



Minutes Committee for Youth, Families and Community February 8, 2011

Minutes of the Committee for Youth, Families and Community held February 8, 2011 at the Tempe Public Library-Connections Program Room, Tempe, AZ.

MEMBERS Present:

Randy Lazar, Tempe Union High School District
Bobbie Cassano, Tempe Community Council
Lynette Stonefeld, Tempe/Kyrene Communities In Schools
Norm Saba, Cardon Children's Medical Center
Renee Thomas, Mountain Park Health Center
Alan Anderson, Checkmate Chess Instruction
Celeste Plumlee, Tempe Resident
Sheran Mattson, Mattson Resource Development
Barb Fries, Tempe Elementary School District
Ilene Dode, Tempe Resident/EMPACT-SPC
Kathy Stevens, Salt River Project & Kiwanis Club
Alan Anderson, Summer Chess Academy
Stephen Govett, Tempe First United Methodist Church
Rodrigo Alatorre, Tempe Top Youth Leader

MEMBERS Absent:

Maria Holmes, Association for Supportive Childcare
Vic Cordts, Boys & Girls Club of the East Valley
Vicki Kringen, The Center for Habilitation
Amanda Hamm, Kyrene School District
Lauren Johnson, Community Bridges
Michelle Arguedas, Community Bridges
Sean Donovan, Tempe Chamber of Commerce
Kelley Lind, Cardon Children's Medical Center
Jimmy Gutierrez, Chicanos Por La Causa

City Staff Present:

Kim Bauman, Community Services-Social Services
Roni Alexander, Community Services-Social Services
Tricia Gilman, Community Services-Social Services
Fran Santos, Police Department
Nancy Rodriguez, Tempe Municipal Court
David Palmer, Community Services –Recreation (Intern)

Guests Present:

Heather Brown, Magellan Health Services
Brent Bailey, Magellan Health Services
Sanja Sobo, EMPACT-SPC
Claudia Dame, Tempe Center for Habilitation (for Vickie Kringen)
Laura Sand, MADD

Meeting convened at 4:05 p.m.

Agenda Item 1- Call Meeting to Order and Introductions

Ilene Dode called the meeting to order. Introductions were made.

Agenda Item 2 - Minutes from January 11, 2011 Meeting

The minutes from January 11, 2011 were reviewed.

MOTION: Randy Lazar motioned to approve the minutes.

SECOND: Roni Alexander seconded the motion.

COMMITTEE CONSENSUS: Minutes were approved.

Agenda Item 3 – Transit Fund Update

An update was not provided by transit.

Agenda Item 4 – Coalition Functioning Instrument

Bobbie Cassano distributed the coalition function instrument and had members complete it.

Agenda Item 5-Subcommittee Updates

- 1) **Nancy Rodriguez** and **Bobbie Cassano** provided the following marketing subcommittee update.
 - The subcommittee has reviewed the Town Hall video and selected snippets from it to create PSA's that can be shown in pediatricians and dentists offices, community centers, movie theaters, Channel 11 and outlets where youth congregate.
 - The committee is exploring whether the East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT) can work on the PSA's. There may be some technical issues as we only have the Town Hall video in a dvd format.
- 2) **Fran Santos** provided the following public policy subcommittee update.
 - The subcommittee is exploring a social host ordinance. This would differ from the loud party ordinance and addresses where adults allow underage youth to use alcohol in their residence. Current state law addressing this issue has a high threshold for proof of guilt which can be difficult to meet.
 - The group appears to be leaning toward proposing a civil penalty and an educational and/or diversion program for first-time violators.
 - Results from our Community Norms Survey (N=254) indicates that 87.4% of respondents strongly agreed or agreed that there should be a law that holds adults responsible for hosting parties where youth are drinking alcohol.
- 3) **Tricia Gilman** and **Rodrigo Alatorre** provided an update on data collection efforts. The Tempe Top Youth Leaders recently spent a day mapping where liquor outlets and smoke shops are from Apache to Baseline and Mill to Price Roads. They plan to again go out on President's Day.

Agenda Item 6 – Grant and Program Updates

- 1) **Bobbie Cassano** and **Randy Lazar** provided an update on the Spice East Valley Task Force efforts.
 - Bobbie and Randy and some other volunteers undertook an initial canvassing of smoke shops in Tempe to see if they were still selling the old type of spice that was suppose to be prohibited by the DEA or if they had replaced it with a new spice. They also looked for “salvia,” which is a synthetic hallucinogenic and “bath crystals,” which is a synthetic methamphetamine. They went to six tobacco outlets in Tempe with varying receptiveness by the owners.
 - The second planned day of the project was cancelled as it was discovered the December 24th DEA ban on Spice did not occur.
 - There are two pieces of Arizona state legislation pending that address spice. House Bill 2167 would classify 10 chemicals that can be sprayed on spice as dangerous drugs under state law. It has passed and is scheduled to be heard by the Senate Judiciary Committee on February 24th. Senate Bill 1202 also addresses spice on an emergency basis which means that once the governor signs the law enforcement would not have to wait 90 days.
 - **Randy** requested the contact information for our state representatives and senators be forwarded to committee members. **Bobbie** committed to providing this information.
- 2) **Lynette Stonefeld** provided an update on the Drug Free Communities grant application. The grant will propose training police officers to help support a social host ordinance and other training for first responders, fund a marketing position, and possibly some joint efforts incorporating environmental strategies with surrounding DFC awardees (Mesa and Chandler).
- 3) **Kim Bauman** reported the recent Magellan monitoring visit went well. The draft strategic plan for FY 2011-12 for the City’s Magellan grant is due on April 1st and the final plan on April 15th. The coalition will spend time at our next meeting working on the plan. Coalition members will be provided the results from the Arizona Youth Survey and the Community Norms Survey to assist in this planning. **Ilene Dode** attended the site visit and complimented the grant staff on their presentation and prepared documentation.
- 4) **Lynette Stonefeld** distributed information to members on the following First Things First funded resources: free parenting workshops, free oral health program, and Thrive to Five Family Resource Centers which include a staff person to assist individuals in applying for AHCCCS, food stamps (SNAP), or cash assistance (TANF).

Agenda Item 7 – Announcements

- 1) **Bobbie Cassano** announced the Arizona Department of Health Services is offering Skills for Effective Prevention on-line. If anyone would like to participate in this training please let Bobbie know and she will forward the information to them.
- 2) **Alan Anderson** announced Tempe Elementary School District is proposing closing Butoz and Meyer Elementary Schools and McKemy Middle School. There is a public forum on February 9th. If these schools are closed there is also the question as to what will happen to the facilities.

Agenda Item 8 – Future Agenda Items

- Magellan Grant FY 11-12 Strategic Plan
- Community Norms Survey results
- Arizona Youth Survey results

Please contact Kim Bauman or Bobbie Cassano with future agenda items.

The committee's next meeting will be on **March 8, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.** in the Tempe Public Library Connections Program Room

Meeting adjourned at 5:00p.m.

Prepared by: Kim Bauman

Ilene Dode, Chair