
TUCSON PIMA COLLABORATION TO END HOMELESSNESS

Emergency Services Committee

October 5, 2011 Minutes

Chair: Sylvia Cuestas

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 2, 2011, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Sullivan Jackson Employment Center, 400 E. 26 th St.
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Report to TPCCH General Meeting
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| ■ Winter Shelter preparations continue; case manager orientations and blanket pick-ups scheduled. No motions. |
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TOPICS DISCUSSED

- 1. Minutes.** Don Blascak moved and Joe Ochoa seconded that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved with a change to note that it is uncertain who suggested holding a clinic on the first night of each Operation Deep Freeze. **Motion passed.**
- 2. Winter Shelter.** Don Blascak reported. Bed nights pledged to date are 1,667 for Project Hospitality and 1,343 for One Step Beyond, for a total of 3,010 bed nights. Nights fully pledged are 23. Nights with less than 30 beds pledged are 29. Nights with zero beds pledged are 17. Six congregations are not yet signed up. He added that he distributed a total of 317 cases of water during Project Summer Sun. Amanda Kroy noted that One Step Beyond will be switched to the oversight of Vincent Fricano, although she will remain involved. Vincent will begin attending the committee meetings as his schedule is shifted. She noted that one of the VA's housing programs – a 90-day alternative to shelter – is increasing from 16 to 42 beds. Because this may make it difficult to fill all OSB beds, she asked if one of the OSB sites could be opened to the general homeless population or dedicated to couples and families to ensure that as many people as possible are sheltered and the congregations pleased with the program. She said at least three of SAVAHCS's social workers will visit the OSB sites. She asked whether Winter Shelter could help accommodate these. Don said that congregations participating in OSB have been very dedicated to the program of helping veterans, and would need to review and agree to any changes.
 - **Next step.** Don will communicate with the six congregations that have not yet pledged bed nights and arrange for delivery of cots to congregations as needed.
 - **Orientations.** Sylvia Cuestas reported that she announced the required case manager orientations for Project Hospitality at last Friday's TPCCH Annual Conference and distributed the schedule for same. Yoli Hasler of the Salvation Army circulated a list of case managers who have signed up to date. She distributed additional copies of the orientation schedule to participants.
 - **Next step.** Case manager orientations to Project Hospitality will again be included in the TPCCH weekly announcements.
 - **Transportation.** Sylvia said that Kim Ward reported that Sun Tran has again agreed to provide transportation for ODF guests. Yoli added that Kim plans a face-to-face meeting with AAA Transportation. Kathleen Joy reported that she met with a representative of the non-profit Cars for Vets, which has vans available (one 14-passenger and one seven-passenger van) and is willing to work with the committee to make transport and drivers affordable. Lt. Diana Pacheco asked about transportation of late-coming and/or intoxicated ODF guests. It was noted that the taxi service will not be available this year. Joe Ochoa said that the new Crisis Response Center would provide transport for any caller with behavioral health or substance abuse issues, and also refer the caller to alternatives.
 - **Next steps.** a.) Yoli will ask Kim to contact Cars for Vets regarding possible ODF transportation arrangements.
 - b.) Lt. Lopez, Compass and the CRC will communicate regarding transportation for ODF guests, and also report back regarding the number of FEMA blankets needed to equip police cruisers to provide blankets.

- **Clinic/Van of Hope.** Yoli reported that Kim met with the Van of Hope manager, who is going to see if the van could schedule visits to the Salvation Army on ODF nights. The van already visits the Salvation Army on Wednesday nights and will also consider adding other regularly scheduled nights. Sylvia added that she contacted Comin' Home, which has agreed to continue their provision of transportation.
 - **Next step.** Salvation Army will continue communications with the Van of Hope.

- 3. **Blankets.** Don estimated that the existing blanket supply is just a few hundred short of 15,000. Blankets will be distributed 12:00-3:00 p.m. each Friday in October from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul warehouse. Some agencies have already scheduled their pick-ups.
 - **Next step.** Yoli will place an order for an additional 5,000 blankets.

- 4. **Old Business.**
 - **Storage.** Yoli noted that the Salvation Army has settled on a location on its property to which the trailer storage trailer currently at the Tucson Electric Power facility can be moved. Jerry said that the TEP maintenance chief has agreed to move the trailer. In addition, the lease on the min-mobile remains in effect.
 - **Next steps.** a.) Jerry will provide Yoli with the name and phone number of TEP's maintenance chief.
b.) Yoli will contact TEP about moving the storage trailer to the Salvation Army.
 - **Franciscans' Continuous Shelter.** Brother David Buer noted that the City of Tucson has not received the deed to the Allen Army Reserve Center. He plans to hold shelter at Flowing Wells Assembly of God if the Allen Center is not available. Jean Fedigan plans to again open a women's shelter, probably beginning in December. The annual soup patrol is set to begin October 12th, and to distribute FEMA blankets as they serve homeless individuals.

- 5. **Next Meeting.** Wednesday, November 2nd, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Sullivan Jackson Employment Center. Consensus was to continue to meet on the first Wednesday of each month.

Attendance

Name		Organization	Email
Don	Blascak	American Red Cross	dblascak@comcast.net
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