



Minutes Committee for Youth, Families and Community June 16, 2008

Minutes of the Committee for Youth, Families and Community held on June 16, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. at the Tempe Public Library Tempe Connections Program Room, 3500 S. Rural Road 2nd Floor, Tempe, Arizona.

MEMBERS Present:

Rebecca Bond, Tempe Connections
Ginae Klasek, Peer Solutions
Randy Lazar, Tempe Union High School District
Lynette Stonefeld, Tempe/Kyrene Communities In Schools

MEMBERS Absent:

Veronica Castillo, Chicanos Por La Causa
Vic Cordts, Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley
Kim Costales, Tempe Elementary School District
Cynthia Goertz, Maricopa County Juvenile Probation
Samantha Heinrich, Kyrene School District
Grace Ku, Maricopa County Juvenile Probation Department
Trish Miller, Community Bridges
Sandra McNally, EMPACT—SPC
Joe Spracale, Tempe Impact Education Foundation

City Staff Present:

Kathy Berzins, Community Services – Social Services
Tim Cox, Community Services - Social Services
Rick Rager, Tempe Municipal Court

City Staff Absent:

Kim Bauman, Community Services – Social Services

Guests Present:

Natalie Swanson, Tempe Community Action Agency – Kids Care Program

Meeting convened at 9:32 a.m.

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

Agenda Item 2: Minutes from May 19, 2008 Meeting

- 1) The minutes from May 19, 2008 were reviewed, with one correction being identified as a change from one week to eight weeks for agenda Item #5-1b: "Communities in Schools is providing eight weeks of summer day camp for Holdeman and Nevitt students as no other free summer programs are available to the South Phoenix students who attend these schools.

MOTION: **Rebecca Bond** motioned to approve the minutes.

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

COMMITTEE CONSENSUS: Minutes were approved subject to the above correction.

Agenda Item 3 – Kids Care Program

Natalie Swanson, Tempe Community Action Agency provided a presentation on the KIDS CARE Program.

- 1) The Kids Care program is funded through a grant from the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), which is Arizona's disbursement program for federal Medicaid dollars.
- 2) The program's mission is to provide outreach to uninsured families and enroll as many children as possible. It is estimated that as many as 250,000 children statewide, 130,000 in Maricopa county, and 6-7,000 residing in Tempe, are eligible but not enrolled in any health insurance program.
- 3) Eligibility requires being born in the U.S.
- 4) There is also a monthly premium of \$25 for one child, or \$35 for 2 or more children.
- 5) It has been demonstrated that children's healthcare has far reaching benefits beyond just the health of the child, eg., improved school performance, fewer ER visits, less time missed from work for parents, etc.
- 6) Kids Care facilitates what can otherwise be the daunting and discouraging 12 page application process for AHCCCS, can take as little as 30 minutes, and is effective within 22 days.
- 7) TCC-CIS and America's Promise have collaborated to provide "What if your child gets sick" kits for program participants.
- 8) This program also helps to overcome the apprehension of dealing with DES or concerns about immigration issues. Tempe collaborates with the Mesa program for the provision of bilingual Spanish enrollments of U.S. born children.
- 9) Natalie can also enroll families in the Health Care Connect program which has no citizenship requirement.

Agenda Item 4– Communities For Kids Update

- 1) **Lynette Stonefeld, Communities in Schools** reported that the "Don't Wait to Educate" series will be expanding to more schools next year thanks to additional funding from the United Way.

Agenda Item 5 – Grant and Program Updates

- 1) **Lynette Stonefeld, Communities in School** announced the following:
 - The Magellan grant has announced its funding priorities, and will no longer fund curriculum based, parenting, or mentoring programs. As a result, Peer Solutions and the All Stars program will no longer receive these grant monies.
 - The Magellan grant is funding strategic planning processes in communities to identify and prioritize prevention needs specific to each community, with the intention to fund these recommendations in the next grant cycle.

- The Peer Leadership Program for 13 to 18 year olds who have previously participated in the All Stars program will be implemented at the Escalante, North Tempe, and Westside Community Centers.

2) **Randy Lazar, Tempe Union High School District** reported that award letters for the federal Underage Drinking grant should be sent to applicants sometime in the next week or so.

Agenda Item 6 – Announcements

1) **Rick Rager, Tempe Municipal Court** shared that his niece, Tori Schneider participated in the SYNAR program, where sixteen year old volunteers assist local authorities in identifying businesses selling tobacco products to underage customers.

• **Agenda Item 7 – Future Agenda Items**

- Presentation by CPS outreach liaison Mellissa Zeller.
- Presentation by “No Parent Left Behind” coordinator, Kay Costner.
- Please contact Tim Cox for future program presentations.
- Please contact Kim Bauman for future agenda items.

The committee’s next meeting will be on **August 18, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Prepared by: Tim Cox

Kathy Berzins, Chair