



Minutes Committee for Youth, Families and Community October 15, 2007

Minutes of the Committee for Youth, Families and Community held on October 15, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. at the Tempe Public Library Tempe Connections Program Room, 3500 S. Rural Road 2nd Floor, Tempe, Arizona.

MEMBERS Present:

Sandra McNally, EMPACT—SPC
Joe Spracale, Tempe Impact Education Foundation
Kim Costales, Tempe Elementary School District
Trish Miller, Community Bridges
Jan Pagoria, ASU - College of Liberal Arts & Sciences - CLASWORKS
Lynette Stonefeld, Tempe/Kyrene Communities In Schools
Grace Ku, Maricopa County Juvenile Probation Department
Veronica Castillo, Chicanos Por La Causa
Randy Lazar, Tempe Union High School District

MEMBERS Absent:

Vic Cordts, Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley
Laura Hanish, ASU - Department of Family and Human Development
Samantha Heinrich, Kyrene School District
Dan O'Halloran, Child Protective Services
Ginae Klasek, Peer Solutions
Rebecca Bond, Tempe Connections

City Staff Present:

Tim Cox, Community Services - Social Services
Kim Bauman, Community Services - Social Services
Judy Tapscott, Community Services-Social Services
Rick Rager, Tempe Municipal Court
Roni Alexander, Community Services-Social Services

Guests Present:

Elena Hernandez, Maricopa County Juvenile Probation Department
Rindy Coon, Maricopa County Juvenile Probation Department
Nicole Thomas, Arizona State University student
Oralia Gracia-Alinea, East Valley Resource Center

Meeting convened at 9:30 a.m.

Agenda Item 1: Judy Tapscott called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item 2: Minutes from September 17, 2007 Meeting

The minutes from September 17, 2007 were reviewed.

MOTION: Tim Cox motioned to approve the minutes.

SECOND: Trish Miller seconded the motion.

COMMITTEE CONSENSUS: Minutes were approved.

Agenda Item 3 – Child Crisis Center

Oralia Gracia-Alinea provided the following information on the Child Crisis Center -East Valley Family Resource Center and resources provided to grandparents who are raising their grandchildren:

- 1) The new Family Resource Center will open for services in January 2008 and is located at 917 N. Country Club Drive in Mesa. The Family Resource Center is a project of the Child Crisis Center-East Valley. The existing center is located at 170 W. University Drive in Mesa.
- 2) A variety of parenting classes and resources are provided at the Family Resource Center including the following free grandparent/kinship services:
 - Monthly grand-parenting/kinship support group for caregivers raising their relative's children.
 - Guardianship workshops that provide assistance from a paralegal who specializes in grandparent/kinship parenting issues, as well as other workshops with experts who provide information on how to get medical assistance, school enrollment benefits and financial support for grandchildren.
- 3) While services are available for Tempe parents and grandparents currently there are no Tempe residents involved in the grandparent/kinship services.
- 4) **Lynette Stonefeld, Communities for Schools** and the parent and community liaisons from Tempe Elementary School District will be visiting the Family Resource Center on October 20th. Arrangements will be made for Ms. Garcia-Alineas to meet with the liaisons and provide information on the available grandparent/kinship services so this information can be passed on to parents, grandparents, and guardians in Tempe..
- 5) **Jan Pagoria, ASU** will provide a link to the Child Crisis Center on ASU resources for parents.
- 6) Ms. Gracia-Alineas also provided information on the Central Arizona Kinship Coalition and events that it sponsors:
 - An annual Grandparents Day at the Ballpark will be held and 500 tickets will be distributed.
 - The 9th Annual Grandparent & Kinship Caregiver's University will be held on Saturday October 20, 2007. The topic is "Navigating the System."

Agenda Item 4 –Communities for Kids

Lynette Stonefeld, Tempe/Kyrene Communities for Kids provided the following updates:

- 1) The City has again been selected again as one of the 100 Best Communities for Youth by America's Promise for Youth. Councilmembers Mark Mitchell and Onnie Shekerjian, Tempe Community Council Executive Director Kate Hanley and Lynette will attend the award presentation in Washington, D.C. this month. America's Promise for Youth has requested that Lynette present on the Family Resource Centers located in Tempe elementary schools.

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- 2) Lynette is completing the 2008 100 Best Communities for Youth application for the City of Tempe. It is due on October 25th. She needs two youth testimonials on how programs or services in Tempe have helped them.

Agenda Item 5 – Grant and Program Updates

- 1) **Kim Bauman, City of Tempe** announced that the City of Tempe will receive 2008 JABG funds. These monies will be used to fund the Empowering Teens and Parents Program for court-referred juveniles and their parents.

Agenda Item 6– Announcements

- 1) **Lynette Stonefeld** announced that the Tempe Youth Trends report is now available on-line at www.tempe.gov/tcc/CIS/TempeYouthTrends.pdf
- 2) **Sandra McNally, EMPACT** announced that the 2nd annual Suicide Prevention Conference will be held October 25-26 in Tucson.
- 3) **Jan Pagoria, ASU** announced this is Law School Week at ASU. Tomorrow night there will be a panel discussion for people considering law school. On Friday there will be a Law School Fair in the Memorial Union Building.
- 4) **Judy Tapscott, City of Tempe** announced that she is retiring at the end of November. Our November 19th meeting will be her last meeting. The City is currently in the process of selecting a new Deputy Community Services Manager – Social Services.

Agenda Item 7 – Future Agenda Items

- Tempe Youth Trends presentation
- Please contact Tim Cox for future program presentations.
- Please contact Kim Bauman for future agenda items.

The committee's next meeting will be on **November 19, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Prepared by: Kim Bauman

Judy Tapscott, Chair