

TPCH Homeless Youth Subcommittee Minutes 12/1/2017

8:30 – 10:00am

GAP Ministries

2861 n. Flowing Wells Rd. Suite 121

Presiding: Megan Sanes

Agenda Item	Who (Moved & seconded or reported)	Discussion/Motions/Decision(s) (Major discussion points if no decision)	Next steps/ Responsible
11/3 minutes draft	1. Amy Schull 2. Carlos Chavez	Motion to approve 11/3 Motion passes unanimously	Minutes posted to web/CoCA
Thanksgiving recap	Megan/Jackson	Well attended; fed 68 kids + 10-12 adults. Usually the youth leave after eating, this time they stayed. Confusion regarding Café 54's provision & preparation of food. YOTO, OFS, & Goodwill chipped in for the food. There were plenty of desserts; gave away pies. 4 people came in at the end, took leftovers. A lot of groups were there, such as Vision Quest who helped clean up. Committee members attended. Dinner lasted until 6:30pm. The youth said they were more comfortable with Metro & they liked the idea of consistent monthly meals. Tucson Prep & HOPE brought water, soda, & milk. OFS brought socks & hygiene kits. No one was interested in doing SPDATs but the opportunity was there. There was an idea board for feedback to be used in future meals. The youth were open with the hosts & thankful for the meal.	Consider having dinners 5-6:30pm. Consider hosting holiday meal in Dec.
Spotlight Speaker: Claudia Powell from SIROW – Street Count and Q&A Subcommittee for youth count	Claudia Powell	SIROW is connected to UA's Gender & Women's Studies department. SIROW does community-based research with marginalized groups, not just women. SIROW has had projects with community partners. This year Claudia leads the street count planning group. Street count, aka PIT, is a requirement from HUD. Volunteers must go through the community to interview people that spent the previous night on the street. The HIC which addresses those in shelters, is also included. PIT & HIC are combined to get a snapshot of homelessness in our community. The PIT count takes place in the last 10 days in Jan. Homeless youth are more difficult to find. A youth-specific count has been discussed. Those under 18 & 18-24 are the groups we're trying to capture. Homeless youth numbers will strengthen youth-specific funding applications. HUD's definition of homelessness leaves out a lot of youth. HMIS is a county-wide database for those interested in accessing services and/or housing. Street Count volunteers will administer the HMIS survey. \$5 gift cards are offered to those willing to be surveyed. There is a question about age & birth date, if not answered, volunteers should guess. People in camps are worried that this information will be shared with law enforcement, who they are afraid will kick them out; we don't share this with law enforcement. PIT count will cover the evening of Jan. 23, taking place the morning of Jan. 24 th . A Google sign-up form will be distributed, which is encouraged to be forwarded to anyone. There will be a training prior to the count. Couch surfing & doubled up youth aren't considered homeless, but gathering that data will an idea of numbers & needs of the youth. For the youth count, sign up for the count with Megan as your team lead. Megan would like to have a youth street count planning workgroup. Email Megan if interested in participating in workgroup.	We can hold events to draw youth in to be counted, as well as going to the bus stations. Youth count could be the night of the 24 th .
Holiday Event Planning (Monthly Dec. Dinner)	All	Discussed holiday dinner with the youth at the thanksgiving dinner. We can reach youth via Facebook, which has increased event attendance. According to youth preferences, we should be holding a combined holiday dinner in the middle of Dec. There's so much going on this year that it would be difficult to do a meal this month. It may be beneficial to youth not in programs to have both holiday dinners. Youth respond positively to consistency. Youth are looking for housing resources, employment, food, & hygiene. We could pick 1 day per topic every month (such as the 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , etc. Tues.) to address. The more 1-on-1 time we can give the youth, the more receptive they would be. Jake distributed a sign in sheet for hosting upcoming dinners. Jake will create a rough schedule in the next few weeks.	

Next Meeting: Fri., Jan 5th, 2018, 8:30 – 10:00am, GAP Ministries, 2861 N. Flowing Wells Rd., Suite 121

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