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# TUCSON PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

## Executive Committee

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### June 2, 2009 Minutes

Co-chairs/convener: Dia Barney

<b>Next Meeting:</b> Thursday, June 25, 2009, 8:00-9:30 a.m. LaVerna's, 220 S. Plumer Avenue
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<b>Report to TPCCH General Meeting June 11<sup>th</sup></b>
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### TOPICS DISCUSSED

- 1. Minutes.** Don Blascak moved and Kevin Jackson seconded that the minutes of the April 30<sup>th</sup> meeting be approved as presented. **Accepted by consensus.**
- 2. Presentations.**
  - **Operating Policies Workgroup.** Don reported that the members' schedules have not allowed for a meeting, but will meet this coming Tuesday. Ten minutes will be allotted on the June General Council agenda.
  - **Education Efforts Review Workgroup.** Don noted that scheduling for this meeting has also been difficult. Participants discussed TPCCH-wide education efforts generally and considered proposing that each TPCCH Committee be encouraged through operating policies to participate in community education efforts. Ten minutes will be allotted on the June General Council agenda.
  - **Census Bureau.** This presentation was delayed at the bureau's request. Slated for 10 minutes per previous agreement.
- 3. Letter to Flanagan.** The Discharge Planning Committee has decided that the letter will instead be an invitation to discuss issues with the committee. No General Council time need be allotted.
- 4. Committee Updates.** Kevin Jackson reported that there are no motion items pending from committees this month. Don noted the Emergency Services Committee is negotiating with AAA Transportation for Project Hospitality transportation, has enlisted 512 congregational beds, and has ordered blankets for the upcoming winter shelter season.

Jodie Barnes noted that Nick Jones resigned as Membership Committee chair, and has not been meeting. Currently committee members are Jodie, Kevin, and Mary Pat Sullivan. Discussion was that having General Council attendees sign for their attendance at meeting's end works well, but that the change in process needs to be highlighted.

Steve Nelson reported that the CoS Committee has had a workgroup working with the CoC consultants, to verify the information for the 2009 HUD application and align the number of beds reported in the housing inventory chart (HIC) with the number of beds reported in HMIS. The committee is also seeking appropriate methods to verify the 65% chronically homeless results of the 2009 Street Count. In July there will be a workshop on how communities register to apply with HUD. Gary Bachman noted that the continuum is also rated on whether or not it participates in the Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress for which the continuum qualifies by having met the HUD specified percentage of bed coverage.

- **Next steps.** a.) Co-chairs will announce the post-adjournment sign-in at the June meeting.
  - b.) TPCCH Administrative Coordinator will post signs reminding attendees to sign for their attendance post adjournment.
  - c.) Co-chairs will attend the July registration workshop.

**5. Old Business.**

- **Meeting with Margaret and Executive Directors.** No update available.
- **Hand Claps.** For Beth Carey for convening the May meeting.
- **Street Count, Chronically Homeless and HIC.** Discussed above.
- **Housing Search.** Participants discussed the difficulties VASH recipients are having in finding and making the deposits for housing units. Consensus was to schedule a five minute update on the Pima County Housing Search website.
- **DES HMIS Information Requests.** Gary noted that there have been many requests from the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) for information regarding the TPCH HMIS system. He noted that he believes that all such requests should be made formally to the HMIS grantee, Pima County's representative (him). Participants discussed the issue. Consensus was that specific requests should be directed to Gary and should include a reason for the request.
  - **Next step.** Dia will let DES know the proper procedure for making requests for HMIS data.
- **PTEH Task Force.** Steve noted that he received a Pima County inquiry as to why Leslie Carlson rather than a TPCH co-chair, had written in support of keeping a Pima County TB clinic downtown. The reason was that the Plan to End Homeless Task Force, a community body organized by the Implementation Coordinator at the direction of the City of Tucson Subcommittee on Children, Families, and Seniors and the TPCH PTEH Committee as charged by the written Plan, wished to urge the County to keep the clinic downtown. Participants discussed the need for clarity in communications.
  - **Next step.** Co-chairs will ask the Implementation Coordinator to be clear about whom she represents when communicating on behalf of the PTEH Task Force.

6. **Next Meeting:** Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:00-9:30 a.m., LaVerna's Coffee Shop, 220 S. Plumer Avenue.

Submitted by Settle Madden

## Attendance

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Steve Nelson	Jackson Employment	snelson@pima.gov