



September 26 , 2013
10:00 a.m.

Catholic Charities Community Services
4747 North 7th Avenue, Phoenix, 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 Dr. Gary Kinnaman welcomed attendees. Billy Thrall provided a word of prayer.

(As a reminder, information regarding this Council may be found on the Council's web site, 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.)

Chair Gary shared that Ben Sanders would be filling in for Kimberly Konkol who was unable to join us. He then turned the meeting over to Ben.

II. Guest Speaker, Ben Sanders of Community Ministries presented on behalf of Assistant Director, Kimberly Konkol, Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Ms Konkol sends her regrets for not being able to join us. Ben had been in meetings with her earlier in the week and spoke of what a great asset she is to the President's office.

Ben began his presentation (<http://acfbci.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Presidents-Campus-Challenge-Presentation.pdf>) on "The President's Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge" and spent time informing the attendees on how the challenge is being met at ASU. He is working on getting UofA, NAU and GCU to participate as well.

- More than 240 colleges and universities in the US have responded to the President's challenge to engage in interfaith cooperation and community service.
- Focus is on:
 - Disaster Preparedness
 - Domestic Poverty
 - Education
 - Energy and the Environment
 - Health Services and Healthy Living
 - Human Trafficking
 - Veterans and Military Families
- ASU responded through the Council of Religious Advisors (CORA)
- Disaster Preparedness engaged through COMPEF/HURT, <http://compef.info>
- Domestic Poverty engaged through Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program (IHELP) and The Open Table, www.theopentable.org.



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- Education engaged through Together for Tomorrow school partnerships, www.ed.gov/edpartners and <http://tft.challenge.gov>.
- Peacemaking Initiatives “Actual Peacemaking” seminar by Professor Najeeba Syeed-Miller at ASU Tempe, September 26, 2013
- Health Services and Healthy Living engaged through Project Civil Discourse event “Healthy Communities: Focus on Mental Health” September 25, 2013 at www.projectcivildiscourse.org.
- SAMHSA National Dialogue on Mental Health at www.mentalhealth.gov and www.creatingcommunitysolutions.org. For more information contact Kimberly Konkel at Kimberly.konkel@hhs.gov or go to www.hhs.gov/partnerships.
- For more information on the President’s Campus Challenge in Arizona contact Ben Sanders, 480.242.2836, veritas@asu.edu, campuschallengeaz@gmail.com.

III. Updates

- Kevin Conroy of the Arizona Dental Mission of Mercy (MOM) shared a short but powerful video (<http://www.azmom.org/About.asp>) on the 2012 event. More volunteers are needed for the 2013 event, December 12-14. To sign up go to <http://www.azmom.org/Volunteer.asp>.
- Lisa Chastain of Hope Network in Tucson provided information about the upcoming 21st Annual Hope Fest on Saturday, October 19th at Kino Stadium 2500 E. Ajo Way. 9am - 3pm. They are expecting to serve 18,000 to 20,000 people in need with medical and dental care, groceries, haircuts, clothes, etc. She offered a special thanks to Chuck, Inc. (DES, Office of Faith and Community).
- David Drum from 4 Tucson shared with the attendees their work in Tucson. In an effort to see the whole community blessed they are working with 12 “domains” including churches, businesses, education, government and healthcare to name a few. Programs are strengthened when the domains work together. One church working with a school was able to raise the school’s points by 22. A notable achievement.

Dave spoke about Our Kids Our Care, a new initiative in Tucson to promote Foster Care and Adoption (<http://ourkidsourcare.com/>). The event will be on February 1, 2014 at Victory Worship Center from 9am-12pm.

Dave also mentioned the Tucson Ministry Alliance where they share a new topic each month (<http://www.tucsonministryalliance.org>). Their purpose is to network and grow/strengthen relationships.

- Chair Gary spoke of the Ten City Covenant and Movement Day (www.movementday.com) events in NYC in October. A team of 15-20 folks including



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David are attending from Arizona to present at the Ten City event on the topic of the serving movements within Arizona.

- Billy Thrall provided an update on ArizonaSERVES. This is the Governor's Task Force to gather the faith communities around 5 critical topics, but the current focus is on Foster Care. Please visit the website at www.ArizonaSERVES.gov for more information.

The next ArizonaSERVES Task Force meeting will be held on Friday, November 15, 2013. This meeting is open to the public; a meeting notice will be posted on the website under the "Task Force" tab.

- Regina Weiler from the DES Volunteer Engagement Center spoke about the Children's Heart Gallery which is a program to highlight children in foster care looking for a permanent home. Through the help of David Drum, they have been able to do professional photo shoots at Loews Ventana Canyon Resort in Tucson. They had 27 children participate last year and 33 this year. They get professional hair styling, makeup, dressing, etc. They are also able to share their story, hopes and dreams for display with their photo. The Johnjay and Rich Care for Kids Foundation is working on a traveling display to represent a "home" where these photos will be shown.
- Kelly Kinworthy from Peter Piper Pizza shared with the attendees that their company is always looking for new ways to work with the community. They focus on schools but also help with community events. They are looking to help with annual events, young life, youth and family programs and working with community outreach. They also have a large meeting space available for use prior to their business hours.
- April Jones from DES Office of Faith and Community shared that there is great information on the DES Director's blog at <https://www.azdes.gov/blog.aspx>. April also reminded the group that their office is here to provide resources to community and faith-based organizations including a speaker's bureau, technical assistance, leadership development, etc. (www.azdes.gov/common.aspx?menu=928&menuc=369&id=2322)
- Darryl Burton from the San Francisco office of Health and Human Service, Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services shared with attendees information on the October 1st launch of the Affordable Health Care Act (Obamacare). Arizona is using the Federally facilitated Marketplace. There are 4 levels of insurance (Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum). Bronze is a 60/40 plan with deductibles and costs of all plans are based on income levels. There are events with small business associations regarding the employer options. The open enrollment period is October 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014. No need to rush, but coverage will begin on January 1, 2014. Darryl hopes to be back to join us for our October meeting.



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- Linda Morris with First Pentecostal Church shared that MentorKids USA South Phoenix Promise Neighborhoods (<http://mentorkidsusa.org/sample-page/promise-neighborhoods/south-phoenix-promise-neighborhood/>) started a park 6 months ago on land donated by FPC. They have a community garden and funding for a basketball court. They are also planning a safe play area. They are hosting a Community Fair on Saturday the 28th from 10am – 3 pm at 2701 E Margarita Ave, Phoenix 85040.
- Cathy Peterson with Catholic Charities announced that Free to Laugh, Laugh to Free, a clean comedy event is being held on May 10, 2014 with 100% of the donations going to combat sex trafficking.
- Catholic Charities is hosting monthly Immersion Experiences. Here are Sister Noreen Sharp's comments: We at Catholic Charities share with you an interest in serving the poorest of the poor in Arizona. We have programs that range from foster care to immigration to sex trafficking to refugee services through which we help those most in need.

Now we are offering an opportunity to share with our faith-based friends a time to learn even more about the people we both serve through an Immersion Experience. What is an Immersion Experience? Just this – an opportunity to walk in the shoes of those who need us most through a 3 hour program designed to help participants go beyond knowing the needs of the clients but to actually feel their needs. This is a journey of the heart, with time to dialogue with clients who experience poverty and other barriers to self-sufficiency.

There is no cost for participation and the only request is that participants come with an open heart. So will you consider passing this e-mail on to your staff and encouraging them to come to one or more of the Immersion Experiences identified in the attached flyer? We would love to have input from persons in your agency who are interested in meeting our shared clients in a different way.

I hope we will meet you and some of your team at one of the Immersion Experiences. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at nsharp@cc-az.org for free reservations.

- Kino Border Initiative and Catholic Charities are presenting an event on Immigration, Saturday November 2, 2013 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at St Patrick Catholic Community at 10815 N 84th Street. \$10 donation, please RSVP to Mary Permoda at mpermoda@stpatcc.org.

IV. Closing Remarks and Adjourn

Lillian Armstrong closed the meeting in prayer.



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The next Council meeting is Thursday, October 24, 2013 at Catholic Charities, 4747 N. 7th Avenue, Phoenix.

Respectfully Submitted,
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