
TUCSON PIMA COLLABORATION TO END HOMELESSNESS

Discharge Planning Committee

July 21, 2011 Minutes

Chair: Betty Bitgood

Next Meeting: August 18, 2011, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m., Primavera Foundation, 151 W. 40 th Street

Report to General Council

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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. **2011 Guidelines.**
 - **Distribution.** Participants reported on their assignments, all of which are completed. Pam Moseley noted that she also took *Guidelines* to Congressional Representatives Grijalva and Giffords' offices; Linda Saxon reported that she delivered to the Arizona Department of Corrections (ADC) and University Physician/Kino Campus as planned, including having the state reentry coordinator post the *Guidelines* on the ADC prisons' website. It was noted that University Physicians Hospital (Kino) is currently contracted to care for ADC inmates.

In addition new member Tonia Kadiri, the local federal prison discharge coordinator, said that she has had the *Guidelines* posted to the federal prison website.

 - **Next step.** a.) Pam will deliver 25 *Guidelines* to Marana Health Center for use with inmates at the Marana prison and treatment center.
 - b.) Betty will deliver *Guidelines* to University Medical Center.
 - c.) Patty will deliver 25 copies to the county probation offices.
 - d.) Linda will take five copies to the northwest evaluations team at UPH.
 - **2012 funding possibilities.** Pam noted that the committee's review of the coming year's goals and objectives may reveal sponsorship opportunities among new members recruited and their organizations.
3. **Hospital contacts.** Participants reviewed contacts made to date, and the plan to distribute *Guidelines* personally to hospitals not yet contacted. Betty noted that she has been asked by hospital social workers for copies of the Van of Hope schedule.
 - **Next step.** Pam will forward a copy of the Van of Hope schedule to the TPCH administrative coordinator for further distribution.
4. **Old Business.**
 - **Planning.** The committee needs to review its goals and objectives for the coming year, including recruitment.
 - **Foster youth discharges.** Betty has obtained a copy of the state Department of Economic security draft plan for releasing youth from foster care.
 - **Next step.** Betty will forward the youth discharge plan for distribution to both Discharge Planning Homeless Youth Committee members.

5. New Business.

- **AHCCCS.** The ability of single, childless people to apply for and/or receive Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System insurance remains in limbo. There is an unresolved challenge in federal court to the state’s plan to cease covering these persons and to drop from coverage any such persons who allow their coverage to lapse. Linda noted that AHCCCS has returned to ADC all the paper applications prepared for prisoners who were within 30 days of release. Consensus was to draft a statement for presentation to the TPCH General Council in opposition to the state plan to drop single, childless individuals from AHCCCS. The committee may also wish to arrange a presentation from the Crisis Response Network.
 - **Next steps. a.)** Linda will draft a statement opposing the AHCCCS plan to withdraw coverage from single, childless persons for committee review. |
 - b.)** Linda will to invite Crisis Response Center representatives to make a presentation to the committee in September
- **TPCH Strategic Planning.** Pam reported that the TPCH Strategic Planning workgroup has recognized the importance of the TPCH Committees, and would like each committee to review their goals and objectives for the coming year and submit them for use as part of the TPCH-wide strategic planning process. Linda suggested reviewing the prior years’ goals and objectives.
- **SAAF Wellness Program.** Patty noted that SAAF representatives want to come and present to this committee about their wellness program.
- **Pilot medical respite program.** Michelle Brule is working with the joint Van of Hope/El Rio/Primavera medical respite pilot program. They have had one client is hospice, who has died, and a second client who has gone on to housing. They currently have a newly blinded individual in the program.

6. Next Meeting. Thursday, August 18th, 3:00-4:30 p.m., Primavera Foundation, 151 W. 40th Street.

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Attendance

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