
TUCSON PIMA COLLABORATION TO END HOMELESSNESS

Emergency Services Committee

June 7, 2011 Minutes

Co-chairs: Sylvia Cuestas, Jill Rich

Next Meeting: July 5, 2011, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Sullivan Jackson Employment Center, 400 E. 26 th St.
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Report to General Council

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| ■ Project Summer Sun underway |
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TOPICS DISCUSSED

- 1. Minutes.** Pam Moseley moved and Wendy Heiden seconded that the minutes of the May meeting be approved as presented. **Motion passed.**
- 2. Project Summer Sun 2011.** Wendy Heiden reported that Caridad-de Porres is providing sack lunches for RAPP. Caridad decided to go provide the food regardless of FEMA funding, and does not plan to bill for the food if no FEMA is forthcoming. Wendy noted that recipients sign for the lunches and providing a record for Caridad and the Community Food Bank. Don Blascak reported that 74 cases of water have been donated to date, with six remaining to distribute.

Jill Rich distributed the press release regarding Summer Sun 2011. The Arizona Daily Star followed up with a story combining the Summer Sun effort and an annual effort by Naughton's stores to support the Salvation Army's summer relief efforts. There were no other responses. She has ordered 600 bottles of sunscreen, which have been paid for.

Kathleen Joy said that she is following up on her promised donor communications, and asked which items would be needed most. Donations of sunglasses and t-shirts have lagged. She will also contact the DES offices in Phoenix that previously donated large quantities of flip-flops.
- 3. Alternate winter shelter proposal.** The proposal was made available at the May General Council meeting. Jill noted that Brother David Buer said that he plans to continue continuous winter shelter this winter.
- 4. Blankets.** Celeste Reynolds confirmed that Yoli Hasler has placed the order for additional blankets. After a double-check, Jim Kuzdal reported that only 62 boxes of 12 blankets each remain at the St. Vincent de Paul warehouse; and that Gospel Rescue Mission reports being out of blankets and wishes to come pick up some.
- 5. Old Business.**
 - Winter Shelter preparations.** Don reported on recruiting for the coming winter's congregational programs. Bed nights pledged to date are 728 for Project Hospitality, and 437 for One Step Beyond for a total of 1,165. A total of 13 nights are fully scheduled with nine congregations responding to date.

Participants discussed case management for all winter shelter programs. Jerry Brillo suggested that the winter shelter programs should have its own case manger, and should also contact referring agencies with program descriptions earlier in the year. Celeste noted that the Salvation Army employee who previously did these presentations has changed jobs. Don, Sylvia, Kathleen and Jerry volunteered to assist with presentations. Consensus was to start arranging presentations in mid-August or early September. It was noted that it will be important to visit the multiple locations of the larger agencies, and emphasize that case managers are needed for each night of Operation Deep Freeze.

Sylvia noted that it will be important for the committee to ensure that continuing arrangements are made for the contract and reporting relationship for the congregational shelter programs coordinator with the new TPCF fiscal agent.

6. **Next Meeting.** Tuesday, July 5th, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Sullivan Jackson Employment Center, 400 E. 22nd Street. Tuesday, August 2nd was selected as the following meeting at the same time and place.

Submitted by Settle Madden

Attendance

Name		Organization	Email
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