
TUCSON PIMA COLLABORATION TO END HOMELESSNESS

Tucson Homeless Connect Committee

September 8, 2011 Minutes

Convener: Don Blascak

Next Meeting: October 13, 2011, 1:30 – 2:50 p.m., Rillito-Sabino Rm. Sentinel Bldg., 320 N. Commerce Park Loop
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Report to General Council

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| ■ Next Tucson Homeless Connect tentatively scheduled for Friday, March 2, 2012. |
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TOPICS DISCUSSED

- Minutes.** Glenn Fournie moved and Jodie Barnes seconded that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as presented. **Motion passed.**
- Trinity venue status for THC VIII.** Don Blascak reported that he has met with Trinity Presbyterian Church, which approved holding the eighth Tucson Homeless Connect event at their facilities in either February or March. Their renovations will be done and the venue is free.
- Committee letter to Dunbar.** Rick Sumner drafted a letter to the Dunbar Cultural Center thanking them for their services and stating the committee's concerns about inadequate air conditioning and instances of lack of staff respect for guests and volunteers. Before the letter was sent, Don noted, he went to reclaim the \$150 damage deposit from the Dunbar Center, where the head of the staff sought him out and apologized profusely for their inability to correct the air conditioning. He suggested that they might wish to either not send the letter or soften it substantially. Participants discussed the pros and cons of sending the letter. Don offered to discuss the contents of the letter with the head of staff with whom he has a good relationship, and consensus was that he should do this.
 - Next step.** Don will discuss event issues with the head of Dunbar staff.
- July 29th event update.** Preliminary statistics of the event were reviewed at the August 11th General Council meeting. Compilation of registration information is not yet complete.
 - Next step.** Jeanet Ruiz will complete registration information compilation.
- Trinity venue status.** Claudia Alfaro said that Marana Health Center would like to be next to DES to help with the AHCCCS screenings. She noted that some MHC staff could be with the medical screening providers while others could assist with AHCCCS screening.

Judge Pollard with other legal assistance in a classroom at Trinity. Pipe and drape could be afforded to provide privacy when there is no fee for the site.

Don endorsed the idea that the committee should work with
- Provider location requests.** Claudia Alfaro said that Marana Health Center (MHC) would like to be next to DES to help with the AHCCCS screenings. She noted that some MHC staff could be with the medical screening providers while others could assist with AHCCCS screening. Other suggestions were that, at Trinity, Judge Pollard could be located with other legal assistance in a classroom at Trinity, with pipe and drape provided to afford privacy; and that the UA Mobile Health Van staff be located inside as they were when their generator broke. Patti noted that they enjoyed the work-around.

Don endorsed the idea that the committee should work with school McKinney-Vento liaisons to bring homeless students to the winter event. Pam Moseley noted that this will only be an option only during the school year.

- 7. **Volunteers and partners.** Kathleen Joy noted that she has now created a list of volunteers, friends and community partners. She is emailing them updates and has invited them all to the 2011 TPCH Annual Conference, *Got Change?*, on September 30th, and plans to send them information on 51 homes soon.
- 8. **Resource inventory.** Glenn noted that he has signed the committee up to work with the Days of Caring and would like to have a completed inventory this month.
 - o **Next step.** Don will work with the Trinity staff to update the inventory of resources.
- 9. **Signage status and review.** Don noted that he has discarded all old signs except the generic one and plans to generate signs for providers at each event.
- 10. **Event date for THC VIII.** Consensus was reached to tentatively schedule the next event for Friday, March 2, 2012.
- 11. **Planning timeline for next event.** Delayed until next meeting.
- 12. **Old Business/tax deductibility.** Participants questioned whether donors to the July 29th event have received thank you letters and tax letters. It was noted that there has been some reluctance on the part of the CPSA financial department to provide such letters.
 - o **Next step.** The committee will discuss with the TPCH Executive Committee the need for THC donors to receive receipts stating that their donations are tax exempt. .
- 13. **Next Meeting.** Thursday, October 13th, 1:30-2:50 p.m.
 - o **Next step.** Jodie will reserve a room for the meeting. (Jodie reserved the Rillito-Sabino Room of the City's Sentinel Building, 320 N. Commerce Park Loop.)

Submitted by Settle Madden

Attendance

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Claudia	Alfaro	Marana Health Center	calfaro@maranhealthcenter.org
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