

Arizona Council on
Faith-Based and Community Initiatives
Chair Gary Kinnaman
Minutes for December 3, 2009

The Arizona Council on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives is dedicated to engaging and mobilizing all faith communities to improve the quality of life for our most vulnerable and impoverished people through a statewide, action-oriented collaboration of faith-based, community and governmental organizations.

- Welcome, Invocation and Introductions
 - Chair Gary Kinnaman welcomed everyone at 10:02 a.m. Ben Sanders opened the meeting with a word of prayer.
 - A listing of Members present, Members absent and Guests is attached
- 2-1-1 Arizona Presentation by Janet Garcia (VSUW) and Roberto Armijo (CIR). The presentation will be provided to Council Members and meeting Guests via email. The presenters provided an historical review of 211 efforts in Arizona and the current community-based effort to reinforce, authorize and advance 211 statewide. They spoke of recent community input and awareness meetings conducted around the state. Input was solicited from Council attendees regarding the current efforts to implement 2-1-1 Arizona. Here are some of those comments:
 - Integration to the existing HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) is important, especially for Veterans
 - We should ensure this effort is connected to local Weed & Seed efforts
 - Perhaps this Council could help to connect local houses of worship to this effort
 - Other options (such as transportation) should be provided to 211 users based upon their specific service inquiries (if you need help with “abc” then you might need transportation too, or you might need service “xyz.”)
 - How can we ensure that informal community programs are listed?

Presenters also asked for attendees to complete an evaluation form and to consider advocating for Arizona to sign on in support of National 211 proposed legislation. Members were provided with sample letters as well as a listing of Arizona’s Congressional Delegation for use in making contact.

- Update from Governor Brewer’s Office. Beth Lazare (Policy Advisor, Health and Human Services) and Page Gonzales (Policy Advisor, Local Government and Transportation) spoke of the Governor’s desire to link community resources to the needs of the state as we all serve people in need.
 - An ongoing dialogue between the Governor’s Office and the Council is desired by the Governor’s Office.
 - Chair Gary briefly explained the history/purpose of the Council
 - AZRIDES was recently “Sunset”; how can the Council help with transportation issues possibly modeled after AZRIDES?
 - Respite services for the aging and those with disabilities – can we have conversations regarding connecting faith resources to this issue?
 - What are the other issues we should be talking about?
- Discussion regarding Veteran Affairs and Issues. There was a lengthy roundtable discussion as it pertains to supporting the families of those who are deployed on active duty as well as veterans.

- The Arizona Coalition for Military Families (ACMF) (www.arizonacoalition.org) was established to bring together military, local government and the community resources in support of military families.
- The Veterans Administration has very few supports for the families of deployed personnel as well as supports for the families of veterans. This need falls almost entirely to the local community.
- A model for “veteran services navigators” is being currently incubated by Historic First Presbyterian Church in central Phoenix. The City of Phoenix and ASU are involved in this too. A similar “human services navigator” effort is underway at DES. DES will connect with the HFPC project to leverage the two efforts.
- Our faith communities do not understand the extent of opportunity to serve military families. The Council can play a key role in this.
- The three top issues for Veterans are child care, legal assistance and housing
- It was suggested that the ACMF have representation on the Council, and would act as the taskforce for Veteran issues.
- We will add this to the next Council’s agenda for discussion.
- Update on former Council Taskforces. This item was tabled until the next Council meeting due to insufficient time for meaningful dialogue.
- New Business
 - Community forums for faith community leaders are occurring in late January regarding predatory lending and rescue scams. The State’s Attorney General will be the keynote.
 - What is the best way to access faith leaders? How do we message this to the faith leaders? Who on the Council can be the liaison to this group?
 - How do we, as a Council, determine what issues we take on? If we are not strategic with our focus, we will lose our effectiveness. We need more clarity. Should this Council have a website? The Governor’s Office would like to have a working session with the Council to work through these kinds of issues.
 - Department of Homeland Security has launched an on-line resource called “Our Border Initiative.” An email will go to all Members regarding an opportunity to participate.
 - Governor’s Prayer Breakfast will be on April 22, 2010; it will be modeled after the National Prayer Breakfast. The Council’s involvement, if any, will be explored.
 - Dr. Teri Traaen was unanimously approved for membership to the Council. She is the Director of Advocacy for the Bishop’s Office of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Grand Canyon Synod.
- Closing Remarks and Adjourn
 - Chair Gary thanked everyone for a great meeting; Jane Wabnik closed with a word of prayer.
 - Next meeting is Thursday, January 28, 2010; 10 a.m. to 12 Noon at Food for the Hungry
 - Adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
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