationships and TPCH's work. New Beginnings for Women & Children's executive director Patti Caldwell agreed, and noted that she felt that the presented letter needs a better explanation of its purpose and what the recipient is asked to do. She also said that there must be a plan for a follow up meeting at which a vote on an organizational structure would be taken.

 - **Next steps. a.)** Mary Pat Sullivan will review notes on the discussed pros and cons and make changes if needed.
 - b.)** Barbara will distribute by email a background document from HUD further explaining the collaborative applicant's requirements and responsibilities, and include it in the letter to executive directors. (HUD budget fact sheet was distributed to the TPCH list serve on March 11, 2011.)
 - c.)** TPCH members with specific ideas will submit them as soon as possible to info@tpch.org.

Presentations cont'd.

- **NAEH Conference on Ending Family Homelessness.** Patti and Jennifer Andersen reported on their attendance at this conference, and noted that they plan to host a brown bag discussion on Tuesday, March 29th on how local organizations can move forward on: implementing best practices; reducing the length of homelessness for families; conducting a community-wide assessment and how to measure it against the goals of reducing the occurrence and length of homelessness; how to use HMIS as a tool; how the area might initiate a centralized intake system and become more client-centered, efficient and effective.
- **La Frontera's Glenn Verde Affordable Apartments.** Danielle Bentley presented and distributed a flyer for Glenn Verde Apartments. Through a neighborhood stabilization program grant, La Frontera was able (through its La Frontera Partners, Inc.) to take over an apartment complex, which is targeting low-income families. To qualify, a family must be at 50% of local median income. They are unsure at this time whether they will be able to accept Section 8. They plan to open at the end of the month, and invite all TPCH participants to attend the grand opening on March 31st, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
- **Services available to youth aging out of foster care.** Deferred.
- **Continuum of Services (CoS) Committee motion.** Jennifer moved that "TPCH approves a continuing contractual relationship with LeCroy & Milligan to act as continuum of care consultants." Stan Hamnett and Don Blascak seconded. **Motion passed.**
 - **Next step.** Steve Nelson will meet again with LeCroy & Milligan tomorrow to map out a more focused plan of work that may enable them to accept the reduced funding available.

3. Committee Reports.

- **CoS.** Mary Pat Sullivan reported. The committee has reviewed the preliminary street count numbers, discussed and agreed to recommend a continuing working relationship with LeCroy & Milligan, and will shortly be requesting an update of housing inventory from each TPCH member agency.
- **HMIS.** Susanna reported. The HMIS software upgrade to and training for ServicePoint version 5 is complete. The committee has started a discussion of opening up data sharing for greater efficiency and less duplicate entry of clients. The pilot project will be with emergency shelter, whose representatives will meet to agree on what data elements will be shared. Don Logue will offer new user training in April. The Reports Workgroup plans to present the 2010 calendar year annual report to the committee next month. The committee hopes to present it to the General Council in May.
- **PTEH.** Linda Kot reported. A total of 13 stories were received for possible use in the public awareness campaign. Four very compelling stories were selected for inclusion in the video. Taping will be done Monday at a studio that campaign contractors LP&G obtained pro bono in exchange for floor painting. The selected families are scheduled to be there.

She reviewed the proposed web landing page plan. It has two parts: a design consistent with other campaign components, which will be done by LP&G as part of their contract with TPCH; and content, which TPCH is responsible to gather and upload.
- **Tucson Homeless Connect.** Don Blascak reported. Two people left the event with housing, which was a specific objective of the committee. The new chair is Rick Sumner of the Primavera Foundation. The vice chair is Glenn Fournie of the City of Tucson. The seventh Tucson Homeless Connect will be Friday, July 29th either at Dunbar Auditorium or Trinity Presbyterian Church.
- **Conference.** Olivia Gutzman reported. The committee is working on breakout topics and speakers and has 23 different strong topic ideas, which they will now try to winnow to the 12 breakout session slots available. If you have a favored topic, please submit it immediately to info@tpch.org.
- **Emergency Services.** Sylvia Cuestas reported. The winter shelter program has ended. Project Hospitality (PH) provided a total of 2,428 bed nights. One Step Beyond (OSB) provided 1,316. PH ran at 84% filled, and OSB at 73% filled. There were 32 nights of Operation Deep Freeze (ODF), which received funds for 30 nights. ODF referred 18 people to Compass detox, the highest number recorded.

There are about 8,000 FEMA blankets remaining, with another 5,000 on order. An additional amount will be ordered for the 2011-2012 winter shelter season. Agencies are urged to pick up and store blankets right away. The committee will provide pick-up details in a future emailing to the TPCH list serve.

Committee reports, Emergency Services cont'd.

Brother David Buer added that the easy access men's shelter averaged about 55 men nightly. A total of 38 volunteers worked at the Flowing Wells Assembly of God on the 66 nights that the shelter was open, and helped provide 3,129 bed nights. For the first year, there was also an easy access women's shelter, which averaged eight to 10 guests nightly. The women's shelter decided to stay open an extra three weeks, and ends tomorrow. The Holy Trinity Church's Soup Patrol continues through the end of April 30th, and serves 60-70 individuals nightly.

Lori Block reported on the Alternate Winter Shelter Proposal Workgroup. They are investigating combining all programs into one building for four months of continuous shelter and hope to have a report on how it might work for General Council in May.

- **Homeless Youth.** Laurie Mazerbo reported. They are currently working on a youth event for the afternoon of Saturday, April 9th. They will have someone from Arizona's Child Protective Services (CPS) speak with them. The Amphi School District's McKinney-Vento liaison helped recruit the CPS representative. The committee continues to cultivate local McKinney-Vento liaisons.
- **Membership.** Mary Pat reported. All members are keeping up with their attendance. She noted that a number of general member agencies, especially those that serve youth, are too small to participate in GC but are active and faithful in committee work and services.
- **Discharge Planning.** Deferred. Chair Daniel Haley has announced that work obligations force him to resign.

4. Old Business.

- **51homes.** Beth Carey noted that the 51homes campaign's survey week will be April 10th-13th. She said that she pitched volunteering for the effort at the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation's "all staff" meeting and got some volunteers. Ron Koenig noted that additional experienced team leaders are needed. The total needed is 17, and five have been identified to date.
- **TPCH website.** Stan noted that he has been having technical difficulties but has almost completed the new website. He said that he will provide a navigation demonstration when the switch is completed.

5. New Business and Announcements/Undocumented Youth Shelter.

Laurie Mazerbo noted that Our Family Services has received a grant from the U.S. Office of Refuge Resettlement to open a shelter for undocumented immigrant youth under age 18. They need a number of completely Spanish-bilingual staff, including a clinical supervisor, and case workers. They are renting and renovating space from Open Inn, and hope to be open within one month with 12 beds. The hope to house the admitted youth for approximately six months, and to help them avoid deportation. Job listings are on the Our Family Services website. Sofia Gomez is department manager, and can answer questions about the planned shelter or job openings.

6. Next Meeting.

Thursday, April 14th, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m., in the Rillito-Sabino Room of the City's Sentinel Building, 320 N. Commerce Park Loop.

Submitted by Settle Madden

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