
TUCSON PIMA COLLABORATION TO END HOMELESSNESS

Homeless Youth Committee

October 7, 2011 Minutes

Chair: Laurie Mazerbo

Next Meeting: November 4, 2011, 9:00-10:00 a.m. Wingspan, 430 E. 7 th Street

Report to TPCCH General Meeting
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| ■ Homeless youth event plans ongoing; <i>Know Your Rights</i> card to be distributed soon. |
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TOPICS DISCUSSED

- Minutes.** It was noted that the event will actually be November 5th, a Saturday, not a Sunday. Lucia Ortiz moved and Kathy Wooldridge seconded that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as presented with that correction. **Motion passed.**
- November 5th Home Is Where the Art Is Event.** Laurie Mazerbo reported that previous event caterer Caridad-dePorres no longer provides catering now that it is part of the Community Food Bank. Kathy said that she has spoken with Whole Foods, which may be able to provide food for the event. She will present a formal proposal to them next week. Consensus was to use the names of all agencies that participate in the Homeless Youth Committee on the proposal. Kathy said that she has two back-up restaurants in mind if Whole Foods is unable to help.

Laurie noted that the All Souls parade will actually be on Sunday. The route has changed, diverting the parade away from Skrappy's. Participants discussed whether to move the event to Sunday, but agreed to leave it on Saturday because of the significantly reduced Sunday bus schedule.

Kathy said that the Skrappy's kids are making a movie to portray the teen experience, especially, the homeless youth experience, and would like to film at the *Home Is Where the Art Is* event in order to capture the resources available. Because of concerns that some youth may not want to be filmed, Kathy agreed to film the resource tables in advance of event opening and use film from other events for the movie.

 - **Next step.** a.) Kathy will follow up seeking food and completing the event flyer.
 - b.) Kathy will send the flyer to the committee for approval.
 - c.) Once the flyer is approved, Dani Tarry will have it printed
- Foster Care Discharges.** Patti Eaglen noted that the TPCCH Discharge Planning Committee is eager to explore how they can work with this committee and provide additional support or assistance to youth aging out of the foster care system. Participants expressed their concern that Arizona's Child Protective Services (CPS) does not have regular representation on this committee. Dani noted that she spoke with the person she works most closely with at CPS, who expressed surprise that there was not regular representative and that committee members had reported what they perceive as resistance among CPS worker to youth either obtaining or returning to the post-foster-care services and benefits. Consensus was that the committees would like to work more closely together, and seek more interaction with CPS, starting by having the committee chairs and vice chairs meet. Pam Moseley noted that Ann Oliva, director of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs last week expressed her own and HUD's concern about youth discharges, and her willingness to work with the committee.

Laurie added that the Our Family Services shelter is seeing an increase in 16- and 17-year-olds, who are not emancipated, coming to their shelter and that CPS will not accept them from the shelter. Their recent arrivals included one who reported TB exposure and who was officially in CPS custody.

4. **Spring Interagency Training Day.** Deferred.
5. **Information Brochure.** Laurie asked anyone who has additional updates should email them in immediately. Kim Sisson offered to do the layout updated.
6. **Know Your Rights card.** Kathy reported that she expects to have the printed cards and begin distributing them next week.
7. **New Business.**
 - **Employment Issues.** Kathy reported that several of the Skrappy's youth recently obtained jobs with "mom and pop" businesses, were let go immediately (in one case when a business closed) and not paid. The employers generally say "that was training" and the youth are not aware that they are entitled to pay. She is working with the youth to ensure that they're paid and that they understand that they should be asked to fill out a W2 form.
 - **HUD Exhibit 1.** Pam reviewed the HUD-requested feedback regarding coordination between the continuum of care and local educational institutions, and noted that the answer is due soon.
 - **Juvenile Detention Tour.** Lynn Parente noted she can arrange a tour of the Pima County Juvenile Detention facility for the committee if they wish. Consensus was that the committee would like a tour.
 - **Next step.** Lynn will email potential tour dates to the committee.
 - **October 15th "Wall Street occupy".** Kathy noted that there will be a demonstration in protest of the current economy and government special treatment of Wall Street and financial institutions in the park at the main library downtown on October 15th.
8. **Next meeting.** Friday, November 4th, 9:00-10:30 a.m., Wingspan, 430 E. 7th Street.

Attendance

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