



TUCSON PIMA COLLABORATION TO END HOMELESSNESS GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES **DRAFT** 5/14/2026

MINUTES OF MEETING

Welcome and Roll Call

Jocelyn Muzzin, TPCH Board Vice Chair, welcomed attendees and conducted roll call for voting members. A quorum was obtained with 19 of 23 voting members present (*attendance recorded below*).

Consent Agenda and Meeting Minutes

Jocelyn M. opened the floor for community introductions and brought the first motion to approve the agenda and previous meeting minutes for a vote.

Motion: To approve the current agenda and General Council minutes from February 12, 2026. Made Kim Simonton, seconded by Michelle Magnon.

Motion passes with 19 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Community Celebrations

General Council attendees gave announcements and updates and celebrated recent successes.

- Our Family Services (OFS) is hosting its 73rd Annual event, "Yes we can, Prevent Homelessness!!", which will be held virtually on May 19th at 10 am. The webinar will be presented by Iain De Jong, President and CEO of OrgCode Consulting, and one of North America's leading thinkers on homelessness system design, policy, and programming. [Registration Link](#).
- Esperanza en Escalante recently opened Homes for Heroes, a male-only sober living shelter.
- Community Bridges, Inc. (CBI) has partnered with Oxford House to open a new opioid or stimulant use treatment program for youth aged 18-24. The program is free for the first four weeks, and case management is provided.
- Jocelyn M. announced that the AZ Housing Coalition conference occurred this week. Tucson and Pima County were well represented at the conference. Multiple community partners presented at the conference, including City of Tucson, Old Pueblo Community Services, Our Family Services, Primavera Foundation and Catholic Community Services.

CoC Lead Updates

Kat Davis, CoC Lead Team Manager, provided CoC Lead updates.

Financial Update

Funding will move from Wells Fargo to a City of Tucson account for easier tracking. No exact numbers were shared due to the account transfer transition.

Hiring Updates

Kyle Kerns provided updates on recent CoC Lead hires and transitions, which included the following:

- Kyle K. was promoted to the CoC Supervisor position
- The following Project Coordinators were hired:
 - Emma Hockenberg – Emma will be focusing on special projects including elections, social media, and additional projects.
 - Sophia Mora – Sophia will be supporting Lived Experience Council, Heat Relief, Point-In-Time Count, and the Community Oversight Committee.
 - Joelle Zuberi – Joelle will be supporting the Youth Action Council and the Youth Homelessness System Initiatives' action activities.
- DeLaine Tyner will be the Administrative Assistant and will begin on 5/28.

Breakout Sessions

Kat D. reviewed the General Council breakout session:

- Shelter Dashboard walkthrough – The Shelter Dashboard launched on April 21st. This breakout session aims to inform shelter staff and navigators on how to use the Shelter Dashboard.
- Older Adult Homelessness – presented by Pima Council on Aging (PCOA)
- Rental Assistance Evaluation – presented by Lara Law

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Lead Updates

HIC and PIT

Cheryl Lopez, HMIS Lead, reported team updates. The HMIS Lead team submitted the Point-In-Time Count (PIT) and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) reports to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Cheryl L. highlighted data from the HIC count, including Emergency Shelter availability, Rapid Rehousing (RRH), and Subpopulation-Dedicated bed availability. The HIC and PIT reports will be available on the TPCCH website.

- 495 shelter beds for individual
- 386 shelter beds for families
- Transitional Housing - 116 Individuals, 84, Families, 2 for minor only youth (202 year round)
- Permanent Supportive Housing - 1,668 total
- Rapid Rehousing - 328 beds
- Program-specific :
 - 729 beds reserved for chronically homeless
 - 1,037 beds reserved for veterans
 - 223 beds reserved for youth

HMIS System Merge

The community voted to merge the Tucson/Pima HMIS system with existing Arizona CoC's (Maricopa, Balance of State). The HMIS system will transition from WellSky to Green River. The timeline for this transition has not been determined. Pima County will remain the HMIS Lead team following the HMIS transition.

Shelter Dashboard

Pima County, in partnership with TPCCH, developed a Shelter Dashboard, an online tool that shows shelter location and requirements, and available shelter beds. Pima County will be supporting the introduction and implementation of the tool.

CoC Board Updates:

Jocelyn M. provided the following Board updates:

Board Transitions

Both Tisha Tallman and Laura Thompson were appointed to the TPCCH Board effective February 24, 2026. The Board is working to identify additional board members, including a business representative and a third elected official. Danell J. had resigned as Board Chair.

Strategic Plan

General Council adopted the strategic plan. The Board has reviewed the strategic plan and has discussed timelines for achieving action activities.

HMIS

The Board has been monitoring the HMIS transition and is expecting to transition to Green River in about a year.

NOFO

Board has reviewed FY2025 NOFO and discussed what might be included in the 2026 NOFO. NOFO details won't be confirmed until it is officially released by HUD.

2026 Board and Committee Elections Announcement

Kat D. reported Board and Committee Elections results. In March 2026, annual applications were opened for Board and Committee vacancies. Those appointed into positions will be onboarded in June and will start their term(s) on July 1st.

CoC Board Members

- Claudia Torres, Operations Specialist II, Primavera Foundation and
- Nicole Janich, Director of Impact and Evaluation, Old Pueblo Community Services

HMIS Members

The applicant was from City of Tucson, and the committee already had two members from the City of Tucson. According to governance, only two people from an agency can serve on a committee. *This seat will remain vacant.*

TPCCH Coordinated Entry Committee Members

Had three vacancies, which will be filled by:

- Elaine MacPherson, Director of Grassroots Engagement, Arizona Neighborhood Project
- Claudia Torres, Operations Specialist II at Primavera Foundation
- Juile Robello, PSH Care Coordinator, City of Tucson

Community Oversight Committee Members

Had three vacancies, which will be filled by:

- KJ Ochoa, Jupiter on Earth Graphic Design & Illustration
- Betty Bitgood, Hope of Glory Ministries
- Yasoda O'Neal, Honorable and Compassionate Living Housing

System Performance and Monitoring Committee Members

Had one vacancy, which will be filled by:

- Nicole Janich, Director of Impact and Evaluation, Old Pueblo Community Services

Prevention and Stabilization Members

Had two vacancies, which will be filled by:

- Elaine MacPherson, Director of Grassroots Engagement, Arizona Neighborhood Project
- Yasoda O'Neal, Honorable and Compassionate Living Housing

Coordinated Entry Policy and Procedures Update

Zach Simmons, Coordinated Entry (CE) Chair, reported that the CE committee updated outdated policies and procedures. The Coordinated Entry Policy and Procedures now include the batch list, transfer policies, housing questionnaire, and a glossary.

NOFO Preparation and Legal Updates

Kat D. presented on FY2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) prep and legal updates. The NOFO is an annual competition released by HUD. Kat D. shared that the FY2025 application included problematic changes, such as a cap on permanent housing. The City of Tucson, in conjunction with other cities, successfully challenged these changes in a lawsuit, halting the implementation of the FY2025 NOFO.

HUD the FY2026 NOFO is expected to be released on or near June 1st, 2026. Kat D. discussed the possible changes that the upcoming NOFO will likely include, such as workforce development requirements and an emphasis on transition housing.

Point in Time Count Data Report and Housing Inventory Count

Point-in-Time Count

Kat D. presented the Point-in-Time Count report. Kat shared aggregated data related to the PIT count. As shown in the PIT report, there was a decrease in the number of people experiencing homelessness with significant vulnerabilities compared to last year. Vulnerable groups included adults with serious mental illness, adults with substance abuse disorder, adults with HIV/AIDS, and adult survivors of domestic violence. Overall, there was no significant change in homelessness from 2025 to 2026.

Housing Inventory Count

Kat D. shared highlights from the HIC, which showed that Pima County lost nearly 200 shelter beds between 2025 and 2026. This was due to decreased funding from the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH), which previously supported 117 emergency shelter beds. Additional beds were temporarily unavailable due to shelter renovations but are expected to return to service later this year.

Committee and Coalition Updates/Q & A

Committees and Coalitions provided written summaries of activities completed throughout the last quarter. The floor was opened for Q+A with the various committees.

See attached reports.

New Business/Announcements

No new business was announced.

- Zion Alderette shared that Hope in the Park will take place on June 5th at Rudy Garcia Park.
- Pima County reported that it has limited prevention money available and encouraged partners to reach out.
- Lisa Reams from Pima Council on Aging announced that PCOA has one-time assistance available for people 60 and older to help them stay in their homes.
- Compass Affordable Housing shared that their new transitional housing project is accepting applications from people with income.

Meeting adjourned at 2:32 PM

Minutes prepared by Emma Hockenberg

Attendance: *Quorum was reached with 19 of 23 total TPCH members with voting privileges.*