

Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

September, 8 2006

I. Call to order

Keith Hamilton welcomed members and called to order the sixth meeting of the **FBCI Advisory Council** at **9:00am** on **September 8, 2006** in the **Frontier Building 8th floor Conference Room-Anchorage**.

II. Invocation/Prayer-Michael Curran

III. Introductions

Advisory Council members introduced themselves and roll was taken.

The following members were present: Lt. Governor, Nancy Campbell, Bob Flint, Judy Fulp, Eugene Harnett, Allen Levy, Julie Morris, Kathleen Svenson, Gloria Tokar, June Ulz, Gracie Jackson, Mike Enschede and Kim Patterson (via teleconference). Stephanie Wheeler and Tara Horton represented the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives.

Council Members notified of absence in advance: Cindy Cashen, Kim Patterson

Council Members not present: Scott Merriner, Glenn Clary, Jeanie Greene, Ryan Ray, Frank Peratrovich

Approval of Minutes (6/9)-Advisory Council will review minutes and approve next meeting.

Approval of Agenda (9/8)-Advisory Council approved the agenda as submitted for 9/8 meeting.

IV. New Staff Intro

Michael Curran and **Timothy Fox** are the newest staff members to the Office of FBCI. Michael was asked to introduce himself to the council. He gave a brief bio and expressed his excitement to be a part of the Office of FBCI. Tim was unable to attend the meeting.

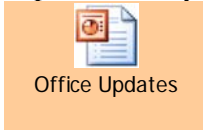
Michael Curran is the new Program Coordinator for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, Juneau Office. His experience includes 20+ years as an educator in many rural and remote communities of Alaska. Michael is also, an ordained Episcopal priest and an officially adopted member of the Kik'saa'adi Clan of the Tlingit Nation, House Raven/Frog. Michael has a Bachelor's Degree in English and Education and is currently working on a Master's of Divinity in Native Ministries from Vancouver School of Theology in British Columbia. Michael is skilled in delivering presentations and trainings and often does culturally relevant training by facilitating Talking Circles and Story Sharing/Telling. He is compassionate about issues that relate to poverty, hunger, racism, and Rural Alaska.

Tim Fox is the new Project Coordinator for the [Alaska Partnership for Healthy Communities](#). His experience includes 20+ years of social service provision, program management, training and technical assistance. Mr. Fox has spent the past five years deeply involved in The Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) a Children's Bureau program, Initially trained by National Review Team (NRT) members; he went on to provide training and technical assistance (T/TA)

to the state of Alaska. Following Alaska's CFSR, Mr. Fox joined the NRT and provided in depth T/TA to the states of Hawaii, Nevada and California. He has specialized in T/TA, Continuous Quality Improvement, Risk and Safety Assessment as well as cross cultural communication. Timothy has extensive experience in providing trainings to diverse populations on a number of topics as well as a history in working in small and remote communities.

V. Office Updates-Stephanie Wheeler

Stephanie briefly gave an overview of events in the Office.



Office Updates

(click to view)

VI. Lunch & Tour of Salvation Army-Transitional Housing Unit

Major Katherine Hodder-Reed gave Council members a program overview and tour of the Transitional Housing and [Treatment Program](#) that Salvation Army runs in mid-town Anchorage.

During the tour, the council became aware of the problem and cost that the Salvation Army thrift stores bear, due to people dumping trash at the drop-off sites after hours and at night. An approximate cost that Salvation Army is left to cover is about \$40,000.00 a year in dump fees because of this problem. Council members discussed contacting someone at the ADN to write a story on this problem in our city which is likely statewide.

VII. Advisory Council Committee Planning

Committee members gathered and spent the afternoon outlining goals and action plans for the upcoming year. Some of the goals set forth are outlined below.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Chair: Judy Fulp

Members: Diane Johnson, Kim Patterson, Kathleen Svenson, Gloria Tokar, June Ulz
(also present at meeting: Kathy Buss, Michael Curran)

Core Responsibilities

- Disseminating information to communities
- Alleviate staff time, by attending community/public meetings
- Speakers Forum-develop presentations & present
- Annual Conference planning
- Coordinated education strategy-target communities
- Publicity plan (ie: annual report)
- Produce compass columns, media pieces-*get our "story" out.*

Goals

- Focus specifically on the gang/gun issue in Anchorage
- Address #9 recommendation by the Mayor's Gang Taskforce, by determining how fbco's can contribute/help
- Draft letter to Mayor Begich/Invite to next FBCI AC Mtg.

RURAL COMMITTEE

Chair: Keith Hamilton

Members: Nancy Campbell, Judy Fulp, Jeanie Greene, Allen Levy, Gloria Tokar

Core Responsibilities

- Outreach to Native/Rural representatives
- Rural AK focus team or committee as a supplement to Advisory Council
- Connect with:
 - Denali Commission
 - Alaska Native Corporation representation on rural committee
 - Native Health Corp
 - Southcentral Foundation
 - UAA/APU
 - Professors (rural focused/research)
- Convene a one-day Conference-with a purpose to come out of this with some next steps.
- Identify needs in rural villages and connect fbco's with those needs.

Goals:

Recruit and add 1-4 members from the Alaska Native community to the Advisory Council.

Have a representative/speaker/expert educate the AC on the needs of Rural AK.

Liaisons from other boards/commissions give status updates on efforts, successes, challenges etc.

Have one Advisory Council meeting in rural AK.

OFFICE SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Chair: Eugene Harnett

Members: Gracie Jackson, Diane Johnson, Scott Merriner, Nancy Campbell, & June Ulz

Core Responsibilities

- Alleviate staff time, by attending community meetings
- Communication
- Be a part of staffing decisions
- Help plan and organize Advisory Council meetings
- Assist office staff with prioritization of time
- Office/time/efforts/plans
- Be a part of budget preparation
- Point team to disseminate information to Advisory Council

Goals:

- Get media attention/by telling our story/help identify success stories
 - Monthly basis
 - Do the research and get to the office to disseminate
- Keep finger on the pulse of Office needs support /further strategic planning
- Priority area breakdown-each council member add his/her name as backup
- Help plan the conference-ensure that it reflects fbco needs

* **Put on the agenda for next time:** Conference Discussion

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs: Nancy Campbell & Bob Flint**Members:** Eugene Harnett, Cindy Cashen, Mike Enschede**Core Responsibilities**

- Keep legislators informed
- Track/monitor/propose legislation
- Building relationships with legislators
- Testifying on important bills etc.
- Keep up on Administrative Regulations...recommend Equal Treatment etc.
- Invitations to legislators to meetings and events
- Process of permanency of office and/or council
- Develop 12 month plan...steady communications
- Research Social service vouchers

Goals:

- Keeping the legislators informed-before Dec. (each committee member has legislators)
- Have an open house in Office of FBCI (Nov./Dec)/Reception
- Educate and advocate for Social Service Block Grant funding
- Educate and advocate for State paid chaplains FY08

SPECIAL INITIATIVES COMMITTEE *(did not meet in the afternoon)***Chair:** Allen Levy**Members:** Judy Fulp, Julie Morris**Core Responsibilities**

- Identify and respond to gaps Task Force Report identified
 - Housing, Relational Support, Direct Services
- For next annual report: identify Advisory Council position on key issues
 - Vouchers
 - General state funding for emergency services
- **Goals:**
 - Possibility of extending the Thanksgiving Blessing model across the state in partnership with the Food Bank of Alaska and FBO's in communities.

VIII. Action Steps

- I. Each committee will convene at least twice before December Advisory Council meeting.
 1. Develop a purpose statement for committee
 2. Work on goals
 3. Report to Advisory Council
- II. Co-Chairs will draft a letter seeking resignation to those members of the Advisory Council who have missed 80% of the quarterly meetings.
- III. Office staff will assist in meeting teleconference needs if sought by committees.
- IV. Tara will email most recent version of roster along with June Minutes to be reviewed and approved at next Advisory Council meeting.
- V. Staff will continue strategic planning efforts and seek Co-Chair and Council feedback when plan is more complete.

IX. Adjournment

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES
Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

FRANK H. MURKOWSKI, GOVERNOR

Keith Hamilton adjourned the meeting at **4:00pm**.

Minutes submitted by: Tara Horton (Associate Coordinator)

Minutes approved by: Stephanie Wheeler (Executive Director)