

**Region IX Federal Regional Council  
Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (FBCI) Committee  
CY 2006 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**COMMITTEE PURPOSE:**

- Create a forum that includes Federal, state and local officials, as well as faith-based and community organizations to discuss and exchange information regarding program initiatives that are a priority to faith-based and community organizations in Region IX.
- Maximize limited resources via coordination, collaborations, and partnerships at the Federal, state and local levels of government.
- Promote the faith-based and community initiatives through inter-agency collaborations and partnerships in order to integrate the priorities of the faith-based community into federal policies.

<b>Goal</b>	<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Accomplishments</b>
Develop partnerships with Region IX States that have FBCI Centers such as Hawaii and Arizona.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Initiate dialogue with State work groups. Survey States to assess level of activity and interest in promoting FBCI initiatives.</li> <li>2. Partner with Hawaii and Arizona FBCI work groups to understand best practices and assist with their continued development.</li> </ol>	<p>Presentations and information sharing of committee member departments/agencies given by HUD, DOL, USDA, and VA at the monthly meetings:</p> <p>On August 1, Steve Kawamura, HHS/ACF and Ramona Mullahey, HUD, presented information on the Hawaii FBCI Work Group.</p> <p>On September 5, met with Kenneth Einbinder, Operations Specialist, HUD Phoenix Office, and Lillie Zimmerman, HUD, to discuss the Arizona FBCI Work Group and programs which address homelessness in the Phoenix area during the summer months.</p> <p>During September 2006, the Hawaii FBCI Work Group met with representatives from Alu Like (ACF child welfare grantee) to discuss possible partnership opportunities.</p> <p>On September 13, the Hawaii FBCI Work Group met with the chief Federal probation officer and the warden of the Federal detention center in Honolulu to discuss the</p>

		<p>development of an offenders' re-entry program. The work group will assist the program with identifying possible partners and funding opportunities.</p> <p>The Hawaii FBCI Work Group supported planning efforts for the first Micronesian cultural exchange festival in Honolulu which was held in October 2006.</p> <p>Made contact with HHS and DOL's National Faith-Based Centers.</p>
<p>Improve communication among Federal agencies with respect to FBCI programs and initiatives.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop electronic mailing list to share information among committee members.</li> <li>2. Build a more systematic approach to communicating with partners to ensure that relevant announcements are shared.</li> </ol>	<p>Developed an electronic mailing list of committee members and updated the list, as needed. The following FRC departments/agencies were represented on the committee: ED, USDA, HHS, HUD, DOL, VA, IRS and SBA.</p> <p>On October 3, Jedd Medefind, DOL, presented information on DOL's FBCI.</p> <p>On November 7, Shannon Schuldt, FNS/USDA, presented information on USDA's FBCI.</p> <p>On December 5, Bobbie Rosenthal, VA, presented information on VA's FBCI.</p>
<p>Exchange and disseminate information to faith-based and community partners, and state and local officials about programs, funding opportunities, conferences and workshops.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Use all forms of communication to maximize inter-agency exchange and dissemination of information.</li> <li>2. Post timely and relevant information on FRC's FBCI web page, <a href="http://www.frc9.us/committee/faith.asp">http://www.frc9.us/committee/faith.asp</a>, and educate partners to visit the website to access current announcements and program information.</li> </ol>	<p>Developed and updated the FRC FBCI website at <a href="http://www.frc9.us/committee/faith.asp">http://www.frc9.us/committee/faith.asp</a>.</p> <p>Posted funding announcements on the website and emailed announcements to committee members - ongoing.</p>