
TUCSON PIMA COLLABORATION TO END HOMELESSNESS

Homeless Youth Committee

September 2, 2011 Minutes – DRAFT

Chair: Laurie Mazerbo

Next Meeting: October 7, 2011, 9:00-10:00 a.m., Tucson Preparatory School, 104 E. Prince Road

Report to General Council

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TOPICS DISCUSSED

1. **Minutes.** Minutes of the previous meeting were not available. A replacement sign-in sheet for the misplaced August meeting attendance was circulated.
2. **Juvenile Probation.** Lynne Parente described Pima County Juvenile Probation Offices' efforts, including the programs for treatment, education, foster care placement as needed, and rehabilitation. She noted that there is a great deal of programming, including a substance abuse treatment-readiness program, and family counseling. She noted that youth in juvenile probation can currently receive visitors daily. Laurie Mazerbo noted that Our Family Services (OFS) recently added a ninth bed to its youth emergency shelter to accommodate a growing number of CPS-engaged youth.

Probation Officer Jack Forrester described his efforts to help court-involved youth find employment. He gives aptitude tests, teaches them how to do a job search, create a resume, fill out applications, and behave in an interview through mock interviews. He has placed seven youth to date. He recently made a presentation to the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and received several expressions of interest. He plans to do more presentations soon.
3. **Old Business.**
 - **November homeless youth event.** Lucia Ortiz noted that discussion to date has been to do the event on Sunday, November 5th during the day so that youth who wish to do so can join or observe the annual Day of the Dead procession. The procession usually ends across the street from Skrappy's. The tentative plan is to do the event from 2:00-5:00 p.m.
 - **Next step.** Laurie will contact Kathy Wooldridge or Skrappy's and investigate options for having a meal at the event.
 - **Interagency training.** Consensus was to do another interagency training day in spring 2012, but table discussion until after the November event.
 - **Information brochure.** Laurie noted that Kevin Jackson has received changes from a number of youth services providers.
 - **Next step.** TPCCH administrative coordinator will re-send the brochure to the committee members.
 - **Know Your Rights cards.** Kathy Wooldridge was not able to attend, but is seeking donated printing.
4. **New Business.**
 - **School transportation.** Laurie noted that the OFS youth shelter has had difficulty getting local school districts to provide transportation to youth in the shelter. OFS staff have been transporting these youth to school and, so far, been unable to receive reimbursement doing so. Dani Tarry noted that TUSD staff must register homeless students. She asked that committee members contact her directly for enrollment authorization.
 - **Next steps. a.)** Laurie will have the OFS shelter supervisor contact Dani so that they can work on obtaining school district-provided transportation.
 - **b.)** Committee members will contact Dani before enrolling homeless youth in TUSD schools.

- **Van of Hope.** Jesse Washburn noted that this coming Tuesday, September 6th, the Van of Hope will be at the Youth On Their Own (YOTO) offices, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. They will see anyone (over age 18 or under 18 with guardian). The van takes most insurance and will work with people who do not have insurance. Patients must be age 18 or accompanied by a guardian. The van will visit again on Thursday, September 29th to serve YOTO youth.

5. **Next Meeting.** Friday, October 7th, 9:00-10:00 a.m., at Tucson Preparatory School, 104 E. Prince Road.

Submitted by Settle Madden

Attendance

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