



April 24, 2014  
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

ASU Mercado  
502 E. Monroe, Phoenix

Engaging and mobilizing faith communities to improve the quality of life for vulnerable and impoverished people through a statewide collaboration of faith-based, community and governmental organizations.

### Minutes

#### I. Welcome, Invocation & Introductions

Ben Sanders and Sakena Young-Scaggs welcomed approximately 100 people to this very special meeting of the Arizona Council on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. The purpose of this meeting was to connect federal partners from Agency Centers for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships to Council members and friends, and to explore ideas on how we might work together serving our communities.

Jane Wabnik gave an excellent talk about “Shalom”; her words are here: <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Sharing-Shalom-by-Jane-Wabnik.pdf>. Those registered for the event are listed here: <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/04-24-14-FCP-registrants.pdf>. The Agenda is here: <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/04-24-14-ACFBCI-Agenda.pdf>. Photos are here: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/mav254ox8ufttko/owRdnYKLgv>

#### II. Federal Panel



Each member of this panel gave a 5 minute overview of their Center’s Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnership efforts. Right to left they are:

- a. Jerry Lawson, US Environmental Protection Agency
- b. Marcus Coleman, US Department of Homeland Security



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- c. Kimberly Konkell, US Department of Health and Human Services
- d. José Velasco, US-Mexico Border Health Commission
- e. Liliana Daniel, US Department of Housing and Urban Development (Phoenix Office)

III. Arizona Panel



Each member of this panel gave a 5 minute overview of their efforts in Arizona. From right to left they are:

- a. Chuck Fitzgerald, Arizona Department of Economic Security
- b. Rev. Kevin Hartke, Chandler City Council and For Our City
- c. Dr. Gary Kinnaman, Arizona Council for Faith-based and Community Initiatives
- d. Moises Gallegos, Department of Human Services, City of Phoenix
- e. Alberto Olivas, Center for Civic Participation, Maricopa Community Colleges, and Project Civil Discourse
- f. Terrilyn Miller, CityServe Arizona
- g. (not pictured) Mel Hannah, African American Legislative and Leadership Council and African American Advisory Council, Arizona Department of Education
- h. (not pictured) Roy Dawson, Faith Opportunity Zone



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#### IV. Discussion Group - Table Talk



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Attendees divided into groups to discuss these topics:

- a. Domestic Poverty and Economic Opportunity
  - b. Education
  - c. Emergency Preparedness and Human Trafficking
  - d. Energy and the Environment
  - e. Health Services and Healthy Living
- V. Tucson the next day....The federal team then traveled to Tucson and met with faith and community leaders at Pima Community College on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Their primary meeting topic was The President's Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge for Advancing Interfaith Cooperation and Community Service in Higher Education. <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/USDOE-WH-Campus-Challenge-Overview.pdf>
- VI. Next Steps. There were many great connections made; and along with them, individual next steps were planned. Also, the planning committee is meeting in May to review the Phoenix and Tucson meetings, and to talk about how we might continue to build on these relationships. Another update on this is forthcoming.
- VII. Adjourn. The next Council meeting is on May 22, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. – at our normal location – Catholic Charities, 4747 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Phoenix. Our speakers will be Mike Wold and Brian Mancini....they will be speaking about community supports for veterans.

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