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# TUCSON PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

## Continuum of Services Committee

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### July 23, 2008 Minutes

Co-chairs: Susanna Rodriguez, Val Quadros

**Next Meeting: As needed OR**

Wednesday, August 27, 2008, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.,  
Pantano Rm., Sentinel Bldg., 320 N. Commerce Park Loop

**Report to TPCH General Meeting August 14<sup>th</sup>**

- Exploration of reasons for HUD's proposed fiscal year 2009 FMR decrease
- Vote to join campaign against payday loans

### TOPICS DISCUSSED

1. **Minutes.** Nick Jones moved and Steve Nelson seconded to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. **Motion passed. Participants reached consensus to append the gaps analysis handouts from the June 5<sup>th</sup> Special General Council meeting.**
2. **SuperNOFA.** The HUD broadcast/webcast on the 2008 SuperNOFA application process will be tomorrow, 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. local time at the HUD Tucson Office, 160 N. Stone Avenue.
  - **Next steps:** HUD broadcast news item will be sent to the TPCH list serve.
3. **Samaritan/Rapid Re-housing Projects.** TPCH is eligible to apply for a Samaritan Bonus Project and the new Rapid Re-housing Pilot Project. La Frontera is considering offering a Samaritan project. Val will report at the next meeting. Participants discussed how to best recruit agencies to apply.
  - **Next step:** After the HUD SuperNOFA broadcast, a summary, and invitation to apply for Samaritan and Rapid Re-housing Projects with program definitions, and requirements, plus response instructions, will be sent to the list serve.
4. **Housing Inventory Chart.** The housing inventory chart has been received. The CoC Consultants, Pima Prevention partnership (PPP), will take the lead. Beth is receiving communications from HUD. She will pass these to Susanna and Val, who will be the primary contacts with CoC Consultants PPP.
5. **Fair Market Rates.** Barbara Montrose distributed a copy of the Proposed FY 2009 Fair Market Rent (FMR) Documentation System. These rates are scheduled to become law on October 1<sup>st</sup>. For the second year, Pima is the only county in Arizona for which the FMRs are proposed to go down. Reduction in the FMRs negatively impacts people in Supported Housing Programs, Shelter Plus Care, Housing Choice, Section 8, VASH, emergency rent assistance, and other programs that provide rental assistance, which is limited by the federally defined FMRs. Barbara noted that CPSA clients are requesting lease renewals in amounts that CPSA is unable to cover. These requests are often accompanied by utilities rate increases, and reduce the number of persons served. Participants discussed what the committee and TPCH would need to know to comment on, or to protest, the reduction in the proposed FMRs,
  - **Next steps:** a.) Leslie Carlson will check on the comment period for the FMRs  
b.) Barbara and Mary Pat Sullivan will draft and distribute a plan of action for gathering information and presenting the case for higher FMRs before the next General Council meeting.
6. **Old Business.**
  - **TPCH Annual Conference.** Leslie reminded participants about the August 22<sup>nd</sup> TPCH Annual Conference, "Turning Obstacles Into Opportunities", and distributed registration forms.

