

Governor's Commission To Prevent Violence Against Women
Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2010

Executive Tower of the State Capitol, 2nd Floor Conference Room

Members Present

Vikki Shirley, First Lady of the Navajo Nation and Chair of the Commission
Allie Bones, Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Dr. Dean Coonrod, MIHS/MedPro
Jan Elsea, Communications Skills
Sarah Jones, Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse
Mary Lynn Kasunic, Area Agency on Aging
Patricia Klahr, Chrysalis,
Teri Lambert, Arizona Sexual Assault Network
Donna Marino, Catholic Community Foundation
Jerald Monahan, Apache Junction Police Department
Kathy Turner, United Way of Northern Arizona
Diane Umphress, Amberly's Place Crisis Response Victim Center
Maria Elsa Varela, House of Hope Domestic Crisis Shelter

Members Absent

JoAnn Del-Colle, City of Phoenix/ Family Advocacy Center
Nancy Dean, Arizona Foundation for Women
Joice Jones, Luke Air Force Base
Raul Rodriguez, Santa Cruz County Attorney's Office
Rachel Torres-Carrillo, West McDowell Justice Courts
Virginia Yrun, Arizona's Children Association, Commission Vice-Chair

State Agency Representatives Present

Laura Guild, Arizona Department of Economic Security
Anne Mareel for Dan Levey, Arizona Attorney General's Office

State Agency Representatives Absent

Janey Pearl, Arizona Department of Health Services
Kay Radwanski, Arizona Supreme Court

Governor's Division for Women Staff Present

Maria-Elena Ochoa, Director
Jeremy Arp, Senior Program Administrator
Leah Meyers, Program Administrator

Members of the Public:

Dr. Kathleen Ferarro, Northern Arizona University
Renaë Tenney, Maricopa Association of Governments
Sophia Marmont, ASU MPA Student
Cassandra Larsen, Director, GOCYF
Katie Komar, Intern, Division for Women
Paty Iniguez, Intern, Division for Women
Kayla Fulmer, Arizona Sexual Assault Network

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Vikki Shirley, First Lady of the Navajo Nation and Chair of the Commission called the meeting to order at 1:12 P.M. Commissioner Shirley welcomed everyone present and asked that everyone introduce themselves. Ms. Ochoa presented the Governor's Proclamation of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. First Lady Vikki Shirley read the Proclamation out loud.

2010 MEETING SCHEDULE

Commissioners reviewed the revised 2010 Commission Meeting Schedule which was included in the Commission Packet. Commissioners were asked to take note of the change in location and to update their calendars.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

First Lady Vikki Shirley asked Commissioners to review the draft copy of the January 2010 meeting minutes. Commissioner Patricia Klahr motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Diane Umphress seconded the motion which was then passed by voice vote, with no nay votes and one abstention. Commissioner Shirley abstained from voting.

DIVISION FOR WOMEN UPDATE**By Maria-Elena Ochoa**

Ms. Ochoa announced that an article focused on Sexual Assault had been written in the Latino Perspectives electronic newsletter. A copy of the article was included in the Commissioners' packets.

By Jeremy Arp, Senior Program Administrator**Rural Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence and Stalking Grant Program:**

The Division for Women reapplied for the Rural grant from the USDOJ/OVW for Federal FY 2010 to continue Southern Arizona Project funding for 2011 and 2012. Mr. Arp noted that funding had decreased from prior years, from \$900,000 to \$700,000.

Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Program: Against Abuse, Inc. in Casa Grande opened the doors to their La Paloma Supervised Visitation Center and continues to serve victims of domestic violence and their children to provide a safe environment for custodial and non-custodial parents to visit or exchange their children. Mr. Arp noted that the Casa Grande Dispatch newspaper recently ran a story outlining the program's success.

By Leah Meyers, Program Administrator

STOP:

Both STOP and Recovery STOP subgrantees recently completed an annual report for 2009. Leah stated she will send an email to the Commission with details of how many FTE's, people trained and victims served with STOP and Recovery STOP funds in calendar year 2009.

Recovery STOP:

Our office recently completed the quarterly Recovery report which showed Arizona had over 15 jobs created or retained with this funding. Leah shared information from the narrative report submitted by Amberly's Place, whose project is focused on forensic interviewing. Their new staff member is doing training with law enforcement on how to properly interview victims and shared a touching story. He worked one-on-one with an officer on a sexual assault case and was able to show him how to properly interview as well as demonstrate that the victim was sexually assaulted and how best to proceed with the case.

PRESENTATION

By Sarah Jones, Executive Director, EMERGE!

Presentation by Sarah Jones highlighted partnerships and collaborative approaches to engaging community partners in Tucson, Arizona.

PRESENTATION

By Teri Lambert, Executive Director, Arizona Sexual Assault Network (AzSAN)

Presentation by Teri Lambert outlined AzSAN's role, and provided statistics related to sexual assault in Arizona, nationally, and internationally.

DIVISION FOR WOMEN SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAMS WORKGROUP REPORT

By Maria-Elena Ochoa, Director, Division for Women for JoAnn Del-Colle, Director City of Phoenix Family Advocacy Center

The draft of the SAFE brochure is almost complete and will be sent to SAFE workgroup members for their input.

The statewide sexual assault conference will be held in November 2010,

- Glendale is hiring a part time event coordinator with STOP funds; and
- One of the workshops will focus on the VAWA requirements regarding forensic medical exams for sexual assault victims.

DIVISION FOR WOMEN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITY REVIEW WORKGROUP REPORT

By Chief Jerald Monahan, Apache Junction Chief of Police

Media

- On March 5, 2010, reporter Chistina Boomer from Channel 15 ran a story about Domestic Violence Fatality Review (DVFR) Teams in Arizona which resulted in a survivor reaching out to the Arizona Coalition and joining the SHARE Committee.

- During the week of April 4 – 7, 2010, KJZZ radio ran a series of interviews regarding DV, including DVFR. The producer wants to make it a national story on NPR.

Up and coming meetings to discuss additional teams to be added to increase regional coverage:

- Tucson Police Department on May 5th
- Pinetop/Lakeside/Navajo County May 27 – 29th
- Yavapai County Attorney's Office June 28th

Other significant events: Dr. Websdale and Commissioner Monahan have met with the Family Advocacy Centers or their designees of the various federal agencies in Arizona to discuss their place at the table of DV Fatality Review. All meetings have gone well and commitments to have representatives attend the up coming conference were made. Meetings included the FBI, ATF, U.S. Attorney and on April 19th, a meeting is scheduled with the U.S. Marshal of Arizona, Mr. David Gonzales.

DVFR Conference is still on track for August 16th and 17th Updated flyers have been distributed and a request made to Commissioners to send the new flyers out to their contacts.

DVFR Team updates:

East Valley Agencies (new team #7) Apache Junction, Chandler, Tempe, Scottsdale, Gilbert, Mesa and Arizona State University are entering into an Inter Governmental Agreement (IGA) to allow the East Valley Police Chief's Association to oversee the team. Membership and bylaws are currently under construction with a May 18th meeting set to approve both. Apache Junction's Council has approved, with the others in various stages of discussion or approval.

Teams in Mohave County, Sahuarita, Yuma, the City of Phoenix, Pinal County and Flagstaff Coconino are all continuing with reviews and progressing in team development. Commissioner Umphress gave the Yuma update and Dr. Kathleen Ferraro, co-chair of the Flagstaff/Coconino County team gave their update. Dr. Ferraro also mentioned the success other states have had in securing federal funding for a statewide oversight body for the various teams and that such a body might be beneficial in Arizona.

UPDATES

Department of Economic Security (DES)

By Laura Guild

Laura Guild stated that there will be another \$1.6 million cut to the domestic violence line item. DES recently hosted a statewide meeting with providers and partners to discuss the reductions as well as get feedback. An outcome of this meeting is to work with SACT in planning regional meeting around the state to talk about services.

Domestic Violence, Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence (AzCADV)

By Allie Bones, Executive Director, AzCADV

Commissioner Bones passed out a written update on bills being considered. She discussed the bills and also stated that if the one cent tax proposition (Proposition 100) does not pass their will be about \$50.1 million more in budget cuts for DES. Furthermore Commissioner Bones stated

that it is unknown at this time how that will impact the domestic violence line item funds. AzCADV plans to educate the public about the tax proposition and encourage people to vote yes for the tax increase.

Arizona Sexual Assault Network (AzSAN)

By Teri Lambert, AzSAN

Teri Lambert announced that there have been changes in leadership and board membership at AzSAN. Teri is the new Executive Director and AzSAN is working to get statewide representation on the board. She also explained that their website is not available, it has been routed to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center; however, once it is revised it will be available again. At this point AzSAN plans to offer more education and training around the state. Ms. Lambert also discussed SB 1266 the “sexting” bill.

Victim Rights

By Anne Mareel for Dan Levey, Attorney General’s Office

Anne Mareel announced that April 18-24 is National Crime Victims’ Rights Week. There are planned events statewide and the Attorney General will host a kickoff event April 19, 2010, 9:00 AM at the Carnegie Library.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Maria Elsa Varela stated that the House of Hope is offering a Teen Dating Violence program in Junior High and High Schools in the Douglas area. They have had over 1,000 students participate so far. In addition they will be moving into a new shelter space soon.

Commissioner Kathy Turner stated that United Way of Northern Arizona, along with other organizations, are working to reinstate the 2-1-1 project. She informed the Commission that Arizona is one of three states who does not have 2-1-1 operating. Last month alone the 2-1-1 phone line received over 38,000 calls which offered a voice recording sending them to another number.

Commissioner Dr. Dean Coonrod announced that the domestic violence program at the Maricopa County hospital (Maricopa Integrated Health System) is facing cuts including the advocates that work there.

Commissioner Jan Elsea shared that the YWCA has an Empowerment Lecture tonight and offered to host two people for admission.

Commissioner Allie Bones announced a save the date for S.H.E. (Safety, Health, Economic) Counts Gubernatorial debate and AzCADV’s 30th Anniversary Gala September 22, 2010 at the Fiesta Inn in Tempe. This will be followed by their annual conference *Telling Our Story Writing Our Future* September 23 and 24, 2010. In addition, Arizona was picked by the National Network to End Domestic Violence as the location for their annual roundtable meeting.

Commissioner Patricia Klahr invited everyone to Chrysalis’ annual fundraising event *Honoring Survivors Honoring Dreams* on May 14 with actress Gabourey Sidibe from the movie *Precious*.

Commissioner Sarah Jones invited everyone to Emerge's annual Mother's Day Lunch May 6 in Tucson at La Paloma.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No statements from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

First Lady Shirley thanked everyone for attending today's meeting. The meeting adjourned at 3:05 P.M.

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