
TUCSON PIMA COLLABORATION TO END HOMELESSNESS

Tucson Homeless Connect Committee

June 9, 2011 Minutes

Chair: Rick Sumner

<p>Next Meeting: Thursday, June 23, 2011, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Santa Cruz Room, Sentinel Building 320 N. Commerce Park Loop</p>
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<p>Report to TPCB General Meeting</p>
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Tucson Homeless Connect will use Facebook[®] page as part of outreach efforts. |
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TOPICS DISCUSSED

1. **Minutes.** Jodie Barnes offered two corrections to the May 26th draft minutes, her last name and that there will be no Lions Gift of Site participation in the July 29th event. Glenn Fournie moved and Don Blascak seconded that the minutes be accepted as corrected **Motion passed.**
2. **Motions for General Council.** Rick Sumner reminded participants that he will present three motions from the committee to the General Council today to: request \$4,000 for the next two Tucson Homeless Connect events; request that the committee be allowed to spend as needed those funds; and request approve of the rental contract with the Dunbar Cultural Center.
3. **Outreach update.** Jodie reported that she, Pam Moseley, Amber Stricker, and Wayne Steele met and discussed the outreach plan for the next event. They agreed that the event needs a Facebook[®] page, but were unsure which needs to be approved by the TPCB Social Media Committee. Amber created a page, which only she can access at this time. Participants discussed whether any approvals for that page are needed, and reached consensus that it was unlikely formal approvals are needed for what is essentially an electronic outreach flyer. Participants also discussed how comments could be moderated; which audiences should be targeted; and whether the committee should take advantage of Facebook[®] advertising options. The consensus on the latter was “no”. Stan Hamnett noted that many cities across the nation already have Facebook pages for their events. Leslie Carlson asked whether the committee would like to include volunteering for Tucson Homeless Connect on the landing page planned for the TPCB website. Consensus was “yes”.

Jodie added that outreach workgroup members plan to: split the Tucson area into four sectors and each accepted responsibility for one sector; begin outreach earlier; distribute more flyers; and coordinate more closely with transportation, sheriff, police and hospitals.

 - **Next steps.** a.) Rick will include Tucson Homeless Connect Facebook[®] page creation in the committee report.
 - b.) If there are no objections at General Council, said page will be posted.
4. **Rep. Giffords’ representative.** Patty Valera of Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords’ office introduced herself and expressed the office’s willingness to assist with the Tucson Homeless Connect events. Participants provided a history of the event. Patty noted that she previously worked as an outreach worker with homeless persons.
5. **Budget.**
 - **TEP grant.** The Tucson Electric Power (TEP) grant application was submitted. TEP plans to announce its awards in September.
 - **Donations.** Glenn noted that the Southern Arizona Procurement Fair has donated \$500; and that he has invoiced First Things First for their \$1,000 pledge. It is estimated that, without the TPCB budget allocation being requested today, approximately \$3,960 is available for the next event.

- 6. Providers update.** Patti Scott-Lopez distributed *Save the Date* flyers to providers and committee members prior to leaving on vacation. Participants reported on their contacts to date. Pam noted that the Van of Hope can only see patients enrolled with El Rio Health Center, and would like to have a table with other medical providers to provide schedules and/or gift items. She spoke today with United API, the largest Pima County AHCCCS provider, and that they would like to have a representative attend a committee meeting and discuss how they can assist with AHCCCS renewals and renewal education.

Don reported that the contract with Dunbar Cultural Center is available and can be completed with General Council approval. Kingdom Cuts has again agreed to provide event haircuts. Gospel Rescue Mission will provide clothing. He has asked AAA Transportation to provide round-trip transportation to the Motor Vehicle Division, but not yet received a response. To date, the Salvation Army, Primavera Foundation, and Gospel Rescue Mission have agreed to provide vans for event transportation. City of Tucson Homeless Court Judge Michael Pollard had committed to attend the event 8 a.m.-1 p.m..

Jodie reported that the DMV has agreed to unless the state mandates that they take a furlough that day.

- 7. Media coverage.** Participants reviewed the previous discussion regarding media and distinguished visitors, and considered which dignitaries should be invited. Dignitaries to be invited included: city and county council/board of supervisors; state government representatives; the county sheriff; and the police and fire chiefs.

- **Next steps. a.)** Glenn volunteered to organize the invitations and send them next week.
- **b.)** Leslie Carlson will send Glenn the elements of the dignitary packets.

- 8. Documentation format for review.** Not yet available.

- 9. Resources update.** Don provided a partial inventory of the event resource items currently stored at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Glenn reported that there are 271 complete care kits available. Normally, volunteers build 400 kits for each event. He has priced the items needed for building the remaining kits, and estimates that it will cost \$400-\$500 to purchase the items for the additional 129 kits. Kathleen Joy suggested that they build a database of needed items and circulate it among community groups that may assist.

- **Next steps. a.)** Kathleen will check with Red Cross and Americorps on the availability of resource bags and comfort kit items.
- **b.)** Don will purchase additional p38 can openers.

10. Old Business.

- **Volunteers.** The committee discussed recruiting an assistant volunteer coordinator and/or a group of assistants to help Kathleen Joy with volunteer coordination and check-in. Kathleen noted that she now has someone from Americorps who may be able to assist. She suggested: separating the volunteer and provider check-in areas and volunteer helpers to provide the best service to each group; considering providing volunteers to providers who may need them (For example, the nurses who check for head lice prior to haircuts are essentially volunteers on behalf of both the even and the barbers.); and that each committee member provide her with a list of their volunteer needs so that she can appropriately assign and inform both volunteers and providers.

She asked that each volunteer be provided with a layout and services matrix of the event. Because there were more than 100 volunteers at the last event, she suggested making no fewer than 130 copies of these documents for volunteers alone.

- **Food.** Stan noted that Kelly at the Gospel Rescue Mission and Jodie to need to discuss the event's food needs before Kelly decides whether she will oversee the meals at the July 29th event. It does not appear kitchen facilities will be available for making breakfast burritos.
 - **Next step.** Glenn will seek breakfast food donations.

- 11. Next Meeting.** Thursday, June 23rd, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m., City of Tucson Resources campus.

- **Next step.** Jodie will email the room assignment to the TPCH administrative coordinator.

Submitted by Settle Madden

Attendance

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