

Arizona Council on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

Minutes for May 24, 2012

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

- Welcome, Invocation & Introductions

Chair Gary Kinnaman welcomed attendees. Telephone line difficulties again prohibited Council members and guests from calling into the meeting. Billy Thrall led attendees in prayer and all attendees introduced themselves.

- Susan Levy, Native American Community Health Center, Inc. (Native Health).

The Native American Community Health Center, Inc. (<http://www.nativehealthphoenix.org/>) was started in 1978 as a small community nursing program. The initial funding was a grant from Indian Health Service. Since then the agency has expanded to include two primary service divisions: Primary Care Division (Medical/Dental), Behavioral Health Division.

NATIVE HEALTH currently provides a wide range of programs including primary medical, dental, WIC (available at three sites), health promotion and prevention, wellness programs and behavioral health programs. NATIVE HEALTH provides services to over 12,000 individuals per year, resulting in over 68,000 visits. NATIVE HEALTH has contracts, grants and fees for services for over \$5.3 million dollars. NATIVE HEALTH is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and is led by a Chief Executive Officer under the supervision of the Board of Directors. NATIVE HEALTH is accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, Inc.

Community center at 4520 N. Central in Phoenix

<http://nachci.charities2008.verioproducts.com/nativehealth/ClinicsServices/NativeHealthCentral.aspx>

New community center at 2423 W. Dunlap in Phoenix

<http://nachci.charities2008.verioproducts.com/nativehealth/ClinicsServices/NWH.aspx>

Subscribe to the Native Health Newsletter

<http://nachci.charities2008.verioproducts.com/nativehealth/Newsletter.aspx>

Contact Susan for more information slevy@nachci.com and to learn about FREE meeting space for up to 70 people.

- Updates

- Billy Thrall provided an update on Season of Service 3 (<http://cityserveaz.com>) which will launch in September with an event/summit. Areas of emphasis for SoS3 will be in service to children, to include: foster care, hunger relief and education. Planning is just now beginning for SoS3.

- The Central Arizona Dental Society's Dental Mission of Mercy (www.azmom.org) is scheduled for 12/7 and 12/8 at Veteran's Coliseum in central Phoenix. This will be a free dental care event for those without dental insurance.

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- Jack Hanstein spoke of a recent faith and mental illness event convened by Interfaith Community Services in Tucson. Here are all the photos/presentations from the 4/27/12 event <http://icstucson.org/Mental%20Illness%20Wrap-Up%20Page.html>
- Donna Davis spoke of a recent Maricopa Association of Governments (www.azmag.gov) Aging Services Project. Here is an overview of the project, with a toolkit available soon http://www.azmag.gov/Documents/HSCC_2012-05-24_Municipal-Ageing-Services-Project-Review.pdf
- Brian Simpson asked attendees to become knowledgeable and ACTIVE regarding the 2012 Farm Bill. Please read this information:
 - The Food Research & Action Center (FRAC) has really great comprehensive coverage of the Farm Bill, SNAP (Food Stamps) and info on how to contact your elected officials: <http://frac.org/leg-act-center/farm-bill-2012/> we do too at www.azfoodbanks.org or www.facebook.com/azfoodbanks
 - The 2012 Farm Bill is HR 6552 – <http://www.chn.org/humanneeds/120514a.html>
 - This is the article that mentions that all churches would have to come up with \$50,000 to make up the difference: <http://www.spotlightonpoverty.org/ExclusiveCommentary.aspx?id=762a0acf-eb04-423b-b09a-77a370c40569> ; in light of this article, this is an important issue for the faith community to rally around and let their voices be heard.
- Victoria Bouchee spoke of an upcoming HUD Grant Writing seminar. The date and location have not been finalized. Stay tuned for details.
- New Business
 - Chuck Fitzgerald describe a new project beginning through his office at DES to inventory faith-based and community organizations (FBCO) with regards to their efforts in serving children, adults and families in Arizona. This project will be staffed primarily with volunteers, and will likely continue as a permanent project at DES. This will allow DES and its partners to communicate more effectively regarding issues of mutual interest. The project will also ensure relevant gathered data is provided to 211 Arizona for their comprehensive, state-wide health and human services database.

Chuck also mentioned that this FBCO Inventory project will begin in Maricopa County in conjunction with Chair Gary Kinnaman's "Local Church Local Outreach" leader initiative.
- Closing Remarks and Adjourn
 - Next meeting is Thursday, June 28, 2012; 10 a.m. to 12 Noon at Catholic Charities, 4747 N 7th Avenue, Phoenix.
 - Chair Gary Kinnaman thanked attendees for their participation in yet another excellent meeting; Antoine Andersen led us in a closing prayer, and we adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Attendees: Gary Kinnaman, Jose Gonzales, Jeff Bisgrove, Jonathan Roe, Susan Levy, Jack Hanstein, Brian Simpson, Gregg Powell, Jim Welter, Billy Thrall, Regina Weiler, Antoine Andersen, Ina Copeland, Donna Davis, Terrilyn Miller, Victoria Bouchee and Chuck Fitzgerald.

Respectfully Submitted,
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