
Minutes Committee for Youth, Families and Community March 9, 2010

Minutes of the Committee for Youth, Families and Community held March 9, 2010 at the Tempe Public Library Connections Program Room, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, Arizona.

MEMBERS Present:

Randy Lazar, Tempe Union High School District
Bobbie Cassano, Tempe Community Council
Alan Anderson, Checkmate Chess Instruction/TIE Foundation
Lauren Johnson, Community Bridges
Joe Spracale, Tempe Impact Education Foundation
Norm Saba, Cardon Children's Medical Center
Lynette Stonefeld, Tempe/Kyrene Communities In Schools
Celeste Plumlee, Tempe Resident
Michael Valdez, Chicanos Por La Causa, Mano Coalition
Vic Cordts, Boys & Girls Club of the East Valley
Maria Holmes, Association for Supportive Childcare
Kelley Lind, Cardon Children's Medical Center
Chad Diegle, Desert Cross Lutheran Church

MEMBERS Absent:

Ilene Dode, Tempe Resident/EMPACT-SPC
Barb Fries, Tempe Elementary School District
Tanya Aleman, Chicanos Por La Causa
Kristine Kassel, Benefits By Design
Rebecca Bond, Tempe Connections
Luis Morales, Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc.
Amanda Hamm, Kyrene School District

City Staff Present:

Kim Bauman, Community Services – Social Services
Nancy Rodriguez, Municipal Court
Heather Penner, Tempe Police Department
Tim Cox, Community Services-Social Services

Guests Present:

None

Meeting convened at 4:05 p.m.

Agenda Item 1- Call Meeting to Order and Introductions

Bobbie Cassano called the meeting to order. Introductions were made.

Agenda Item 2- Minutes from January 12, 2010 Meeting

The minutes from February 9, 2010 were reviewed.

MOTION: Joe Spracale motioned to approve the minutes.

SECOND: Nancy Rodriguez seconded the motion.

COMMITTEE CONSENSUS: Minutes were approved.

Agenda Item 3- Cardon Children's Medical Center

Norm Saba and **Kelly Lind** provided a presentation on the Center.

- 1) Cardon Children's Medical Center is located at the Banner Health Medical Center site located on Dobson Road in Mesa.
- 2) The Center was established to meet the huge need in the East Valley for a children's hospital. Prior to the establishment of this center there was only one pediatric medical center in the greater Phoenix area and it was often filled to capacity. Consequently children were being flown to California to receive services.
- 3) In 1997 Banner Health established a pediatric intensive care unit with 24 beds. This small pediatric unit has grown from a community hospital to a state-of-the art pediatric hospital. The Center is not yet a Level I trauma center but hopes to be so in the future.
- 4) Cardon Children's Medical Center provides comprehensive children's medical services at one location. The 248 bed facility features specially trained nurses and doctors and family-centered care.
- 5) The facility was built with children in mind and contains separate treatment rooms on every floor, private patient rooms with space for parents, family lounges, dietary stations and laundry rooms, interactive play/family spaces, and the Forever Young Zone, a multipurpose auditorium/performance space where groups such as Childsplay can provide performances for patients and their families.
- 6) The center contains highly trained, skilled pediatric specialists, the largest and most comprehensive neonatal intensive care unit in the East Valley, a kids-only emergency room, dedicated intensive care, cancer care, rehabilitation and outpatient treatment units, support, guidance and education for patients and families, and a child life department.
- 7) The Child Life Department strives to create positive experiences in association with hospitalization. Child Life Specialists explain at the child's level what is going on, make sure children and families can ask questions and get answers, and respond to children's unique needs to minimize anxiety and maximize coping. They enhance patients' and families understanding of the hospital experience and provide education and support to help patients and their families cope with hospitalization, illness, diagnosis and treatment.
- 8) The Center's Foundation is willing to partner with the surrounding community and to hold fundraisers in conjunction with the hospital.

Agenda Item 4 – Drug Free Communities Grant Update

Lynette Stonefeld reported the grant is due next Tuesday. Tempe's proposal will include the following:

- Funding to expand the police youth alcohol squad to cover some teen events.
- Funding for an additional part-time coalition staff to focus on social marketing strategies, including Facebook and blogging.

- Funding to provide some support for peer leader activities, including developing and providing school announcements on alcohol facts.
- Two Town Halls focusing on underage drinking that include a panel of experts.

Agenda Item 5- Subcommittee Updates

- 1) **Bobbie Cassano** reported the marketing subcommittee has received some t-shirt entries. No video entries have been submitted yet.
- 2) **Bobbie Cassano, Heather Penner, and Lynette Stonefeld** provided an update on the data collection subcommittee:
 - Magellan has approved implementation of a pilot project this year. A meeting with the peer leaders and police explorers to plan the GPS tracking project has been scheduled.
 - Tempe liquor law violations age 18 and under data has been updated to include 2008 data. The data continues to show a growing trend of liquor law violations.
- 3) **Bobbie Cassano** announced the p keg registration subcommittee will now be called the public policy committee due to the new focus on a social host ordinance.

Agenda Item 6– Communities For Kids Update

Lynette Stonefeld announced the Don't Wait to Educate parenting series is currently being provided at Aguilar and Hudson Elementary Schools and will begin at Fuller and Nevitt after spring break. If you are interested in hosting a site for the Fall please let her know.

Agenda Item 7 – Other Grant and Program Updates

- 1) **Bobbie Cassano** reported the State Attorney General's Office is available to provide presentations on the following:
 - Life Care Planning for Seniors;
 - Consumer Scams;
 - Internet Safety for teens and adults; and
 - Identity Theft.

Since the Committee already has a presentation scheduled for April and May and does not meet in June or July Bobbie will forward the information link from the Attorney General's Office.

- 2) **Lynette Stonefeld** announced Tempe Community Council has been notified by the Tempe Police Department that none of the seized assets money will be going towards SACA grants this year as the police department incurred a lot of enforcement expenses.

Agenda Item 8 – Announcements

- **Celeste Plumlee** announced she is involved with a study being conducted by ASU's School of Social Work on Mexican American teen dating relationships. They are looking for Mexican American teens, ages 15 through 17, their partner and their parent who are willing to be interviewed, and videotaped. The amount of time involved is two hours total. The teen will be compensated \$70 and their partner and parent \$15.00 each. The study hopes to result in the development of culturally sensitive interviewing materials. Celeste will send the recruitment flyer to Kim Bauman who will forward it to committee members.
- **Joe Spracale** announced the Tempe Impact Education Foundation Joe Spracale Commitment to Education Dinner will be held on March 27th at the Fiesta Inn. This year Jill Osborne, Orchestra Director at McKemy Middle School, has been selected to receive the Joe Spracale Commitment to Education award. Dr. Howard E. Wilt, a Tempe dentist, and the Kid Zone Enrichment Program have been selected to receive the Ralph and Carla

Lingerfelt Commitment to the Community Award. The cost of the dinner is \$60.00. Please contact Joe if you are would like to purchase tickets.

- **Lynette Stonefeld** announced the Teen Resource Center at the Evans Compadre Academy will be holding an overstock sale on Saturday, August 3rd. Lynette will forward a flyer to Kim to distribute to committee members.

Agenda Item 9– Future Agenda Items

- ASU Health Center, Karen Moses
- Coalition Function Instrument Results
- Please contact Kim Bauman or Bobbie Cassano for future agenda items.

The committee's next meeting will be on **April 13, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Prepared by: Kim Bauman

Ilene Dode, Chair