



December 6, 2012  
10:00 a.m. – Noon

Diocesan Pastoral Center, Room 104  
400 East Monroe Street, Phoenix, 85004

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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 Vice Chair, Dr. Richard Knopf

Vice-Chair Rick Knopf welcomed attendees. Chuck led attendees with a moment of silence asking for all to remember and pray for those still suffering from the effects of hurricane Sandy. Rick told a brief story about the transformative power experienced by a colleague of his, at the HopeFest Phoenix this past April. Attendees in turn introduced themselves.

(As a reminder, information regarding this Council may be found on the Council's web site, [www.GodEnriches.org](http://www.GodEnriches.org). This site name was chosen because it is also our State Motto. Meeting archives may be found on the web site at the bottom of the "About Us" page.)

#### II. Developmental Disabilities

##### a. Michael Leyva, Contract/Grants Coordinator, Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (ADDPC).

Michael, and his colleague Marcella Crane, spoke about the role of the ADDPC to assist those who "are going over the fiscal cliff every day" in Arizona because of a developmental disability.

Arizona defines a developmental disability as: Attributable to cognitive disability, cerebral palsy, epilepsy or autism, occurs before the person is 18 years old, is expected to last a lifetime, and limits the person's activities in at least three of the following areas:

- ability to care for oneself;
- ability to comprehend or communicate;
- ability to learn;
- ability to move;
- ability to make independent choices;
- ability to live independently; or
- ability to financially provide for him/herself

Michael also spoke of "Creating a Picture of Life" program designed to prepare youth with DD who are about to exit foster care to exercise choice, promote the use of informal and community supports, and to make knowledgeable decisions on



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community living and work. More information about his program can be found at <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/Picture-of-Life-Brochure.pdf>

- b. Carol Sherer, Special Projects Manager, DES Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) and Ilene Herberg, Communications Coordinator, DES Division of Developmental Disabilities.

Carol and Ilene, both with DDD, gave a presentation on the issues facing those with Developmental Disabilities, and their caregivers, in Arizona. Here is their presentation: <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/DDD.pdf> For the Provider fair and the Special Angel programs contact is Dan Scott at (602) 771-3160.

Together, Michael, Marcella, Carol and Ilene offered these suggestions for how faith-community organizations and their members might get involved in support of these individuals and families:

1. Connect families to ADDPC ([www.azdes.gov/addpc](http://www.azdes.gov/addpc)) and DDD ([www.azdes.gov/ddd](http://www.azdes.gov/ddd))
2. Attend public meetings to inform the state planning process
3. Raise awareness within your organization regarding Developmental Disabilities
4. Connect community resources for Developmental Disabilities to one another.
5. Learn how to give a community Developmental Disabilities presentation
6. Be a safety net for people in your community effected by Developmental Disabilities
7. Provide transportation for those with Developmental Disabilities, and their caregivers
8. Volunteer with the DES Volunteer Engagement Center ([www.azdes.gov/volunteer](http://www.azdes.gov/volunteer))
9. Connect your organization with local Development Disability organizations
10. Provide employment for people with Developmental Disabilities

### III. Updates

- a. ArizonaSERVES. Billy Thrall spoke of the recent meeting at Chase Field that was attended by 13 churches regarding Arizona's foster family shortage. Pastor Robert Gelinis from Denver, Colorado shared the successful model "Project 127." Attending churches each committed to engaging their congregations to recruit and support foster families.

Foster Care Participation is a component of Governor Brewer's ArizonaSERVES Initiative ([www.ArizonaSERVES.gov](http://www.ArizonaSERVES.gov)).

The next ArizonaSERVES Task Force meeting is Friday, January 18, 2013. It is always open to the public.

- b. Arizona Dental Mission of Mercy. This free event is December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Phoenix. Don't miss this event; please refer the families you serve to this event. See [www.azmom.org](http://www.azmom.org)
- c. Member Updates



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Ben Sanders spoke of the 2013 Arizona Impact Summit. He is looking for steering committee members to help shape and deliver this event. Please contact him as soon as possible if you are willing to help. Here is the planning document

<http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/AZIS.pdf>

Mitzi Lynton spoke of an awesome holocaust exhibit at the Arizona Jewish Historical Society in Phoenix showing through January 13, 2013. Here are the details [https://azjhs.org/Robert\\_Sutz\\_.html](https://azjhs.org/Robert_Sutz_.html)

Mitzi asked attendees to assist with finding speakers for the upcoming Faith Forum series hosted by the Arizona Interfaith Movement. Details here: [www.azifm.org](http://www.azifm.org)

Chuck Fitzgerald spoke of an upcoming one day Summit on March 8, 2013 called "Helping the Helpers – equipping those who interact with family caregivers" in Goodyear. Details will be available in early January at <http://wvhsa.acfbci.org>

#### IV. Closing Remarks and Adjourn

The next Council meeting is Thursday, January 24, 2013 at Catholic Charities, 4747 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Phoenix.

Vice-Chair Rick thanked attendees for their attendance, and Rev. Mitzi Lynton closed the meeting in prayer.

Attendees: Vice-Chair Rick Knopf, Scott Neuman (phone), Ileen Herberg, Carol Sherer, Erin Raden, Regina Weiler, Marcella Crane, Michael Leyva, Linda Morris, John Armstrong, Billy Thrall, Mitzi Lynton, Paula Taylor, Jerome Parker, Ben Sanders, Bob Dunn, Jane Wabnik, and Chuck Fitzgerald.

Respectfully Submitted,

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