

Arizona Council on
Faith-Based and Community Initiatives
Vice-Chair Paul Martodam
Minutes for June 25, 2009

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

- Welcome, Invocation and Introductions: Vice-Chair Paul Martodam welcomed everyone at 10:05 a.m. He then led attendees in a reading of the Catholic Charities "Prayer to Reduce Poverty in America."
- Review previous meeting minutes: Minutes from the May 28th meeting were reviewed and approved by all with no objections.
- Council Mission & Purpose: Vice-Chair Paul started the discussion with Peter Drucker's Mission Statement guidelines: Why do we do this? What is our purpose? What do we want to be remembered for? Will it fit on a t-shirt?
 - Attendees then entered a lengthy brainstorming session on this draft Mission Statement developed by the Composition/Membership Taskforce: *The Arizona Council on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives is a state-wide, action-oriented collaboration of faith-based, nonprofit and governmental organizations dedicated to mobilizing and engaging the faith community in measurable and sustainable human services.*
 - Here are the comments offered by attendees:
 - Collaboration is an important word to use
 - Mobilizing communities
 - Only Faith community?
 - Helping people/improving lives – not just providing services
 - For profits too?
 - "We are working in faith to...."
 - Change "nonprofit" to "community"
 - Keep focus on faith
 - Inter-faith? All faith communities?
 - Is the purpose to mobilize, collaborate or communicate
 - Mobilizing is a good action word
 - Do we have a copy of Governor Napolitano's executive order?
 - Where are the gaps?
 - We should be about action not political advocacy
 - We are state-wide and diverse
 - Help the poor/vulnerable – this is a very compelling reason to meet
 - How are we different than other groups?
 - Rural, tribal nations, state-wide
 - Community service to improve lives
 - We have an opportunity to re-invent the group

- Need is greater than ever
 - Poor and vulnerable are our rallying point
 - Is this group creating an environment or creating programs
 - Action
 - Our goal is really about people
 - Could not have had the White House conference without this group
 - Military roundtable feels anchored by this group
 - How do we connect with President's call to volunteer?
 - Move the "what" to the beginning of the Mission Statement
 - To improve the lives of those most at-risk in Arizona
- Ben, Susan and Chuck volunteered to rework the draft Mission Statement. The rework was done the next day: *The Arizona Council on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives is dedicated to engaging and mobilizing all faith communities to improve the quality of life for our most vulnerable and impoverished people through a statewide, action-oriented collaboration of faith-based, community and governmental organizations.*
- Nominations for Membership: The attendees unanimously approved (1st-Linda, 2nd-Ben) Petra Falcon, Rev. Jan Flaaten, Mitzila Hogans, Dr. Richard Knopf, Scott Neuman and Bishop Steven Talmadge for membership. Mitzila, Richard and Scott have all accepted this appointment. Petra, Rev. Flaaten and Bishop Talmadge will be personally invited by Chair Kinnaman; this will likely be news to the three of them.
 - There was much discussion about the process for adding/deleting members from the Council in the future. Vice-Chair Paul offered to write a one-page "job description" for current and perspective members. Joyce recommended using a widely accepted nonprofit model to determine length of the appointment. It was agreed to revisit both of these items at the July Council meeting.
 - Paul Eppinger recommended Ahmed Daniels (Executive Director, CAIR) for membership and will submit a brief written recommendation to Chuck.
- Federal Grant Update:
 - \$1M HHS Strengthening Communities Fund: A Council taskforce convened twice in June to discuss this grant. Mitzila gave a brief update and indicated that a final strategy had not been ironed out, and that a meeting later in the day would determine details. It appeared that ACAA would be the lead on it. Dan also reported that United Way of Tucson was applying for this same grant. Linda offered Pima County's support for anyone who is applying for this grant.
 - \$250K HHS Strengthening Communities Fund: Susan said that DES was considering an application for this grant, perhaps relating to workforce issues. Attendees unanimously approved (1st-Ben, 2nd-John) the Council's recommendation of DES as Governor's Authorized Entity for this grant.
 - Linda spoke of White House State Liaison, Ben O'Dell, and the importance of having someone at the state level connected with Ben's office. She recommended DES for this. She said that Jannah Scott will help make this connection, if need be. Susan will follow up on this item.

- Begin to define Council priorities: Chair Kinnaman, absent, asked for the attendees to consider a list of priorities for the Council to undertake. Here are the comments that ensued:
 - Vice-Chair suggested a final State budget might guide us with this discussion
 - Homelessness, foster care, hunger, water, jobs
 - Guidance, training, awareness on how to mobilize faith communities
 - Facilitate faith community leadership discussions
 - Identify and publicize great things that are already happening state-wide in faith communities
 - Here's what you can do, and how you can do it!
 - Dr. Paul talked about the 1/16/10 Golden Rule event at the State Fairgrounds. He'll have more details in the near future.
 - Meaningful, helpful, doable
 - Joyce talked about Project Homeless Connect efforts
 - All attendees were to bring a list of best practices with them to the July meeting to share with the Council
 - This will be an agenda item at the July meeting.
- Closing Remarks and Adjourn: Adjourned at 12:01 p.m.; next meeting is July 23rd; 10 a.m. to 12 Noon at Food for the Hungry

Present:

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| Dan Duncan (via phone) | Dr. Paul Eppinger | John Frick |
| Susan Hallett | Mitzila Hogans | Linda Leatherman |
| Joyce Lopez-Powell (for Brian Spicker) | | Paul Martodam |
| Scott Neuman (via phone) | Ben Sanders | Dr. C.T. Wright |

Absent:

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| Bishop Henry Barnwell | Bishop Minerva Carcano | Nedra Cox |
| Bryan Detwiler | Marchelle Franklin | Judith Fritsch |
| Tony Garcia | Dr. Gary Kinnaman | Dr. Richard Knopf |
| Charles Monroe | Monsignor Richard O'Keeffe | Jane Pearson |
| Jane Wabnik | Cynthia Zwick | |

Guests:

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