Tempe

Minutes
Committee for Youth, Families and Community
October 13, 2009

Minutes of the Committee for Youth, Families and Community held October 13, 2009 at the Tempe Public Library Connections Program Room, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, Arizona.

MEMBERS Present:
Nori Cannell (representing Randy Lazar), Tempe Union High School District
Rae Godson, Tempe Resident
Bobbie Cassano, Tempe Community Council
Lynette Stonefeld, Tempe/Kyrene Communities In Schools
Ilene Dode, Tempe Resident/EMPACT-SPC
Tanya Aleman, Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc.
Vic Cordts, Boys & Girls Club of the East Valley
Amanda Hamm, Kyrene School District
Alan Anderson, Checkmate Chess Instruction/TIE Foundation
Luis Morales, Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc.

MEMBERS Absent:
Nejra Sumic, Community Bridges
Celeste Plumlee, Tempe Resident
Joe Spracale, Tempe Impact Education Foundation
Rebecca Bond, Tempe Connections
Maria Holmes, Association for Supportive Childcare
Barb Fries, Tempe Elementary School District

City Staff Present:
Kim Bauman, Community Services – Social Services
Tim Cox, Community Services - Social Services
Roni Alexander, Community Services – Social Services
Tracie Barnett, Police Department
Nancy Rodriguez, Municipal Court
Kathy Berzins, Community Services

Guests Present: None

Meeting convened at 4:00 p.m.

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

Agenda Item 2: Minutes from September 8, 2009 Meeting
The minutes from September 8, 2009 were reviewed.
MOTION: Nancy Rodriguez motioned to approve the minutes.
SECOND: Roni Alexander seconded the motion.
COMMITTEE CONSENSUS: Minutes were approved.

Agenda Item 3- Subcommittee Updates

1) **Bobbie Cassano** provided the following update on the marketing subcommittee.
   - The purpose of the logo, t-shirt, and video contests are to empower youth to create messages revolving around underage drinking and drug use.
   - Entries for the logo contest are due on December 1st.
   - Information on the contest has been distributed through press releases and is on the City's Facebook and Twitter. Flyers have been distributed to the Tempe middle and high schools, local community centers, and local businesses where youth congregate. Announcements on the contest have been made in some schools. There was a recent article on the contest in the Warner Wrangler.
   - The subcommittee also hopes to provide information on the contest through a coalition Facebook and MY Space, which needs to be developed.
   - The marketing subcommittee will review the entries to make sure they meet the eligibility requirements. Final judging will be made by a cross-section of youth judges consisting of Magellan prevention grant funded peer leaders, MYAC members, and Boy's and Girls Club members.
   - Some of the criteria used to judge the entries include creativity, the ability to reproduce easily, and the strength of its message to youth to not use alcohol and drugs.
   - The youth judges will review the entries on-line and complete their selections through an on-line survey. The results of the contest will be announced on January 1st.
   - The t-shirt and video contests will be run simultaneously and entries will be due on April 2nd.

   Some discussion among members occurred. **Ilene Dode** recommended the contest also be marketed to substance abuse treatment agencies and therapy groups that work with youth.

2) **Kim Bauman**, **Lynette Stonefeld** and **Bobbie Cassano** provided the following update on the keg registration subcommittee:
   - Briana Kreibich from the Governor's Office for Children, Youth, and Families was able to get a legal opinion at the State level on whether local registration ordinances would preempt the Title IV liquor laws.
   - The Attorney General/DLLC staff attorney notified her that local, mandatory keg registration law is not an option and that municipalities risk being sued for preempting State law.
   - Pima Prevention Partnership will hold another conference call this week to discuss voluntary keg registration.
   - It is questionable whether local businesses would support a voluntary keg registration.
   - Discussion is also underway to build grassroots support for a state-wide keg registration law.

Agenda Item 4 – Committee Chair & Vice Chair
Lynette Stonefeld provided the following update.

1) In the past this committee has been chaired by a community member.
2) **Ilene Dode**, CEO Emeritus of EMPACT-SPC, and a long time Tempe resident, has expressed an interest in serving as Chair. Ilene has a great deal of expertise in leading groups and is very knowledgeable about the issues this committee is addressing. **Barb Fries**, Prevention Specialist for the Tempe Elementary School District has expressed an interest in serving as the Vice Chair. Barb is also very knowledgeable and has been an active member of this committee for some time.

MOTION: Rae Gordon motioned to approve **Ilene Dode** as Chair of Tempe's Committee for Youth, Families, and Community and **Barb Fries** as Vice Chair.
SECOND: Amanda Hamm seconded the motion.
COMMITTEE CONSENSUS: The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 5 – Communities for Kids Update
Lynette Stonefeld provided the following update.
1) The First Things First Parenting Education Grant application, who's partners included Tempe/Kryene Communities in Schools, Tempe, Kyrene, Tempe Union High and Chandler school districts, two libraries, KAET Ready To Learn Program, Native American Father's Association, and the East Valley Child Crisis Center, was not awarded.
2) The Parenting Education grant that was approved for our region was from an applicant that has virtually no presence in our region.
3) Lynette and her partners do not know why their regional partnership application was not approved other than the reviewers were unfamiliar with our region. Once the applications are available for review Lynette will attempt to find out why their application was not approved.
4) It is likely the "Don't Wait to Educate" parenting series will need to be scaled back next year unless another funding source is secured.

Agenda Item 6 – Other Grant and Program Updates
1) **Kim Bauman** announced that due to a lack of referrals the Empowering Parents and Teens Program, funded under the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant, fall series had to be cancelled. The program only had three boys and five referred to the group.

- There has been a reduction in juvenile probation caseload numbers which is contributing to the lack of referrals.
- The City's current grant contract only allows us to accept male juveniles who reside in Tempe and/or attend school in Tempe and their parents. However, Tempe probation officers also have juveniles in surrounding cities on their caseload which they would like to refer. In addition, it is likely the Juvenile Court judges and public defenders would refer to the program if we were also able to accept juveniles and their parents in nearby communities.
- We have contacted the Governor's Division for Children and requested a contract modification to also serve juveniles and their parents in surrounding communities. No known progress has been on our request at this time.
- **Amanda Hamm** suggested the City also explore providing the program to truancy referrals. The Kyrene School District only has a 20 hour truancy officer and most of his time is spent at court.
- There is a need for services for truant students and their parents in the Kyrene School District and she suspects the Tempe Elementary School District and Tempe Union High School District also has a need for these services.

- The E-TAP Program would be a great fit for these truancy cases and their parents.
- Truancy cases are referred to Justice Court and consequently would meet the grant criteria that cases are police and/or court referred.
- **Kim Bauman** will explore this possibility first with the Governor's Division for Children, and if approved, then with Judge Orr at Tempe Justice Court.

Agenda Item 7 – Announcements

1) **Lynette Stonefeld** announced the following:
   - Through the City's Magellan Prevention Grant TUHSD No Parent Left Behind University is offering the "Challenge Your Thinking: What Do You Really Know About Teens and Alcohol" workshop at the five high schools located in Tempe. There was great turn out for the Marcos de Niza High School workshop and they hope to have the same kind of turn out at the Corona workshop, which will be held on October 21st at 6 p.m. The workshop is open to both adults and youth.
   - NPLB University is also offering an Adults Only Depression and Self Injury workshop on Tuesday, October 20th at Corona del Sol High School at 6 p.m.
2) **Luis Morales** announced the Mano Coalition, supported by Chicanos Por La Causa, is displaying a Dia de los Muertos art exhibit in Arizona State University's Anthropology Exhibit. Luis will have their coalition chair, **Mike Valdez** attend one of our future meetings to provide information on their coalition's efforts to reduce underage drinking.
3) **Alan Anderson** announced that the Summer Chess Academy connected to the Tempe Impact Education Foundation was very successful this summer. Seventeen of TD #3 schools are Title I schools and chess academies are cost prohibitive to many TD#3 students. 100 students in grades K-12 attended the two week camp. Many received scholarships. The Camp consisted of national caliber chess masters and there was also a physical education component. The Academy was covered by the Channel 8 Horizons Program and the 10 minute video clip will be forwarded to committee members by Kim Bauman. Kim Bauman will also contact Skip Neely, Media Services Director, to see if the video clip can be shown on the City's Channel 11.

Agenda Item 8– Future Agenda Items

- SADD Presentation
- Mano Coalition Presentation
- Summer Chess Academy Presentation
- Please contact Kim Bauman or Bobbie Cassano for future agenda items.

The committee's next meeting will be on **November 10, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.**

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Prepared by: Kim Bauman

Ilene Dode

Ilene Dode, Chair