



May 28, 2015
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Catholic Charities Community Services
4747 North 7th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85013

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

Chair Gary Kinnaman welcomed attendees and opened the meeting with a prayer. Attendees introduced themselves. The sign-in sheets, and all other meeting archives, may be found here: <http://acfbci.org/meeting-archives/>

II. HIV / AIDS

Cindy Quenneville, Chief Executive Officer
Southwest Center for HIV / AIDS

Cindy walked us through the journey of the Center and its work over the past 25 years. There is so much information and data in her presentation, we couldn't do it justice in these notes. So here is Cindy's presentation: <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/SWHIV-Agency-Presentation.pdf>

Her message highlighted a few key points: Know your status (get tested); Speak about this disease to your family, friends, colleagues, congregations; Volunteer at the Center; Give to Local Charity. Please contact Cindy and invite her to speak to your networks, churches, employees, etc.

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III. Updates & Announcements

- HopeFest Phoenix (April 18, 2015). Terrilyn Miller, Executive Director of CityServe Arizona (www.cityserveaz.com), spoke about HopeFest Phoenix and what a great day it was. An estimated 24,000 people were served. Final numbers relating to all services will be available in the coming weeks.
- Arizona Blue Ribbon (April 25, 2015). April Jones, Office of Faith and Community Partnerships, spoke about this event of "Celebrating Foster Families." There were 3,222 children and their family members at the event. A total of 491 families were



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represented. Thank you so much Arizona Diamondbacks for showing the attendees a great time.

The Arizona Blue Ribbon committee is currently working with the Arizona Rattlers of the Arena Football League to provide a similar family event in July. More details will be available in the coming days.

- Governor's Office of Faith and Community Partnerships. There was much discussion about the ongoing role of the Council and engaging with Governor Ducey and his administration. Not knowing the status of the Office was of great concern to the attendees. It was agreed that Chair Gary would author a letter to the Governor explaining our Council, asking for clarity, and offering our assistance.
- Additional announcements (* provided after the meeting):
 - Ben Sanders spoke of his trip to Washington D.C. in early June. He will be meeting with Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnership folks at the White House and in federal agencies about how they might strengthen partnerships with Arizona to increase community capacities. Our summit last year has paved the way for these conversations and connections. Ben will report back to the group upon his return.
 - Chair Gary spoke of last Saturday's "John 17 Movement" event at the Phoenix Convention center. The approximately 2,000 people in attendance saw the 9 minute video from Pope Francis calling for unity. Info, and the Pope's very powerful video, here: www.john17movement.com
 - Berisha Black reminded attendees of May being Foster Care Awareness Month. www.azkidsneedu.gov
 - For details regarding the City of Phoenix's Senior Savings Program, please contact Nancy Kiflemariam at nancy.kiflemariam@phoenix.gov. Here is her PowerPoint presentation: <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Senior-Savings-Powerpoint-5-19-15.pdf>
 - Nancy Kiflemariam also spoke about this link to the ASU Lodestar Center who is giving away a grant. Here's the link: <https://lodestar.asu.edu/the-grant-network/grant-giveaway/>
 - *Tom Fraker is asking if you would help with one more push so he can fill the Fresh Air camps up and many foster youth can have this wonder experience. Getting as many foster youth signed up for these camp sessions is a passion of Tom's and his team at Tonto Creek Camp. They will go anywhere and do anything that is necessary to make it happen. Please follow the instructions on



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this flier to receive a scholarship and to register: <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/FRESH-AIR-affcf..pdf>. For questions please call 480 220-6588 or email tom@tontocreekcamp.org.

- *Updates from our colleagues at the Social Security Administration: <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/JuneUpdate-SSA.pdf>
- *TIME SENSITIVE – June 3rd deadline. Jeff Bisgrove would like your online votes for the Guadalupe Learning Lab! Here's the information... <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/GuadalupeLearningLab.pdf> ...vote today!!!
- *TIME SENSITIVE – June 3rd. Vance Simms and Father Matters are hosting a Job & Training Institute on June 3rd. Here are the details: <http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Institute-6-3-15.pdf>

IV. Closing Remarks and Adjourn

Richard Morrison asked that a future Council presentation would provide information to the Council regarding how parents are being trained-up to parent well. “Let’s get more into the prevention of all of this bad news.” Staff will work to make this presentation a reality.

Chair Gary offered a simple definition of our Council. “We introduce our friends to one another, and we help people find each other.”

Billie Fidlín closed the meeting with a powerful prayer for our Council, Arizona’s children, favor for our state’s leadership, and for unity and peace in our communities.

The Council’s next meeting is June 25th from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Catholic Charities in Phoenix.

Submitted by
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