
TUCSON PIMA COLLABORATION TO END HOMELESSNESS

Discharge Planning Committee

August 18, 2011 Minutes

Chair: Betty Bitgood

Next meeting: Thursday, Sept. 15, 2011 3:00-4:30 p.m. Primavera Foundation, 151 W. 40 th St.
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Report to General Council

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TOPICS DISCUSSED

1. **Minutes.** Patty Eaglen moved and Clark Dyer seconded that the minutes of the July meeting be approved as presented. **Motion passed.**
2. **New OPCS/SAAF program for ex-offenders.** The scheduled guest speakers were unable to attend due to an emergency. Patty distributed the program's literature.
 - **Next steps.** Betty will attempt to reschedule the presentation as well as seek to confirm a presentation next month by the new Crisis Response Center.
3. **Committee purpose and goals.**
 - **Review purposed.** TPCCH Operating Policies state that "The purpose of the Discharge Planning Committee is to advocate for and provide education to young adults exiting foster care and individuals being discharge homeless from hospitals, jails, prisons, and other institutions. The committee is responsible for developing and distributing a resource list appropriate to each population served.
 - **Propose 2011-2012 goals and objectives.** Participants discussed the committee's purpose.
 - **Foster care discharges.** They noted that the committee has worked continuously on the incarceration/hospitalization discharges and would like to place more emphasis on assistance for youth being discharged from foster care and suggested that: the committee investigate the foster care discharge process and agencies, including the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program, Blake Foundation, McKinney-Vento liaisons etc. evaluate that process, and determine where the committee can assist or advocate.
 - **Next steps.** a.) Patty will contact the Blake Foundation
 - b.) Michelle Brule will contact the juvenile courts and CASA.
 - c.) Betty will contact DES and CPS.
 - d.) Tonia will contact the TUSD McKinney-Vento liaisons.
 - **Discharges from incarceration.** Participants agreed that the committee will need to include seeking funding for publication of the next issue of the Guidelines among its year's objectives.
 - **Discharges from hospitals.** Michelle reported that the pilot project among El Rio Community Center, Southern Arizona Health Village for the Homeless, and the Primavera Foundation is accepting patients from St. Mary's Hospital and that it is working well, with St. Mary's social workers providing all needed information and AHCCCS-funded equipment and/or nursing assistance being delivered to the shelter. They currently have 15 medical beds for men, all of which are full. El Rio and the Van of Hope have therapists come in. People who need medical care round-the-clock are not accepted.
 - The committee received and reviewed the updated Emergency Shelter list. The planned follow-up letter for hospital social workers was not available.
 - **Next step.** Betty will obtain the draft follow-up letter to social workers.

4. Old Business.

- **Guidelines.** The first round of *Guidelines* distribution is complete.
- **Communication with hospital personnel.** Deferred. See *Discharge from hospitals*.
- **Emergency Shelter list distribution.** Deferred. See *Discharge from hospitals*.

5. Next Meeting. Thursday, September 15th, 3:00-4:30 p.m., Primavera Foundation, 151 W. 40th Street.

Attendance

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