

# Arizona Council on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

Minutes for December 1, 2011

The Arizona Council on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (<http://acfbci.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 at 10:05; Paul Eppinger opened the meeting with prayer; Jane Wabnik brought yummy snacks!
  - Attendees introduced themselves: Steve Capobres, Jack Hanstein, Kevin Earle, Paul Eppinger, Jane Wabnik, Debbie DiCarlo, Stephanie Goss, Billy Thrall, Dabi Adeyemi, Joyce Lopez-Powell, Liliana Jorge, Rick Knopf, Aaron Stiner, Donna Davis, Joel Larson, Elmon Krupnik, Jon McHatton, Ben Sanders, Scott Neuman, CJ Anderson and Aubrey Barnwell.
  - Chuck Fitzgerald shared that today is World Aids Day; he encouraged Council members to be aware of important Holy Days (visit <http://www.interfaithcalendar.org>) when scheduling events for those we serve.
  - Paul Eppinger provided all attendees with a 2012 Golden Rule Calendar that shows most of these Holy Days.
- Guest Speakers
  - Chaplain Elmon Krupnik spoke about the Arizona National Guard (ANG) and his role within it. He also spoke specifically about the 2/9/12 suicide prevention event for clergy members. More details will be sent to the Council members as they become available.
    - Chaplain Krupnik talked about the ANG “Be Resilient Program,” and Combat and Operational Stress First Aid (<http://www.azguard.gov/resilience/resilience/cosfa.html>). Congregations and other community organizations can provide three important stress first aid services to ANG personnel – Connectedness, Competence and Confidence.
    - Here are links for the two brochures Chaplain Krupnik provided attendees:
      - <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/COSFA-Peer-Trifold-AZNG.pdf>
      - <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/Stress-Continuum-Brochure.pdf>
    - Chaplain Krupnik also spoke of the ANG’s partnership with the Arizona Coalition for Military Families ([www.arizonacoalition.org](http://www.arizonacoalition.org))
    - Jane Wabnik provided this article on fallen Chaplains written by Chaplain Bonnie Koppell. <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/chaplains0001.pdf>
  - Kevin Earle, Executive Director of the Arizona Dental Association, spoke to attendees about the upcoming “Arizona Dental Mission of Mercy” to be held at Arizona State Fairgrounds on 12/7-8/2012. The goal is to provide free dental care for 2,000 patients at the two day event.
    - Event overview <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/AZDentalMOM.pdf>
    - Project needs <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/AZDentalMOM-needs.pdf>
    - To assist with this event, please contact Kevin at [kevin@azda.org](mailto:kevin@azda.org).
- Updates

- ArizonaSERVES. Chuck Fitzgerald gave attendees a brief update on the Task Force and the website [www.arizonaserves.gov](http://www.arizonaserves.gov). Next Task Force meeting is on January 20, 2012 and is always open to the public.
- CityServe Arizona and Season of Service 2 (<http://cityserveaz.com>). Billy Thrall provided an update on HopeFest Phoenix. It will take place on April 14, 2012 at either Chase Field or US Airways Arena. Details will be firmed up and distributed when available.
- Transportation for the Underserved. Chuck Fitzgerald spoke about how the West Valley Human Services Alliance (<http://wvhsa.acfbci.org>) will be hosting a Summit on February 10, 2011 in Goodyear. The WVHSA plans to bring community organizations together to address transportation solutions for those who are underserved.
- Ben Sanders updated attendees on the Arizona Impact Summit on April 23, 2012 to take place at ASU, Tempe Campus. Lattie Coor will be one of the keynote speakers. The purpose of the event is to connect community leaders with campus leaders and with one another, around pressing issues in Arizona. Human Services, Health Care, the Environment, Interfaith cooperation, Peace Initiatives, Education and more.
- Veterans Stand Down is at the Veterans Coliseum in Phoenix on February 2 – 4, 2012.
- New Business
  - Aaron Stiner ([astiner@cc-az.org](mailto:astiner@cc-az.org)) spoke to about “Paths of Hope” - a continuum of Catholic Charities programs to help financially vulnerable individuals and families to permanently improve their financial situations and achieve long-term prosperity. (<http://www.catholiccharitiesaz.org/pathsofhope>)
  - Aaron also spoke of YNPN ([www.ynpnphoenix.org](http://www.ynpnphoenix.org)) a professional development and networking organization for young nonprofit professionals, emerging leaders and community activists in Metro Phoenix.
  - Joyce Lopez-Powell and Billy Thrall gave attendees a brief tutorial on Arizona’s tax credit for the “Working Poor.” In 2010, approximately \$16M was directed to charities by “itemizing” Arizona State Income Tax payers.
- Closing Remarks and Adjourn
  - Next meeting is Thursday, January 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; Pastor Aubrey Barnwell led us in prayer, and we adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

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