
TUCSON PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

Continuum of Services Committee

December 28, 2005 Minutes

Co-Chairs: Beth Carey & Nancy Panico

Next Meeting: January 25, 2005; 10:30 AM SAAF, 375. S. Euclid Avenue, Tucson
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Recommendations for TPCH agenda:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ None (Motion on committee changes will be made by the Executive Council) |
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Report to TPCH General Meeting:
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Share information and updates on committee activities, street count/shelter survey preparations, and monthly HMIS report to TPCH General Council. |
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TOPICS DISCUSSED:

1. Review of 2005 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Application

- The application was fully-funded, with no surprises. The state received what it requested.
- Steve Nelson brought a handout with a breakdown of scores by category for the committee to review and discuss. In many categories, we did well. Yet, Steve noted that the sheet shows we were low in Performance Measurement (4.75 out of 8 points), Supplemental Resources (4 out of 8), and the Emphasis on Housing (5 out of 12). He noted that the Performance Measurement can be improved, while not much change can be made to the Housing Emphasis measurement with so much service money in the proposals until some hard decisions are made.
- Next month, John Enos will host a debriefing conference to review the details of the application scoring.
- For the most part, we did well, with a total score of 86% (Phoenix scored 88%, the Rurals scored 90%).
- *The committee needs to find out how CODAC will initiate the new grant (contact is Georgia Fitzsimmons).* (This will not be a concern with the Family Counseling/Open Inn grant until next year.)

2. Street Count and Shelter Survey

- Mary Pat Sullivan provided updates on the street count. The first street count planning meeting is immediately following this meeting, and about 20 people have signed up to be there (stay for it if you can). She discussed some of the noted concerns, groups, and logistics, including school liaisons, South Tucson, families, and the need for better representation by the County. Susan relayed information from Victor: In early January, a statewide email will go out to all 600 school liaisons in the state encouraging their support and involvement. The street count subcommittee also has a collection of papers on the street count in Maricopa County that they are going to review and greatly reduce to give out to the Tucson street count volunteers.

3. Consolidation with 10-Year Plan Goals

- Members of the dissolving Plan to End Homelessness committee were present to assist the Continuum of Services committee. Following the folding of that committee into this one, the key question becomes: What does this mean and what are the goals?
- Martha Valado first noted that members of the former committee are being encouraged to participate in the Continuum of Services committee. The Plan to End Homelessness Report will be posted online soon, and TPCH members will vote to approve it at the January TPCH General Council meeting. Following TPCH approval, the City will receive it for review (the Mayor verbally supports it). Pat DeVito is setting up future city council meetings and presentations.

- There are several overlaps between the Plan and the activities of the Continuum of Services committee. How to approach the new committee task of implementing the Plan is completely open at this time. The Plan is broken down into different topics, each with specific goals and objectives listed. Funding is a huge issue within the Plan. It would be most efficient to combine the Plan's implementation with the Continuum's Goals and Strategies as much as possible. The Plan includes benchmarks and it presents what needs to be done (not detailed steps of how exactly to do them). Things can also change depending on items like funding, and we are not completely locked into them.
- The committee needs to get Exhibit 1 ready and look at what aspects in the Plan can become strategies in 2006. For instance, leveraging volunteers and funding is an important component of both. One asked if the Winter Shelter is reported in the HUD application.
- ***SPECIFIC TASK OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS – Read the Plan (see “General Recommendations,” page 23).*** The committee will begin discussing the Plan at its next meeting.

4. Review of Current Year's Goals and Strategies

- With a focus upon those with January 2006 target dates, strategies were reviewed.
- **CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY**
 - (a) No quarterly reports have been received from La Frontera. * *Need to look into this.*
 - (b) First HMIS report to TPCH will be in January
 - (c) Annual Street Count is being planned
 - (d) Identification of permanent supportive housing bed numbers: HMIS has something similar and could be a starting point, and DES shelter survey could help too
 - (e) 10-Year Plan is completed and to be approved by TPCH in January
 - (f) CPSA: SOAR meeting in Phoenix
 - (g) Winter Shelter has expanded the number of beds and four more congregations are participating
 - (h) Barbara is actively involved with the Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness
- **OTHER HOMELESS GOALS**
 - (a) John reports that there has been no evaluation committee meetings in months
 - (b) 10-Year Plan is completed and to be approved in January
 - (c) Progress has been made with HMIS participation
 - (d) Street Count and Shelter Survey are being planned
 - (e) Need to check with Dave Shapiro about three Discharge Planning strategies (electronic version of guidelines, hard copies of guidelines, and dialogue with homeless inmate liaisons in prison system)
 - (f) Four more congregations are participating in Winter Shelter
 - (g) Assisting applicants in accessing SSI and SSDI: SOAR Phoenix meeting; planning local training for agencies in January (Barbara spearheading it)

5. HMIS Update

- John Mott submitted report to DES for October and November. He was also recently asked to provide statistics on agencies' self-sufficiency matrix data to DES, but committee members questioned the role of HMIS in that request and stated that there is another way to collect this information through a more direct relationship between DES and their contractors. The Arizona Evaluation Project is in place, and data has been submitted to ADOH. He distributed the latest data reports, asking the group to review them and contact him if there are questions (jwmott@arizonatc.com).
- John discussed progress with some agencies (e.g., Bridges, CPSA, Primavera). It is recommended that members of the general council hear good stories with HMIS. For example, it was suggested that Karen Caldwell could do a presentation, and including a session at the How To's Conference was also raised.

New Business:

- Martha added that in relation to the 10-Year Plan, a Cost Study on homeless is going to be conducted. John further noted that group contracted with HUD recently contacted him expressing an interest in doing a cost study in Tucson.
- Beth announced that she will not be at the General Council meeting in January, and someone else will need to give the committee report. Mary Pat volunteered.
- NEXT MEETING: Committee will discuss the 10-Year Plan goals (READ PLAN)

Attendance

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