

# Arizona Council on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

Minutes for June 28, 2012

The Arizona Council on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives ([www.GodEnriches.org](http://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.

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- Welcome, Invocation & Introductions

Chair Gary Kinnaman welcomed attendees and all introduced themselves.

- Council Overview

Chair Gary spent some time explaining the genesis and purpose of the Council. There were many first time guests in the meeting, so the review was important. Using the Council to convene the different sectors (marketplace, human services, government and faith) in our community around issues is a core competency.

We were reminded: you have to be willing to work with people you don't agree with on various issues, as long as you agree on the task at hand.

Attendees asked for a roster of members/friends of the Council, and a pre-populated sign-in sheet for future Council meetings. Chuck will provide both of these.

- Updates

- Elaine Sullivan and Chuck Fitzgerald provided an update on Season of Service 3 (<http://cityserveaz.com>) which will launch in September. Areas of emphasis for SoS3 will be in service to children, to include: child hunger, foster care, and adopting schools. Planning is just now beginning for SoS3.
- The Central Arizona Dental Society's Dental Mission of Mercy ([www.azmom.org](http://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.
- Victoria Bouchee spoke of an upcoming HUD Grant Writing seminar. The date and location have not been finalized. Stay tuned for details.
- 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.

- Robyn Bridgeo, Salvation Army, Tempe Corps

Corps Officer Bridgeo spoke about his organization's ([www.tempecorps.com](http://www.tempecorps.com)) help with IHELP ([http://www.tempeaction.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=98&Itemid=85](http://www.tempeaction.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=98&Itemid=85)),

the new Christian Campus Center at ASU ([www.c3tempe.org](http://www.c3tempe.org)), For Our City ([www.forourcity.org](http://www.forourcity.org)) and The Salvation Army's Next Generation programs.

He spoke a great deal about collaboration and connection; both are essential for serving in the community. He also shared stories of how those who were served have turned out to be the most effective servants.

- New Business
- Closing Remarks and Adjourn
  - Next meeting is Thursday, July 26, 2012; 10 a.m. to 12 Noon at Catholic Charities, 4747 N 7<sup>th</sup> 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, Victoria Bouchee, Liliana Jorge, Alvin Bibbs, Patricia Seguin, Kris, Brian Simpson, Linda Morris, Regina Weiler, Elaine Sullivan, Joyce Lopez-Powell, Elizabeth Harris, Syble Oliver, Roxann Miller, Sakena Young-Scaggs, Jonathan Young-Scaggs, Ina Copeland, Jack Hanstein, Donna Davis, Ben Sanders, Robyn Bridgeo and Chuck Fitzgerald.

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