
TUCSON PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

Discharge Planning Committee

January 25, 2010 Minutes

Co-chair/convener: Linda Saxon

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 23, 2010, 2:30 – 4:00 pm CPSA, 101 N. Stone Ave., Suite 300

Report to TPCCH General Meeting
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TOPICS DISCUSSED

- Minutes.** Betty Bitgood moved, and Clark Dyer and Wayne Steele seconded, that the minutes of the October 2009 meeting be approved as presented. **Motion passed.**
- Review of Community Discharge Plan.** Deferred to February
- Distribution Review: Guidelines on Getting Out.** Linda Saxon noted that Dan Haley has delivered “Guidelines” to the Arizona Department of Corrections (ADC) and the Pima County jail. Linda reported that she is using them with the inmates with whom she works.
- Old Business.**
 - Communication with Area Emergency Rooms (ERs).** Linda said that she is hearing reports of an increased number of homeless persons using ERs as a means for getting warm, especially those that may provide food. Clark noted that in summer when ER demand seems lighter, the committee has sometimes been able to arrange face-to-face meetings with social worker supervisors. Linda said that Dan reports having difficulty determining who the supervisors are. Hospitals have different reporting patterns, with some ER social workers reporting to the charge nurse, and others reporting to a social worker supervisor.
 - Impact of Budget Crisis.** Linda noted that the current Arizona budget crisis has decreased release planning options in correctional institutions. Medical and mental health issue continuity of care will be furthered complicated by potential community services cuts and AHCCCS changes..
- New Business.** Linda stated that there was a new SAMSHA grant open for proposals and several agencies in Pima County were interested; the proposal due date is the beginning of February. The grant targets inmates soon to be released that have substance abuse issues.
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Submitted by Settle Madden

Attendance

Betty Bitgood	Hope of Glory Ministries	betty@tucsonhope.org
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