
TUCSON PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

Continuum of Services Committee

September 27, 2006 Minutes

Chairs: Beth Carey and Linda Kot

Next Meeting: October 25, 2006, 10:30am-12pm SAAF, 375 S. Euclid Avenue
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Report to TPCCH General Meeting
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| ■ Request approval of CoC consultant scope of work and preferred qualifications |
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TOPICS DISCUSSED

1. Plan to End Homelessness Subcommittee update: Proposed expenditure of \$200,000 from Homeless Trust Fund (see PTEH Subcommittee minutes for September 18, 2006)
 - PTEH Subcommittee asking for CoS Committee support before submitting to TPCCH membership
 - CoS Committee agreed that the proposed expenditure is a balance of capital, services, and staffing, with public relations being a big part of the staff job
 - Barbara Montrose is consulting with Charlene Flaherty to clarify match requirements
 - Suggested adding banks and credit unions to list of possible match sources
 - Affirmed importance of using funds for leveraging
 - Related topic: Who writes press releases? Should be Bill Magnotto or the future PTEH staff person in order to present accurate and consistent information

2. Update on SOAR Project
 - SSI/SSDI outreach, access, and recovery project—targeted primarily at chronically homeless, but will also include other populations
 - Being rejuvenated after lapsing subsequent to DES funding a year ago—now not funded
 - Planning training course for case managers to improve access to SSI/SSDI—Charlene Flaherty and Heather Ellis of DES are in training this week
 - Trainings will be by invitation only, with highest priority given to agencies that serve many chronically homeless clients—to include about 25 people per training—participants must be willing and able to comply with HMIS reporting requirements
 - Schedule of Activities:
 - October 10, 2006, 2-3pm: first meeting—attendees should be in positions within their respective agencies to commit Case Managers to attend trainings
 - November 16, 2006: first training session
 - December 5 or 6, 2006: second training session
 - Attendees at training sessions will be provided with comprehensive information notebook
 - Can do more trainings depending on interest
 - Current gap in training plans: absence of organizations serving 18-25 year olds

3. Consultant for Continuum-of-Care Application
 - Last year's consultant, Susan Trentham, has accepted another job but is willing to provide training for a new consultant—Susan's report to the CoS Committee about the application process may also be helpful to new consultant

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