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# TUCSON PIMA COLLABORATION TO END HOMELESSNESS

## Homeless Youth Committee

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### June 3, 2011 Minutes

Co-chairs: Laurie Mazerbo, Kevin Jackson

<b>Next Meeting:</b> Friday, July 8, 2011, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m., Kino Teen Center, 2801 E. Ajo Way
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<b>Report to General Council</b>
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| ■ Committee elected as 2011-2012 chair and vice chair respectively Laurie Mazerbo and Kevin Jackson. |
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#### TOPICS DISCUSSED

- Minutes.** Kim Sisson moved and Lynn Parente seconded that the minutes of the May meeting be approved as presented. **Motion passed.**
- JTED programs.** Brent Neilson distributed background and registration materials and spoke about the Pima County Joint Technical Education District (JTED) programs. JTED is voter-approved supplemental career and college readiness education for high school age students (up to 21-years-old) who have not graduated or obtained a G.E.D. Funding from tax revenues is \$5 for every \$100,000 of appraised property value in the county. Programs offered are: agriscience, automotive technologies, certified nursing assistant; construction. Cosmetology, culinary arts; early childhood education; fire services; graphic design; healthcare foundations; law and public safety; multimedia; and precision manufacturing.

Students in schools districts, charter schools, and home schooling – and drop-outs – are eligible. JTED provides transcript credits, but not diplomas or certifications. Some programs provide community college credits. Graduates of JTED programs such as cosmetology and certified nursing assistant training are eligible to take state licensure exams. More than 90% of JTED students pass all three portions of the AIMS test.

Some JTED programs are on high school campuses and operate on their high school’s schedule. Other programs are on JTED’s seven – soon to be eight – independent campuses operate year-round based on students’ needs. Youth can either enroll directly without attending high school, and/or attend both high school and a JTED campus. They serve all students and provide bilingual instruction (Spanish/English); and sign language interpretation. Until recently they provided bus passes for students from high schools to JTED campuses, but may be unable to continue this due to a 52% budget reduction.

JTED also operates Project Search, for special education students. They have a cooperative relationship with University Physicians Hospital, Kino Campus in which 12 students work various rotations. This year six of those students and are likely to be hired. They are seeking the same arrangement with another hospital. JTED is not, however, funded for job development and placement for its students.

JTED three counselors do a career inventory instrument with students, but cannot do full-scale vocational testing for their 1,300 students. JTED students can drop out temporarily and return, but their place in the selected program is not guaranteed. Currently, only students in grades 10-12 are funded due to an Arizona Legislature decision. The Marana school district has chosen to pay for freshman participation. Some programs are full and may use a lottery selection system for the coming year’s applicants.
- Old Business.**
  - **Election of 2011-2012 chair and vice chair.** Kathy Wooldridge moved that Laurie Mazerbo be acclaimed as 2011-2012 committee chair, and Kevin Jackson as vice-chair. Lynn seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**
  - **Know your rights card.** Kathy reported that an updated “know your rights” card for youth is currently being reviewed by an attorney. She has identified two possible sources of funding for printing the card

**4. New Business.**

- **Van of Hope.** Laurie reported that she has been in contact with the Homeless Health Village Van of Hope, and that they would like to have a location from which they can serve the younger population. She asked about possible locations. Skrappy’s only has the adjacent parking lot after 5:00 p.m. daily and on weekends. They can do STD checks and immunizations; but only see minors with parent permission. The van manager is checking whether or not van patients must be U.S. citizens. She has asked that youth bring ID to prove their age.
  - **Next steps.** a.) Kathy will negotiate with the owner of the Skrappy’s-adjacent parking lot about the possibility of using that location for the Van of Hope
  - b.) Laurie will obtain and distribute the Van of Hope site visitation schedule.
- **“A Road to Learning”.** Jayne Song-Gin noted that Youth On Their Own (YOTO) partners with the for-profit company “A Road to Learning” that provides free tutoring to youth using state and other grants. The company also provides tutoring at the La Paloma Family Services group homes, including AIMS test and supplemental tutoring, and works with school districts, Vision Quest, and Tucson Preparatory School. They can tutor at off-school sites as long as the case manager or counselor can arrange it.

Dani Tarry noted that the La Paloma and Vision Quest services are paid by TUSD’s McKinney-Vento program. TUSD has purchase software licenses for the tutoring Achieve 3000 program for those agencies to use with tutoring. She said that those agencies have approximately 120 delinquent students kids being tutored in own home or in libraries in small groups. She said that it took a while to find the right tutors and accustom the students to the effort, but that the tutoring program is doing well this year.

Consensus was to ask the “A Road to Learning” director to speak at the July committee meeting.

- **Wingspan outreach grant application.** Kevin Jackson alerted the committee that Wingspan is applying for a federal street outreach grant using a drop-in center model. He thanked Our Family Services for helping by providing the template from their successful outreach grant application. He noted that the grants for which Wingspan is applying are competitive, and that Pima Prevention Partnership/Sin Puertas is also applying, but using a sufficiently different program model that funding for both projects is possible.
- **McKinney-Vento grants funding.** Dani reported that the new cycle for these grants will be three years instead of the current one year. Applicants and request up to \$100,000 yearly for supplemental education services for students deemed homeless under the McKinney-Vento Act. She said that she hopes to emphasize homeless student identification and outreach in the future, and asked that committee members work to determine the most effective ways to cooperate throughout the community. They are preparing their application now.

**5. Next Meeting.** By majority vote the next meeting will be July 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-10:30 a.m., at the Kino Teen Center, 2801 E. Ajo Way.

Submitted by Settle Madden

**Attendance**

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