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# TUCSON PIMA COLLABORATION TO END HOMELESSNESS

## 2012 Street Count Workgroup

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### October 31, 2011 Minutes

Conveners: Laurie Mazerbo, Sarah Taouil

<b>Next meeting:</b> November 8, 2011, 8:30-10:00 a.m. NBWC, 2950 N. Alvernon Way
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Report to General Council
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■ Planning ongoing; budget needed; an e-vote will be requested
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### TOPICS DISCUSSED

#### 1. Review of previous meeting tasks.

- **Volunteer recruitment.** Laurie Mazerbo said that she emailed regarding Tucson Homeless Connect volunteers and received the name of only one volunteer who would like to help. She did receive a couple of volunteers from the Arizona Department of Economic Security.
  - **Next step.** a.) Sarah Taouil and Settle Madden will follow up with the THC volunteer coordinator.
  - b.) Mark Jensen will ask the Southern Arizona Veterans Affairs Health Care System (SAVAHCS) volunteer coordinator to include the street count in their volunteer opportunities.
- **Date of count.** Pam Moseley noted that DES Homeless Coordinator told her that no date has been mandated for the state, although HUD requires that counts be taken during the last 10 days of January. Consensus was to conduct the count on the night of January 24<sup>th</sup> (or morning of the 25<sup>th</sup> for street outreach) and to count during a 24-hour period.
  - **Next step.** Volunteers will conduct the Street count during January 25<sup>th</sup>, gathering information on the night of January 24<sup>th</sup>.
- **Budget.** Sarah reported that her initial organizational contact was negative because there appeared to be several sponsorship requests from TPCH to that organization. Participants discussed moving to include a Street Count request in an application. Mary Pat suggested finalizing the budget first. Mark suggested that the Street Count budget request be placed on the General Council agenda. There are three options for seeking funding: asking TPCH member agencies to sponsor the count; asking TPCH itself to fund the count; and approaching businesses and organizations outside of TPCH to sponsor the count. TPCH operating policies require that the workgroup request and receive General Council permission to raise funds in TPCH's name in any of these cases.

Participants discussed whether to ask for an addition to the November General Council meeting or to wait until the December General Council meeting; how much should be requested as direct support from TPCH; and how much should be raised from other sources. Jennifer suggested determining these factors, alerting the members at General Council that the workgroup will likely request an electronic vote regarding fund-raising and budget; and then follow up with the request for an electronic vote. Consensus was to do this.

- #### 2. Locations and times for Street Count.
- Sarah distributed and participants reviewed the sites and times of the surveys during the 51homes registry week. She suggested contacting those who run meal sites to double-check hours of operation and meal service. Mark suggested adding the VA and the Franciscans' Poverello House, which receive clients in the mornings and can administer the survey. Pam reported meeting with a Town of Marana representative who provided locations and information the town's homeless persons. he also contacted a sheriff's deputy in the Picture Rocks areas. Mark noted that homeless people frequent public libraries, which are potential counting sites.

Participants discussed the best time for the count in rural areas and camps. General consensus was that these should be surveyed at and immediately after dawn – not in the dark. This will be easier if volunteers identify and reach out to camps a week or so before the count. Consensus was to be more targeted in planning teams to count on the street.

**Locations and times for Street Count cont'd.**

Participants discussed asking area food banks to survey to administer the 2012 Street Count survey during the last week of the month, referencing the night of January 24<sup>th</sup>, and turn in those surveys by the end of the month, and include both Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona members and independent food banks/pantries operating throughout the county. Pam suggested seeking support from the CFB chief executive. Mary Pat Sullivan suggested that all Caridad Community Kitchen-supplied feeding sites that are open be count sites. Consensus was to use volunteers to survey at all Caridad feeding sites throughout the week, referencing the night of the count.

- o **Next steps.**
  - a.) Mary Pat will ask Sylvia Cuestas to contact Casa Maria regarding allowing Street Count volunteers at that site, and Caridad for contact persons at each of the feeding sites they serve.
  - b.) Sarah will follow up regarding Southside Presbyterian Church and Z Mansion, their hours, and willingness to serve as counting sites.
  - c.) Sharon will contact Primavera Homeless Prevention and Intervention (HIP).
  - d.) Mark will liaison with the SAVAHCS.
  - e.) Pam will check with the Van of Hope manager to see if there is an opportunity to use the Van as a counting site, and with Brother David Buer regarding counting through the soup patrol, the Franciscans' continuous winter shelter effort, and Poverello House.
  - f.) Laurie will make contact with Skrappy's and Wingspan.
  - g.) John Orr will ask Open Inn staff how they can best assist with the count.
  - h.) Sarah will bring in the numbers from specific sites surveyed during the 51homes registry week to assist in selecting areas for targeted outreach counting.
  - i.) Mark will contact the Tucson Homeless Connect committee chair regarding the possibility of moving the next event date this year or planning to schedule it with the Street Count, which has a federally mandated date, next year. It was noted that the street count outreach teams could funnel guests to THC.
  - j.) If the THC Committee agrees generally to work together, the two groups will consider adjusting the registration form to gather Street Count information.
  - k.) TPCCH administrative coordinator will email the previous year's quadrants to the Street Count Co-chairs.

3. **Minutes.** Jennifer moved and Pam seconded that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as presented. **Motion passed.**

4. **Next Meeting.** Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:30-10:00 a.m., and Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, New Beginnings for Women & Children, 2950 N. Alvernon Way.

**Attendance**

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