
TUCSON PLANNING COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS

Continuum of Services Committee

January 25, 2006 Minutes

Co-Chairs: Beth Carey & Nancy Panico

Next Meeting: February 22, 2006; 10:30 AM SAAF, 375. S. Euclid Avenue, Tucson

Recommendations for TPCH agenda:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ None at this time. |
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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, creation of Plan subcommittee, street count/shelter survey, and monthly HMIS report to TPCH General Council. |
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INTRODUCTIONS/MINUTES APPROVAL:

- Meeting was called to order by Nancy, and introductions were made.
- Melissa made a motion to approve the December 2005 minutes, and Edie seconded. Motion passed.

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

1. 2005 Continuum Award Debriefing

- Susan advised that the 2005 Continuum Award debriefing, concerning grants just awarded, is scheduled for a video-conference call on Thursday, February 2, 2006, at 8:00 a.m., at CPSA on Dodge Blvd., in the Mountain Laurel room (located across from the entrance area). Susan will send an e-mail reminder out to all Committee members, as well as to all of TPCH.

2. Street Count and Shelter Survey

- Mary Pat advised that this year's street count appears to have been really successful. Fifty to 55 people volunteered with the counts, leads were received as to where camps were; and response was received from the Pima County Sheriff's Department and other law enforcement agencies.
- Susan advised that she is still waiting for verifications and more numbers. However, she has drafted a report of the preliminary numbers, and this year seven families and 21 homeless youth were found and counted. Mary Pat asked Susan to add the final street count report to the TPCH website.
- Mary Pat advised the group that she would like to do a count of chronically homeless persons at Operation Deep Freeze. The questions asked would be the same as those used in the street counts, and she currently has enough volunteers to assist. All members present agreed that this was a good idea.
- Susan and Mary Pat advised that there would be a lunch and debriefing on the street count, Wednesday, February 1, 2006, from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m., at SAAF, and that all members were welcome to attend. Mary Pat further noted that \$49.99 of TPCH funds will be used to cover the cost of food for the street count volunteers at this meeting.

3. 10-Year Plan Goals; Future Committee Activities and Exhibit 1 Strategies

- Using notes prepared by Martha Valado, Edie suggested that a subcommittee be created to work on implementing the plan goals, and developing a marketing plan. The subcommittee would report directly to the Continuum of Services Committee.
- Pat advised that the Plan will be taken to officials and that including some strategies would be helpful. Eventually, it will further be sent on to DC by local representatives. The proposed subcommittee would develop these strategies, and the development of some pilot projects could be a possible consideration, presented to the City or County with the hope that funding may be offered. The proposed subcommittee will also need to get the business community to buy into the Plan's goals, with homeless youth being a good focus, as "they are the chronically homeless of tomorrow." Lastly, she suggested the need for a part-time person with a marketing background, and who has experience dealing with the private sector for funding (and further noting that the City and County will not pay for this expense). Some of the specific examples discussed were detox and housing issues.
- Barbara advised that the Committee needs to be more opportunistic by taking advantage of projects already receiving support, such as the current bond issue which includes improved psychiatric care facilities – such as improving inpatient facilities at Kino Hospital to get patients stabilized, so that they have a better chance of recovery. It also includes increasing the services provided, such as developing a plan for each patient to recover and get out of the facility as soon as possible versus the current prison-like atmosphere. Pat inquired about organized opposition to an improved psychiatric facility, and Barbara advised that if one was to develop, the Committee would counter it.
- Mary Pat advised that the business community hasn't really been involved with TPCH, but by inviting those entities in the business community who are interested, a buy-in will happen. She suggested that the proposed subcommittee set up two to three forums (e.g. a town hall meeting) and invite members of the business community to them. Follow-up after each forum would be required to target specific business partners.
- Concerning forum attendance, it was suggested that the TPCH Members be required to attend the forums – and bring members of their Board of Directors. Invitations should also be extended to City Council Members. Edie suggested inviting minority support entities such as the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, as well as contacting Ron at the City of Tucson for a list of potential business partners. Susan informed the group that the "How To's" conference sponsorship packets were sent to 130 local businesses and could be seen as a publicity tool for TPCH in terms of alerting businesses of TPCH's existence.
- There was a consensus of all members present on the need to develop a subcommittee to handle these issues, implement plan goals, and develop a marketing plan to get the private sector involved. It was suggested that the initial time required for the subcommittee to accomplish these tasks is 8-12 weeks. Edie made a motion to approve creating a subcommittee, and Melissa seconded. Motion passed.
- Martha was nominated as the leader of the subcommittee. Other initial members of the subcommittee are: Edie, Pat, Barbara, and Mary Pat. Melissa said that she would see if anyone at Primavera would also be willing to assist. Mary Pat suggested asking other TPCH members to also assist. The subcommittee will provide the Committee with their first report as to the status of the 10-Year Plan, at the next scheduled meeting.
- Not everyone received Martha's notes related to the committee's implementation of the Plan, so Pat will email them to Susan, who will send them out to the rest of the committee.

4. Review of Continuum Goals and Strategies

- Melissa advised that to date, no quarterly reports have been received from La Frontera and she has spoken with Bill Magnotto regarding this matter. Barbara advised that she received a report via e-mail from RAPP, and will forward it to Melissa.
- Melissa advised that following up on goals and strategies, is very difficult and time consuming. She said that names and numbers need to be attached to each goal, because without them, she doesn't know how to go about following up. Barbara agreed to assist Melissa with follow-up this month. At the next meeting, Melissa will bring a list of goals for the group to review, comment, and add to.

5. Arizona Evaluation Project & HMIS Update

- Barbara advised that the first program evaluation meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 30, 2006, from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m., at CPSA. The purpose of the meeting is to review the initial results of the self-sufficiency matrix. She will provide a report to the Committee at the next scheduled meeting.
- John advised that he had been asked to provide “meaningful” reports to take to the TPCCH General Council meetings, yet does not have clarity on the committee’s definition of “meaningful.” He has come up with some reports, but did not have a sample with him to share with members at this meeting. To date, ATC has a total of 5,200 chronically homeless individuals in the HMIS system.
- John passed around five sample reports for the Committee to review and comment on. The reports were (a) Tucson HMIS Chronically Homeless Statistics; (b) Tucson HMIS Project Team’s Client Intake Information; (c) Statewide HMIS Reporting System’s Continuum of Care Data Collection Forms; (d) Grant Summary Report; and (e) Program Enrollment Summary. All members present agreed that the reports were great, and John agreed to provide the members present with a copy of each report.
- John advised the group of his three most recent meetings. He met with TRA Grant Partners regarding sharing arrangements and a unified reporting approach. On January 19th, he met with the Discharge Planning Committee, at his facility, and provided an HMIS demo. And prior to this Committee’s meeting today, he met with Bridges.
- John reported that he is still receiving opposition to HMIS from some agencies, and some groups are just unwilling to cooperate, regardless of any solutions provided to them. ATC has not had any new agencies come on board with HMIS in months, the last new agency to participate on the HMIS system was El Rio. Mary Pat advised that Comin’ Home hopes to be online with HMIS by the end of February.
- John discussed how both Primavera and RISE have found ways to utilize HMIS data beyond the requirements of HUD. Both of these agencies do all of their reporting on HMIS, whether or not such reporting is tied to funding. They have each made HMIS a performance requirement of all their employees. John advised that agencies can use HMIS data to respond to funding opportunities, thus obtaining more monies with greater ease.
- John has hired two more employees to work on the HMIS project (for a total of four employees now). One of the new employees is working on recruiting non-HUD agencies to participate in the HMIS program, so that non-HUD funding can also be received.
- John reported that the newest version of the HMIS software should be released any day now. This new version will streamline the lengthy assessment portion, allow for the addition of families, and has condensed the enrollment process into a single form. ATC will provide training on the new version, and will be offering an open house at their facility to assist participating agencies with these new changes. ATC has also created HMIS training videos that are available to all participating agencies.

New Business:

- HUD SuperNOFA Funding Notice.
 - Barbara asked to discuss the recent publication of the SuperNOFA's General Section of the SuperNOFA, and advised the group of three of HUD's listed strategic goals/policy priorities: increased home ownership opportunities, decent affordable housing, and ending homelessness. She stressed that these priorities really need to be reviewed by members, as applicants receive higher points for addressing them, and that the committee may want to consider how agencies are going about achieving them as part of this year's development of the rating and rankings process.
 - A big question or point to concern is how this year's application differs from last year's. She noted a focus upon the elderly and how resources strengthen communities. She also expressed the need for APRs to better match their related Logic Models. Views about the Return of Investment (ROI) statement were also shared, with further note that HUD training should be available.
- Barbara also expressed CPSA's concerns related to the DES survey (e.g., signed authorizations, language), and the committee discussed recent HMIS-related burden concerns raised at the last general council meeting.

Next Meeting:

- Include Discussion of SuperNOFA to agenda
- Include First Report by the new Plan subcommittee

Attendance

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