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# TUCSON PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

## Discharge Planning Committee

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### April 14, 2009 Minutes

Chair: Dan Haley

<b>Next Meeting:</b> Tuesday, May 19, 2009, 2:30-4:00 p.m., CPSA, 100 N. Stone, Suite 300
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<b>Report to TPCCH General Meeting May 12<sup>th</sup></b>
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| ■ Flanagan letter for consideration. |
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### TOPICS DISCUSSED

1. **Minutes.** Minutes of the March meeting were approved by consensus.
2. **Flanagan Letter.** Participants discussed the draft of the proposed letter to Arizona Department of Corrections Deputy Director Flanagan. Consensus was that, in view of additional ADC budget cuts announced since the letter was composed, the letter should be redrafted to emphasize positive examples and the offer of collaboration.
  - **Next step.** TPCCH Administrative Coordinator Settle Madden will distribute the re-draft as soon as possible.
3. **Emergency Shelter List.** Participants reviewed the corrected format and approved. All corrections to date have been made.
  - **Giving Tree meeting, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m.** The questions of whether and how (personal assistance, daytime shelter, etc) the Giving Tree shelter handle medical discharges and that agency's potential inclusion in the list for emergency room social workers remain open until this meeting.
    - **Next steps.** Members will email more questions for the meeting to [daniel.haley@cpsa-rbha.org](mailto:daniel.haley@cpsa-rbha.org).
4. **Guidelines to Getting Out Updates.** Consensus was to distribute last year's "Guidelines" and allow each committee member to accept a category of listing to update.
  - **Next step.** a.) Settle will distribute the previous guidelines to members.  
b.) Members will email Dan and Settle their category selections.  
c.) Members will complete their updates before the next meeting.
5. **Old Business.** Dan reissued the challenge for each member to bring a new member to the next meeting.
6. **New Business.**
  - **Seek Jail Contact/representative.** Linda Saxon suggested that the committee seek an after-business-hours contact at the Pima County Jail to assist with medical/mental health discharges from the jail, including transportation and a place to stay.
    - **Next step.** Dan will request details at the next CPSA-SAMHC meeting, seek an appropriate contact, and report in May.
  - **Work Release Transportation.** Betty state that she encountered a jail inmate on release for job search who had no means of or money for transportation, and asked whether work releasees were sent out without transportation. Terrance Watkins said that work release program participants who do not already have a job generally have a two-week grace period during which to find a job. Their transportation needs should, but may not always be, addressed by the public defender's office prior to the job search start. There is also treatment furlough, in which treatment providers typically provide transportation.
    - **Next step.** Dan will check with CPSA program people regarding bus pass provision.

**New Business cont'd.**

- **Birth Certificates.** Some members reported that ex-offenders continue to say Arizona prisons will not store their birth certificates. Dan noted that, when he was with the ADC, they had permission to keep birth certificates only with inmate property. He said that not all units were aware of that permission.

7. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2:30-4:00 p.m., CPSA, 100 N. Stone Avenue, Suite 300.

Submitted by Settle Madden

**Attendance**

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\* Participating by teleconference