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# TUCSON PIMA COLLABORATION TO END HOMELESSNESS

## General Council

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### May 12, 2011 Minutes – DRAFT

Co-chairs: Steve Nelson, Lisa Griffin

<p><b>Next Meeting:</b> March 10, 2011, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m., Rillito-Sabino Rm. Sentinel Bldg., 320 N. Commerce Park Loop</p>
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#### TOPICS DISCUSSED

1. **Minutes.** Susanna Rodriguez noted that the Executive Committee slate in the April minutes should read “Lisa Griffin, vice chair” and “Sylvia Cuestas, member”. Wayne Steele moved to approve the minutes with these corrections. Don Blascak seconded. **Motion passed.**

2. **Presentations.**

- **Co-chairs’ report.** Steve Nelson noted that HUD has awarded all the 2010 renewal submissions plus the TPCH bonus project, which will provide housing for persons identified as most medically vulnerable through the 51homes campaign. HUD will review the results of the 2010 Continuum of Care competition – and describe the 2011 competition – via webcast on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 1:30-3:30 p.m. EDT.  
He reviewed the current federal budget continuing resolution provisions regarding homelessness, including an additional \$40 million for Continuum of Care (CoC) planning and a 35% increase in Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) funds to \$225 million. He said that CoC planning allocation appears to Congress’s start on funding HEARTH Act implementation in stages, moving from the new definition of homelessness and ESG immediately to HMIS changes, continuum of care strategic planning, and then rural homelessness later. He added that input of TPCH data into the HUD data exchange is ongoing and will be completed within the next 60 days.
- **Election of 2011-2012 Executive Committee.** Nick Jones read the previously announced slate minus Kelly Evans, who has changed positions within Emerge! and will no longer be liaison with TPCH. Barbara Montrose moved that TPCH accept the slate as presented. Don Blascak seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- **TPCH Quarterly Financial Report March 31, 2011.** Said report was distributed with the meeting reminder. No questions were raised about the report.
- **51homes.** Mark Clark of CODAC presented a video on and the results of the 51homes Campaign survey week, and described the survey week and its results. The 51 most medically vulnerable persons identified by use of these surveys will be housed through the campaign. The first individual to be housed moved into housing last week, which is reported in the current issue of the Tucson Weekly. A second person is currently engaged with a 51homes navigator.  
Mark noted that \$53,300 has been raised to assist the campaign, and that community fundraising will continue. SAAF has decided to use the vulnerability index as part of their intake process. Pima County has made a funding commitment for a navigator position. The 51homes Workgroup continues discussing what happens to the medically vulnerable persons ranked number 52 and below, as well as how systems change can occur and fund raising continue. Beth Carey noted that with awarding of the HUD bonus project there will be housing available for another 22 individuals.
- **Social Media Committee proposal.** Stan Hamnett reviewed his proposal from the previous meeting and moved, “That TPCH form a new committee with the responsibility to manage the TPCH website and all activity related to social media. The new Committee will be named the Social Media Committee, and that the Social Media Committee is allotted \$4,000 annually to ensure the consistency and continuity of TPCH website operation and ongoing email communications.” Don Blascak seconded.  
Kevin Jackson asked what the \$4,000 would cover. Stan replied that the budget covers the cost of web site development, website hosting for three years, and development of a supplemental email list. It was noted that some of the web funds will be from a recent addition by the City of Tucson to TPCH funds. **Motion passed without opposition or abstention.**

### 3. Committee Reports.

- **Executive Directors Workgroup.** Barbara Montrose reported. The first meeting was held April 27<sup>th</sup> with about 50 persons in attendance. Attendees asked to continue the conversation. The workgroup continues educating executive directors about the changes required by the HEARTH Act.
- **Continuum of Services.** Jennifer Andersen reported. The committee brought forward the motion “That TPCCH form a workgroup to collaborate with the CoC consultants in the design and implementation of this year’s strategic planning process”. Mary Pat Sullivan seconded. Jennifer noted that the HEARTH Act places increased emphasis on strategic planning and that the Federal Strategic Plan, Tucson/Pima Plan To End Homelessness, and the local Consolidated Plan need to be reviewed and coordinated. Mary Pat noted that the workgroup is open to all members and broad input is desired. **Motion passed unanimously.**  
Jennifer passed around a sign-up list for the workgroup.
- **Conference.** Eric Cross reported. The committee has created all the annual conference break-out sessions, identified over one-third of the speakers, and is actively seeking a keynote speaker. The committee will present potential cover designs at the next General Council. .
- **PTEH.** Linda Kot reported. The awareness campaign video will be completed by the end of May. The committee will ask the Executive Committee for time to show the video at the June General Council. The committee has received the Leslie Carlson’s resignation as PTEH implementation coordinator; and is wrapping up the campaign landing page content. Eleven listings have been received, and there is room for more listings. Agencies wishing to be included should submit their information. There will be two meetings this month to ensure continued progress on the public awareness campaign.
- **Discharge Planning.** Betty Bitgood reported. Update of *Guidelines on Getting Out* is in progress.
- **HMIS.** Susanna Rodriguez reported. The committee elected Don Logue as chair and Pam Moseley as vice chair for 2011-2012. They plan a pilot program in which the emergency shelters will share data in HMIS. The shelters’ representatives have begun discussing which data elements will be shared. The 2010 HMIS Annual Report has been posted on the TPCCH website. Overall data quality within the system is good, and the committee continues to work to ensure excellent data quality.
- **Tucson Homeless Connect.** Rick Sumner reported. The committee met today. Due to continued construction there, the next event cannot be held at Trinity Presbyterian Church on the selected date of Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. Don Blascak will begin negotiations with the Dunbar Cultural Center to use their facilities. The committee has an opportunity to request funding from Tucson Electric Power and therefore moves “That the Tucson Homeless Connect Committee is authorized to apply for a \$4,000 grant to support the coming year’s events from Tucson Electric Power Company” Nick Jones seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Emergency Services Committee.** Sylvia Cuestas reported. She noted that an Alternate Winter Shelter Workgroup was authorized by the General Council last September. The workgroup met November through April and has created a report, of which copies are provided today. Because of a significant gap between the resources needed to begin the alternate winter shelter program and what has been available, the committee recommends that: they plan to continue the current system this year; the workgroup be dissolved; and the conversation about the alternate proposal be continued within the Emergency Services Committee and the TPCCH General Council.
- **Homeless Youth Committee.** Kevin Jackson reported. The committee continues to grow, and is updating the youth resource guide first published about five years ago. The committee had a good conversation about how SB1070 has affected the local homeless youth situation, and members noted that they are seeing an increase number of citizen youth who are homeless because their families have been deported or fled for fear of deportation.
- **Membership Committee.** Jodie Barnes reported. Hope, Inc. has gained voting privileges.

4. **Old Business/Empty Bowls.** Don noted that the Interfaith Coalition for the Homeless holds its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary fund raiser and silent auction Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. The proceeds from this fundraiser will go to Tucson Homeless Connect. Tickets are \$25.

5. **Next Meeting.** Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 3:00-4:30 p.m., Rillito-Sabino Room, City Sentinel Building, 320 N. Commerce Park Loop.

**Attendance**

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