
TUCSON PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

Plan to End Homelessness Subcommittee

October 8, 2009 Minutes – DRAFT

Convener: Leslie Carlson

Next Meeting: Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009, 1:30-2:50 p.m. Rillito-Sabino Rm., Sentinel Bldg., 320 N. Commerce Park Loop

Report to TPCH General Council October 8th
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| ■ Planning for November 5 th PTEH Task Force meeting |
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TOPICS DISCUSSED

- 1. Minutes.** Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted by consensus.
- 2. Annual Conference Session.** Leslie Carlson reported. Approximately 18 people attended the TPCH Conference session on the Plan To End Homelessness Update (PTEH). They learned about the Task Force's background, and then discussed their visions of "ending homelessness", plus the current state of PTEH implementation, and the need for maintaining ongoing effective human services systems. Leslie said that she hopes that the expressions of visions will inform the process of choosing a new name for the Plan.
- 3. September PTEH Task Force Meeting Debriefing.** Participants discussed the September PTEH Task Force meeting. Comments included that: breaking into small groups benefitted participation; and that concrete, measurable objectives still must be set.
- 4. Upcoming PTEH Task Meeting.** Discussion revealed that providing additional direction to the Task Force would probably speed the development of the needed objectives. Consensus was to glean the common thinking, and have individuals speak in favor of specific goals/objectives. Major ideas included:
 - Identification:** developing a list current sources for funds to obtain birth certificates and ID card for homeless persons; better tracking the use of existing ID resources (agencies and special events); developing a designated community fund to pay for same; and seeking those funds with a menu of options for the potential donors; and encouraging the use of a universal benefits ID that would work across systems and speed access to mainstream benefits.
 - Data & Data Integration:** seeking broader use of HMIS; and encouraging hospitals to ask patients specific questions used to reveal homelessness (such as, "Where did you sleep last night?").
 - Cost Data:** Seeking information on the costs homelessness in a more focused way, such as seeking the specific costs of treating homeless persons in area emergency rooms during a specified period.
 - Better Outreach & Information Access.**
 - **Next steps. a.)** Leslie will seek members who will be advocates for specific action steps at the next PTEH Task Force meeting.
 - **b.)** Committee members will email Leslie any additional insights.
- 5. Next Meetings.** The next joint meeting with the PTEH Task Force will be Thursday, November 5th, 7:00-9:00 a.m. at the Carondelet Foundation, 120 N. Tucson Boulevard.
The next committee meeting is Thursday, December 10th, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Rillito-Sabino Room, City Sentinel Building, 320 N. Commerce Park Loop.

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