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# TUCSON PIMA COLLABORATION TO END HOMELESSNESS

## Homeless Youth Committee

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### July 8, 2011 Minutes

Chair & Vice Chair: Laurie Mazerbo, Kevin Jackson

<b>Next Meeting:</b> August 2, 2011, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m., Tucson Preparatory School, 104 E. Prince
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<b>Report to General Council</b>
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### TOPICS DISCUSSED

- Minutes.** Lynn Parente moved and Kathy Wooldridge seconded that the minutes of the June meeting be approved with correction of a missing letter in an email address. **Motion passed.**
- Kino Teen Center.** Stephanie Smith presented, provided a packet of information regarding the center's services, and took participants on a facility tour. The Kino Teen Center administration has moved from the Pima County Community Services Department to the county's Health Department. This has changed the focus of the center's services to family planning (including ongoing birth control) and control of sexually transmitted diseases, and its targeted age range to ages 14-19. A doctor is on site. They are able to receive and refer older youth. For guests under age 14, they are required to report any sexual activity or abuse to the police. They are no longer able to do physicals for youth who need them for youth sports or school, but do have a list of low-cost and sliding-scale providers of physical exams.  
Noel Valle of the Kino Teen Center estimated that about one-quarter of the center's teen guests report being homeless year-round. In winter, the percentage is slightly higher. He added that they accept donations of things such as hygiene supplies, diapers and clothing, and distribute them to their guests.  
Kino Teen Center services are "low-cost or free". They can provide free, confidential service to most youth, even those who may make up to \$250 weekly at a summer job. Teens who have insurance through their parents, but want confidentiality, can receive services through the Kino Teen Center by stating that they do not have insurance. It was noted that the Center and the Pima County Health Department can provide free intrauterine devices (IUD) to young women who have already given birth. Noel added that they also offer the Plan B birth control in case of contraceptive failure or sexual assault.
- The Road to Learning (TRL).** Marcea Hunter presented and distributed brochures regarding their SES free tutoring program. SES is free for students who attend underperforming schools and/or qualify for the free lunch program. An AIMS grant lets them provide free tutoring services for students who have not met any part of the AIMS test. Tutoring is generally done on a 1:1 basis or up to 1:5 teacher to student ratio. Their schedules are very flexible schedules. They have a focus on the needs of bilingual students.  
She can provide list of schools and different serves offered at those schools. She noted that TRL worked in June with Kathleen Fitzgerald at Pima County Juvenile Probation, providing youth on probation with 1:1 in the home, and with homework help at Apollo Middle School. TRL also works with special education student, using a copy of their Individual Education Program (IEP) to meet their already established goals.  
All TRL tutors have fingerprint clearance and company background checks. Each must have a bachelor's degree or at least 12 college credit hours in college in the subject in which they tutor. Lucia Ortiz noted that TRL staff have worked with Tucson Preparatory School students and "were awesome and able to touch a lot of kids who don't appear to want to learn".

#### 4. Old Business

- **Information brochure.** Kevin Jackson noted that this brochure, originated five years ago, is in need of updating. He asked what – in addition to crisis line, safe place, basic needs and transitional living services – might need to be included. Lucia Ortiz noted that the Safe Place program has expanded significantly, and the new locations should be included. Kathy Wooldridge noted that there is a new group in town working against “sex slavery”, which may need to be included. Other suggestions for additions were: educational resources for homeless youth; additional hot- and warm-line services; and information for immigrant youth.
  - **Next step:** Kathy will forward information about the anti-sex slavery group for distribution to the committee and invite the group’s representative to the Homeless Youth Committee meeting.
- **“Know Your Rights” Card.** Kathy Wooldridge said that the “Know Your Rights Card” contents geared specifically toward youth have been through the legal review. She is hopeful that she has a source for printing a couple of thousand copies. Kathy noted that the card now also contains information on what the individual should do when approached by a law enforcement officer.
  - **Next step.** Kathy will email the electronic version to the committee chair and co-chair.

#### 5. New Business/Announcements.

- TPCB strategic planning. Laurie noted that she is on the TPCB Strategic Planning Workgroup, and that each TPCB committee will be assigned tasks to contribute to the overall, long-term strategic plans. One of this committee’s jobs will be to reach out to other community entities who should be involved. Pam Moseley noted that there will also be questions and requests for input as to gaps and needs and added that all committee participants are invited to attend TPCB General Council, earn voting membership and have your voice heard. Pam and Kevin both serve on the Membership Committee which checks attendance records monthly.
  - **Discharge Planning Committee.** Pam and Kevin noted that the TPCB Discharge Planning Committee’s mission includes helping to smooth transitions for youth aging out of foster care, and the this committee should seek to work with them in that area.
  - **Tucson Homeless Connect.** The next one-day, one-stop Tucson Homeless Connect event will be Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at Dunbar Cultural Center, and includes services for youth. Bicycle repair is being added to the event.
  - **Committee mission/description.** Kevin read the committee’s current mission to participant, and asked them to consider whether it needs to be updated or reworded. Any changes would be presented to the August General Council.
    - **Next step.** Kevin will email the definition to the administrative coordinator for distribution to committee members with a request for feedback.
  - Wingspan Warm Line. Kevin noted that the Wingspan anti-violence program has launched a peer-based, information and advocacy “warm line” called the “rainbow connect” to help youth experiencing bullying, discrimination, and/or violence. It will operate 3:00-8:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. He will bring posters about this new service to the General Council meeting. The posters are schedule to be posted in all Sun Tran buses in next week or so. The number is toll-free, 888-805-1991. Calls outside of operating hours will be forwarded to the parent organization’s 24/7 anti-violence line. Wingspan is continuing to train 15 to 20 peer advocates.
  - **“When You Turn 18” pamphlets.** Lynn provided participants with copies of these pamphlets in Spanish and English.
  - **College prep/financial literacy workshops.** Trynia Kaufman noted that La Paloma Family Services is doing both college preparatory and youth financial literacy workshops for next three week. Youth should register with her. Lunch and door prizes are included.
6. **Next Meeting.** Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, Tucson Preparatory School, 104 E. Prince Road. The following meeting will be September 2<sup>nd</sup> at Juvenile Probation, 2225 E. Ajo Way.
- **Next step.** Lynn will reserve a room for and bring youth emancipation packets to the September meeting.

**Attendance**

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