



Minutes Committee for Youth, Families and Community October 20, 2008

Minutes of the Committee for Youth, Families and Community held on October 20, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. at the Tempe Public Library Tempe Connections Program Room, 3500 S. Rural Road 2nd Floor, Tempe, Arizona.

MEMBERS Present:

Barb Fries, Tempe Elementary School District
Samantha Heinrich, Kyrene School District
Trish Miller, Community Bridges
Lynette Stonefeld, Tempe/Kyrene Communities In Schools
Mark Werschting, Maricopa County Juvenile Probation Department
Rebecca Bond, Tempe Connections
Ginae Klasek, Peer Solutions

MEMBERS Absent:

Sandra McNally, EMPACT—SPC
Joe Spracale, Tempe Impact Education Foundation
Vic Cordts, Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley
Randy Lazar, Tempe Union High School District
Abraham Gonzalez, Chicanos Por La Causa

City Staff Present:

Kathy Berzins, Community Services – Social Services
Kim Bauman, Community Services – Social Services
Tim Cox, Community Services - Social Services
Nancy Rodriguez, Tempe Municipal Court

Guests Present:

Joanne Floth, First Things First
Bonni Pomush, First Things First
Elena Hernandez, Maricopa County Juvenile Probation Department
Rindy Corn, Maricopa County Juvenile Probation Department

Meeting convened at 9:30 a.m.

Agenda Item 1: Kathy Berzins called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item 2: Minutes from September 15, 2008 Meeting

The minutes from September 15, 2008 were reviewed.

MOTION: Lynette Stonefeld motioned to approve the minutes.

SECOND: Nancy Rodriguez seconded the motion.

COMMITTEE CONSENSUS: Minutes were approved.

Agenda Item 3 – First Things First Presentation

Joanne Floth, Maricopa Central Region's Coordinator and Bonni Pomush, Kyrene School District provided an overview of the First Things First initiative.

- 1) First Things First is funded through the tobacco tax and focuses on building a system of accessible and quality early childhood development and health services. \$5.7 million per year for approximately 10 years will be allocated to each regional partnership to implement the system/services.
- 2) There are 31 Regional Partnership Councils and a State Board. The Central Maricopa Regional Partnership encompasses Tempe, Chandler, Ahwatukee and Guadalupe.
- 3) The State Board has set the following goals:
 - Improve the quality of early childhood development and health programs.
 - Increase the access to quality early childhood development and health programs.
 - Increase access to preventative health and health screenings for children through age five.
 - Offer parent and family support and education concerning early childhood development and literacy.
 - Provide professional development and training for early childhood development and health providers.
- 4) Each regional partnership council has received a needs and assets report and is developing a strategic plan for the \$5.7 million per year.
- 5) The Central Maricopa Regional Partnership is in the process of developing its funding plan which is due to the State Board in November 2008. The draft plan includes an additional needs and assets report, goals that are prioritized around the State goals, identified strategies to accomplish the goals, and a draft allocation of \$5.7 million by goals and strategies per year.
- 6) The Central Maricopa Regional Partnership is looking at innovative practices as well as best practices to include in the plan and is soliciting input from community members. Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 3:30 p.m. at the Kyrene School District office.

Agenda Item 4– 2009 Committee Meeting Schedule

- 1) The draft 2009 committee meeting schedule was distributed to committee members. The proposed schedule would eliminate a June meeting as attendance is low and would either eliminate a meeting in December or move it to the second Monday in December.

MOTION: Trish Miller motioned to approve the draft 2009 committee schedule which eliminates the June meeting and moves the December meeting to December 14th.

SECOND: Lynette Stonefeld seconded the motion.

COMMITTEE CONSENSUS: Motion was approved.

Agenda Item 5 – Data Sharing

- 1) Data provided the Maricopa County Juvenile Probation Department Research Division on juvenile referrals in 2007 and 2008 was distributed to members. Referral trends were discussed. Nancy Rodriguez, Tempe Municipal Court will provide data at the November meeting.

Agenda Item 6 – Communities for Kids

- 1) **Lynette Stonefeld, Communities in School** announced that her organization has received 160 parenting kits containing age appropriate activities in English and Spanish. The kits are available to parents of children ages 3 to 5. Providers of the kits must spend some time with the parent and then can give them the kits. Recipients of the kits will also need to complete a survey for feedback.
- 2) **Kathy Berzins, City of Tempe** announced that the City of Tempe 100 Best Communities for Youth status was recently recognized by the Arizona Adolescent Health Coalition at an awards dinner. Kathy presented the plaque received by the City to Lynette Stonefeld and recognized her efforts in ensuring the City received this award. Lynette plans to have the plaque on display at City Hall.

Agenda Item 7 – Magellan Prevention Grant

- 1) **Lynette Stonefeld** announced that the first meeting for the Community Planning Committee will occur on November 3rd. This committee will be responsible for developing a strategic plan to help prevent underage drinking and drug abuse in Tempe and will meet once a month for six months. Key sectors will be represented on the planning committee. Some members of this committee have already committed to be part of this planning committee and remaining members are encouraged to also participate on the committee.

Agenda Item 8 – Other Grant and Program Updates

- 1) **Kim Bauman, City of Tempe** announced that the City has been awarded a 2008 Juvenile Accountability Block grant which will be used to continue the Empowering Teens and Parents Program.

Agenda Item 8 – Announcements

- 1) **Trish Miller, Community Bridges** announced that they are providing life skills groups at Children First Academy, which was formerly the Tempe Pappas School. The groups are being funded by a City of Tempe SACA grant.
- 2) **Lynette Stonefeld, Communities in Schools** announced that the Keogh Foundation is supporting efforts to enroll eligible participants in Kids Care. This effort will also be supported by the City of Tempe's 100 Best Communities grant award.
- 3) **Ginae Klasek, Peer Solutions** announced that they have received a Magellan Prevention grant and will be focusing on communities along the Light Rail line.
- 4) **Samantha Heinrich, Kyrene School District** announced she recently attended a presentation on energy drinks, including those with alcohol, and how it is marketed to youth. Discussion occurred on this trend. Samantha will forward the PowerPoint presentation to committee members. The committee was in consensus that they would like a presentation on alcohol/drug trends. Trish Miller, Community Bridges will follow up on providing a presentation.

Agenda Item 9 – Future Agenda Items

- Presentation on new alcohol/drug trends.
- Please contact Tim Cox for future program presentations.

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- Please contact Kim Bauman for future agenda items.

The committee's next meeting will be on **November 17, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Prepared by: Tim Cox


Kathy Berzins, Chair
