
TUCSON PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

Plan to End Homelessness Subcommittee

June 11, 2009 Minutes

Convener: Leslie Carlson

Next Meeting: August 13, 2009 – 1:30-2:45 p.m., Rillito-Sabino Rm. Sentinel Bldg. 320 Commerce Park Loop
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Report to General Council

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| ■ Recommendation to include an HPRP update in each General Council agenda beginning in July. |
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TOPICS DISCUSSED

- 1. Minutes.** Minutes of the April meeting were accepted by consensus.
- 2. Implementation Coordinator Report/May Task Force Meeting.** Leslie Carlson reported. The PTEH Task Force continued in May to concentrate on the four interest areas previously identified, and assigned follow-up items. Leslie followed by relaying the Task Force suggestion to the local Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP) plan that funding for helping homeless and near-homeless persons to obtain IDs be included in the plan. She also wrote a letter for Betsy Bolding to hand deliver to Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) Director Neil Young to convey the Task Force's encouragement to use more technology to streamline access to DES services.

The Task Force also decided to seek funding beyond that from governments to ensure implementation support. She has been working with Task Force members on documents to be used in that effort and to approach foundations. The next meeting will be the Task Force's third, placing them half-way through their allotted year. Main tasks now are to plan the final three meetings to be sure that ongoing steps and the type of permanent body to be recommended by the Task Force are identified and authorized.

The next meeting of the PTEH Task Force is July 9th, 7:00 a.m., at the Community Foundation of Southern Arizona.
- 3. Phoenix Human Services Campus.** Leslie reported. Five individuals associated with TPCH (Mary Grunsfelder-Cox and another staffer of Youth On Their Own, Felice Stewart, Lori Block, and Leslie) joined the Arizona Funders Alliance to tour the Phoenix Human Services Campus, which primarily serves homeless persons from the street. They toured all services, including ID provision, and the dental clinic of this one-stop facility, which has clustered various services around a central lobby. Some family housing is located elsewhere. Mary suggested that this model might be easily adapted to youth services. Participants discussed the concept of a one-stop facility generally.
- 4. HPRP Update.** Leslie reported. The City/County plan was outlined (with public comments) at the preceding General Council meeting. The City and County are currently forming a design group, to meet June through September, to fill out the HPRP plan's broad outlines. Leslie has been asked to be the planning process facilitator.
 - **Next step.** Committee recommends that an HPRP update be given at each General Council beginning in July.

- 5. PTEH Committee 2008-09 Goals.** Participants reviewed the goals adopted for July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009 (attached) and discussed. Items 1, 2, 3 were fully accomplished. The majority of objectives toward improving the point-in-time counts were accomplished. Ours was the first continuum in state to complete the counts. Item five is in planning. Item 6 is underway and needs continuing attention. Item 7 has been partially accomplished. Outreach to faith communities has been and continues to be done. However Family Promise and Open Table have not received adequate support for starting in our area.
- Leslie noted that approximately \$9,000 of public relations work remains available to the PREH effort from a previous-executed contract supported by DES. Participants discussed how best to use these efforts.
- 6. Updating “The Plan To End Homelessness”.** Participants discussed whether it is appropriate or necessary to update the Plan To End Homelessness, which was created in 2005-06 then adopted in 2006. Consensus was that it is time for a report on progress, accomplishments and future plans; and that the current economic situation requires that the plan be focused on what is most likely to be accomplished.
- Leslie suggested using the National Alliance to End Homelessness’ “Ten Essentials” to evaluate status and set goals and objectives for 2010-2012, rather than formatting the report to individually address the 67 included recommendations. She distributed an outline of a possible reporting approach. Participants reviewed and discussed, and noted that while the simplified reporting method is preferred, it is important to include information addressing all Plan recommendations.
- **Next Step.** Leslie will work with committee members to design an appropriate reporting format before presenting the idea to the July PTEH Task Force meeting.
- 7. New Chair.** Anna Wheeler was unanimously elected committee chair for 2009-2010.
- 8. Next meeting:** Thursday, August 13th, 1:30-2:45 p.m., Rillito-Sabino room, Sentinel Building, 320 Commerce Park Loop.

Attendance

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Goals for the Plan to End Homelessness July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

- 1. Form a Task Force on Homelessness that will provide more broad-based leadership for the implementation of the Plan to End Homelessness**
 - Develop the purpose and structure of the Task Force
 - Identify initial membership and ask them to serve
 - Hold an initial meeting that includes orientation
 - Hold at least two more meetings of either the full group or subgroups
 - Identify a name for the Task Force
 - Approve messaging including name and logo for the Plan to End Homelessness
 - Identify/endorse key strategies

- 2. Hold Tucson Homeless Connect** – July 18, 2008 and at least one other date in January or February 2009

- 3. Hold TPCB conference** including sessions on ending homelessness

- 4. Improve the Point in Time Count conducted in January 2009**
 - Street Count
 - Significantly increase the numbers of volunteers for the street count
 - Improve training for street count volunteers to improve data quality
 - Deploy volunteers to quadrants where they work/live, when possible
 - Enlist the help of more partners in outlying and rural areas to improve counts in those quadrants
 - Coordinate a point-in-time count with one or more school districts to include homeless children
 - Shelter Count
 - Improve Training on filling out the form
 - Improve the compliance with data report deadline

- 5. Improve communication with leaders of homeless-serving agencies for more comprehensive planning and coordination**
 - Hold at least two meetings with Executive Directors of homeless serving agencies in order to learn more about their strategic plans for service expansion (or reductions) and housing.
 - Explore the topics of housing first, rapid re-housing, and safe havens as best practices in ending homelessness: to what extent are we using these practices? What have we learned, what more can we do?

- 6. Gather and present data on homelessness and existing services from multiple sources**
 - Present the data in a meaningful way to increase understanding of homelessness and our current system
 - Identify gaps or areas where we need to invest resources
 - Identify data that can serve as indicators or benchmarks for outcome evaluation
 - Present this information in creative and meaningful ways to decision makers and the general public.

- 7. Increase involvement and coordination in homeless services among faith communities**
 - Support the implementation of Family Promise in Tucson
 - Support the implementation of Open Table in Tucson
 - Assist faith communities to increase their understanding of both faith-based and secular services available throughout the community