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**Minutes**  
**Committee for Youth, Families and Community**  
**April 20, 2009**

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Minutes of the Committee for Youth, Families and Community held on April 20, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. at the Tempe Public Library Tempe Connections Program Room, 3500 S. Rural Road 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Tempe, Arizona.

**MEMBERS Present:**

Joe Spracale, Tempe Impact Education Foundation  
Lynette Stonefeld, Tempe/Kyrene Communities In Schools  
Celeste Plumlee, Peer Solutions  
Trish Miller, Community Bridges

**MEMBERS Absent:**

Samantha Heinrich, Kyrene School District  
Vic Cordts, Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley  
Mark Werschting, Maricopa County Juvenile Probation Department  
Rebecca Bond, Tempe Connections  
Barb Fries, Tempe Elementary School District  
Sandra McNally, EMPACT—SPC  
Randy Lazar, Tempe Union High School District

**City Staff Present:**

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

**Guests Present:**

Rindy Corn, Maricopa County Juvenile Probation Department  
Neil Tift, Native American Fatherhood & Families Association  
Al Pooley, Native American Fatherhood & Families Association

**Meeting convened at 9:35 a.m.**

**Agenda Item 1:** Tim Cox called the meeting to order.

**Agenda Item 2: Minutes from March 16, 2009 Meeting**

The minutes from March 16, 2009 were reviewed.

**MOTION:** Nancy Rodriguez motioned to approve the minutes.

**SECOND: Lynette Stonfeld** seconded the motion.

**COMMITTEE CONSENSUS:** Minutes were approved.

**Agenda Item 3 – Native American Fatherhood and Families Association (NAFFA)**

**Neil Tift and Al Pooley** provided the following information on their programs:

- 1) The Father's Resource Center provides the following programs for fathers and their families in the East Valley:
  - A 12 week Dad's parenting class for fathers of all ages to enhance their parenting skills.
  - A Family Law Clinic that provides opportunities for fathers to receive legal information of family law concerns.
  - Family Mediation to couples who are experiencing divorce.
  - Educational workshops for parents and couples.
  - Information and Referral.
  - A 16 week anger management course for men.Services are available for Native and non-Native fathers and their families. While the focus of their services is fathers, mothers and children are also welcome. The center will accept court referrals.
- 2) NAFFA also provides the following programs to 35 tribes and hopes to integrate these services with non Native populations:
  - Fatherhood/Motherhood is Sacred Parenting Program
  - Alternatives To Incarceration Program
  - Healthy Marriage Initiative
  - One Day Community Educational Workshops
  - Staff Development.

**Agenda Item 4- Communities for Kids Update**

**Lynette Stonefeld, Communities in Schools** provide the following update:

- 1) The Don't Wait to Educate parenting series is still being provided at Wood and Aguilar Elementary Schools and Compadre High School and will end soon.
- 2) The First Things First RFP for our regional partnership has not been released yet.

**Agenda Item 5 – Magellan Prevention Grant Update**

**Lynette Stonefeld Communities in Schools and Kim Bauman, City of Tempe** provided the following update:

- 1) The final planning meeting was held on April 7<sup>th</sup> and our strategic plan is due on May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 2) We have interested planning committee members, who are not already a part of this committee, who would like to join this effort in an effort to address underage drinking and drug use. We will discuss a change in meeting time and date and future opportunities for this committee at our May meeting.

**Agenda Item 7 – Other Grant and Program Updates**

- 1) **Trish Miller, Community Bridges** announced Community Bridges has a My Space account that provides alcohol and drug information. The link is [http://www.myspace.com/get\\_real\\_now](http://www.myspace.com/get_real_now). They are also trying to get into the middle schools to provide educational information to students during lunchtime.
- 2) **Tim Cox, City of Tempe** reported he has not heard on the status of their Victims of Crime Act and Arizona Criminal Justice Commission grant applications for CARE 7.

- 3) **Lynette Stonefeld, Communities in Schools** reported they are receiving \$19,000 from the Summer Youth Program Fund and will be providing a free summer camp for students who will be entering grades 1-5 in the Fall. They are targeting students who are attending Holdeman and Nevitt as the program will be held at the University of Arizona Extension Office.
- 4) **Kim Bauman, City of Tempe** announced Congressman Harry Mitchell and the CEO of Experience Corps recently visited the City's Experience Corps site at Scales school. The program continues to be very highly regarded and is receiving a lot of local and national attention.

#### **Agenda Item 7 – Announcements**

- 1) **Neil Tift, Native American Fatherhood and Family Association** announced they will be holding the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Native American Fatherhood Conference November 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> in Mesa. Three tracks will be offered: Criminal Justice, Education and Health and Human Services. They are currently seeking workshop proposals.
- 2) **Joe Spracale Tempe Impact Education (TIE) Foundation** announced their annual golf tournament fundraiser will be held on May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Ken MacDonald golf course.
- 3) **Al Pooley, Native American Fatherhood and Family Association** announced they hope to implement an interactive Native American cultural center in Mesa in October.

#### **Agenda Item 8 – Future Agenda Items**

- Consolidation of Underage Drinking Committee with Tempe's Committee for Youth, Families and Community
- Support for small resource center for teens on the Compadre/Evans campus.
- Please contact Tim Cox for future program presentations.
- Please contact Kim Bauman for future agenda items.

The committee's next meeting will be on **May 18, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.**

Prepared by: Kim Bauman

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Kathy Berzins, Chair