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Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

March 13-15, 2006

Call to order

Scott Merriner welcomed members and called to order the eighth meeting of the **FBCI Advisory Council** at **3:30pm** on **March 13, 2007** at the Alaska Office Building in Juneau.

Welcome & Introductions

Advisory Council members introduced themselves and roll was taken.

The following members were present: Scott Merriner, Glenn Clary, Loren Leman, Kathleen Svenson, Julie Morris, Diane Johnson, Lucy Hansen, Robert Flint, Nancy Campbell, Mikeensch

Staff Members present: Michael Curran, Tara Horton & Stephanie Wheeler

Also present: Jay Pullins-Lt. Governor's Office

Approval of Minutes (12/15)-Advisory Council reviewed and approved minutes.

Approval of Agenda (3/13-15)-Advisory Council approved the agenda as submitted for the March meeting.

Brief Working Session

Scott Merriner led a discussion revisiting:

- March meeting goals/objectives
- FBCI vision & mission
- 2006 Office & Council recap
- Looking forward to 2007
- Preparation for Legislative visits

Session ended at 6:00pm. Council members reconvened at 8:00am Wednesday, March 14, 2007.

Working Session

8:00am-10:00am Office Staff Update

- 2007 Conference Update
- Compassion Alaska Update
- SB76-Aspire Bill Update

10:00am

The FBCI Advisory Council and staff were introduced on Senate & House floors.

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10:30am-12:00pm Office Staff Updates Continued

- Abstinence Education Grant Program overview
- Human Services Matching Grant discussion
- Faith & Government funds review for council members

12:00pm-1:00pm Lunch Break

1:00pm-4:30pm

Council members met with respective legislators in groups of 2-3 to discuss Office and Council activities, progress and budget.

4:30pm-5:30pm

Council members held an informal reception in the Capitol Building open to Legislators, Legislative staffers and the public.

Reception ended at 5:30pm. Council members reconvened at 8:00am Thursday, March 15, 2007.

Legislative Meetings

8:00am-11:00am

Council members met with remaining legislators in groups of 2-3 to discuss Office and Council activities, progress and budget.

Action Steps

- I. Jeanie Greene will assist in promotion of the 2007 Conference on Community & Faith-Based Service.
- II. Staff will make suggested changes to Annual Report efforts and the Office will mail 10 to each council member once printed.
- III. Office staff will assist in meeting teleconference needs when sought by committee chairs.
- IV. Advisory Council members who are able will travel to the Conference in Anchorage on April 23-24th at the Sheraton Anchorage Hotel. Each member will continue efforts in his/her conference planning sub-committee.

Adjournment

Scott Merriner adjourned the meeting at **12:00pm on Thursday, March 15, 2007.**

Minutes submitted by: Tara Horton (Associate Coordinator)

Minutes approved by: Stephanie Wheeler (Executive Director)