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# TUCSON PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

## Committee / Work Group

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### November 29, 2006 Minutes

Conveners: Beth Carey, Linda Kot

Next Meeting: <b>December 27, 2006; 10:30 AM</b> Location: <b>SAAF, 375 S. Euclid Avenue</b>
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<b>Report to TPCCH General Meeting</b>
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Committee report</li><li>■ Circulation of contact list for Bed Use Survey</li><li>■ Street Count</li></ul> |
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### TOPICS DISCUSSED

1. PTEH Subcommittee report. Martha Valado, Lori Block and Mary Ochoa contributed.
  - Hiring of an implementation coordinator is in process. Requests for implementation coordinator funding have been submitted to the city and county.
  - Subcommittee meets regarding First Responder Training November 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am with John Nagore, who oversees training for the Tucson Fire Department.
  - Current word on the \$200,000 available from DES is that the funding is not yet assured. There will be a request for proposal in January.
  - Plans for the 2007 Homeless Street Count were reported separately in detail.
  - PTEH Subcommittee meets next on Thursday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm, just before the General Council Meeting.
2. Consultant for Continuum of Care. Final negotiations with the selected candidate occur tomorrow. Beth Carey will announce results by e-mail.
3. 2007 Homeless Street Count.
  - Mary Ochoa reported that plans are underway. They include an orientation brown bag lunch session on December 19<sup>th</sup>; two afternoon training sessions of two hours each on January 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007, and luncheon logistics meetings on January 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007 with additional logistics meetings on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> if needed.
  - Next meeting is Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at the Arizona State Complex, 400 W. Congress, Suite 420, Rm. 2
  - Beth Carey asked attendees to talk to their staffs about sending a representative to the December 19<sup>th</sup> orientation and volunteering for the count.
  - Beth will ask if SAAF can provide a room or rooms for the street count meetings.
4. Reinstitute Bed Use Survey. The survey was discontinued last year, but apparently included beds missed by the DES survey required by HUD. The committee needs to reinstate the survey to benefit local agencies' efforts.
  - The consultant can create the survey.
  - Committee needs to determine appropriate recipient at each agency before sending survey.
  - Pat Carnes will draft a sign-up sheet for passing out at the next General Council meeting.

5. HMIS & Evaluation Project Update. Matt Osmund reported for John Mott.
  - There is no progress on the evaluation project. The next meeting will be in early January
  - The HMIS vendor has implemented a more frequent back-up policy to prevent a recurrence on the one-day HMIS data loss that occurred November 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - The HMIS systems went smoothly through a minor upgrade three weeks ago.
  - The HMIS data entries can be compared to the agency bed survey to determine usage rates.
  
6. Begin governance discussion. Steve Nelson distributed copies of the HUD Perspective on Continuum of Care planning, policy and performance and reported that:
  - Current pending legislation pending in Congress includes HUD's Homeless Assistance Consolidation Act, (H.R.5041) and Sen. Jack Reed's (D., RI) S.B. 1801, which he plans to reintroduce with additional sponsors in the coming session.
  - The two bills are similar and should be easily reconciled in senate-house conference if passed.
  - Both bills would change the process from individual contracts with administering agencies to contracting with a community boards that have a responsible fiscal agency and the capacity to contract with local agencies. Their aim is to reduce the HUD work load approximately 90% and empower communities to fund their best local solutions.
  - If the legislation is enacted, it will end frequent executive changes with to the HUD administration process and enable funding for planning activities.
  - If the Congress passes the legislation, it would take effect in two years.

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### Attendance

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