
TUCSON PIMA COLLABORATION TO END HOMELESSNESS

Discharge Planning Committee

September 15, 2011 Minutes

Chair: Betty Bitgood

Next Meeting: October 20, 2011, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m., Primavera Foundation, 151 W/ 40 th Street
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Report to General Council

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Committee is working on Exhibit 1, collaboration with Homeless Youth Committee, and providing clothing for homeless hospital discharges |
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TOPICS DISCUSSED

1. **Minutes.** Wayne Steele moved and Pam Moseley seconded that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as presented. **Motion passed.**
2. **Reports on distribution.** Betty Bitgood reported that she distributed copies of the *Guidelines on Getting Out* and emergency shelter list to all hospital contacts. Settle Madden reported that she has arranged for distribution of the *Guidelines* and *Need Help* pamphlets to all 27 Tucson/Pima County library branches.
3. **Youth aging out of foster care.** Pam Moseley noted that she has discussed cooperation between this and the Homeless Youth Committee with Chair Laurie Mazerbo, who suggests that the committee chairs approach the issue strategically, identifying key participants for a joint meeting. The Homeless Youth Committee has a particular concern about 18-24-year-olds who feel uncomfortable in traditional adult-oriented emergency shelters. Some, but not all of those youth, have been discharged from foster care.
 - **Next step.** Committee chair and vice-chair will seek a meeting with the Homeless Youth Committee chair and vice-chair regarding joint concerns and efforts.
4. **HUD Exhibit 1.** Linda Kot reviewed for the committee its responsibilities regarding the submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD Exhibit 1) and distributed copies of the HUD questions and previous year's answers for that document. The TPCCH Continuum of Services Committee, which is responsible for the Exhibit 1 compilation) has requested feedback by October 7th in preparation for an October 24th Exhibit 1 submission. (HUD's submission deadline is October 28.) Participants discussed the requirements and made suggestions for additions to this year's Exhibit 1 included the following.
 - **Health care:** Changes in AHCCCS coverage, the local PCAP program, addition of the Van of Hope, and mention of local health care centers, including St. Elizabeth of Hungary.
 - **Foster care discharge:** Inclusion of Youth on Their Own.
 - **Corrections:** Changes in AHCCCS coverage and any changes in the discharge planning process specified by the Arizona Department of Corrections (ADC).
 - **Mental health.** Institution of the new Crisis Response Center, Behavioral Health Pavilion, and under-construction Counseling and Wellness Center of the Marana Health Center
 - **Next steps. a.)** Nick Jones will email the head of the ADC discharge planning regarding changes to ADC statewide plans and procedures, and provide verbiage on PCAP.
 - **b.)** Mary Carter and Tara Radke will provide verbiage on community health centers, and the Van of Hope (Tara).
 - **c.)** Linda will provide 2010 Exhibit 1 text for distribution to committee members.
 - **d.)** Committee members will provide their verbiage and feedback no later than September 29th to Nick Jones and Betty Bitgood.

5. Old Business.

- **Clothing.** Shelter workers have noted that they sometimes receive guests discharged from hospitals who have soiled/damaged clothing. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) offered to provide clothing for hospital discharges in that situation Tara Radke noted that El Rio homeless clinic used to keep clothing on hand, but stopped doing so because of space and storage considerations. She suggested contacting Kathy Hall, who works regularly with hospital case managers. Wayne Steele noted that the Turn Your Life Around (TYLA) recovery center has a thrift store and also offered to provide clothing to any recently released person with an agency referral. He has also heard that the Jewish Community Center will provide clothing. Jim Kuzdal of SVDP asked that the committee speak with the hospitals, and come up with the composition of deliverable “bundles”. If the numbers are reasonable, he and his staff could assemble and deliver bundles – during weekday working hours – to the hospitals on a scheduled basis.
- **Next steps. a.)** Wayne will follow up with the Jewish Community Center.
b.) Betty will contact committee members who previously signed up to contact social worker supervisors and ask them to discuss the clothing issue with their contacts, and invite them to attend a committee meeting (or schedule a meeting with them).
- **New OPCS/SAAF program.**
 - **Next step.** Nick Jones will ask Diana Figueroa to reschedule her presentation.

6. Next Meeting. Thursday, October 20th, 3:00-4:30 p.m., Primavera Foundation, 151 W. 40th Street.

Submitted by Settle Madden

Attendance

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