



Minutes

Tempe Family Justice Commission

February 21, 2023

Minutes of the TEMPE FAMILY JUSTICE COMMISSION held on Tuesday, February 21, 4:00 PM., via Microsoft Teams and Tempe Library Conference Room

(MEMBERS) Present:

Jill Oliver, Chair
Mark Perkovich, Vice Chair
Mary O'Grady
Ilene Dode
Jeanette Costa
Margaret "Peggy" Tinsley
Bjorg LeSueur
Patricia Riggs
Josie Montenegro
Anastasia Stinchfield

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Jill Etienne

City Staff Present:

Paul Bentley, Deputy Human Services Director
Nicole Galvan, Administrative Assistant II+

Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Guest Appearances

James Martinez-Burney, Data Analyst for the City of Tempe, was present to support the City of Tempe Social Determinants of Health presentation given by Dr. Paul Bentley.

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Chair Oliver called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM

Agenda Item 2 – Attendance

Commission Member Etienne was absent.

Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances

There were no public comments.

Agenda Item 4 – Review and Approval of January 17, 2023 Minutes

No edits were made to the January 17, 2023 Minutes.

MOTION: Commission Member Costa moved to APPROVE the edited January 17, 2023, Minutes.

SECOND: Motion Seconded by Commission Member Dode; Motion passed unanimously

AYES: Chair Oliver, Vice Chair Perkovich, Commission Members O'Grady, Costa, Tinsley, Dode, Stinchfield, LeSueur, Riggs, and Montenegro

ABSENT: Commission Member Etienne was absent.

Agenda Item 5 – Chair Remarks

Chair Oliver acknowledged Commission Member LeSueur for volunteering to be the first Commission Member to present her background and expertise to the Family Justice Commission.

Agenda Item 6 – Commission Member Introductions – Commission Member Dr. Bjorg Lesuer

Commission Member Lesuer presented her work on the topic of reflective functioning in parenthood and its use in the prevention of family violence.

Commission Member Lesuer demonstrated and discussed ways in which her work could be used to advance the mission and objectives of the Family Justice Commission.

Agenda Item 7 – City of Tempe Social Determinants of Health Framework Presentation – Dr. Paul Bentley

Dr. Bentley introduced the Social Determinants of Health utilized by city leadership for the purpose of strategic management. Dr. Bentley demonstrated how the Social Determinants of Health indicators were established for the City of Tempe's population.

Dr. Bentley explained how data is collected to determine the Social Determinants of Health for Tempe's residents.

Dr. Bentley advised that the Social Determinants of Health data will be published on the City of Tempe's website.

Agenda Item 8 – Philanthropic Connections Discussion

Chair Oliver and the Commission Members assessed philanthropic connections within the Commission.

Commission Member Stinchfield advised of the Family advocacy center's need for books, and ongoing need for water and snacks.

The Commission Members resolved to explore philanthropic support for Family Justice Commission initiatives.

Agenda Item 9 – Domestic Violence Poster Campaign Update

Chair Oliver informed the Commission that Arizona State University (ASU) has been provided with posters for ASU facilities.

Dr. Bentley informed the Commission that Tempe's Parks and Recreation Department was provided with posters for the department's facilities.

Commission Member Costa advised that local bars have been particularly receptive to placing posters in their restroom facilities.

Agenda Item 10 – Tempe Police Department 4th Quarter Data Review and Discussion

Commission Member Montenegro joined the Commission meeting while traveling and was unable to view a screen to discuss statistics. Dr. Bentley read through the 4th Quarter statistics as an intermediary.

Commission Member Montenegro informed the commission that the Police Department worked closely with other local, state, and federal agencies to arrest a significant number of human trafficking perpetrators.

Chair Oliver asked if Tempe's statistics from the human trafficking arrests can be reported.

Commission Member Montenegro agreed to report Tempe's human trafficking statistics from the Superbowl human trafficking stings.

Agenda Item 11 – Family Justice Commission Strategic Plan Discussion

Dr. Bentley read the commission's goals and plans.

Chair Oliver noted that the commission's discussion about identifying philanthropic connections fits into the commission's goal of identifying community resources.

Agenda Item 12 – Tempe Family Advocacy Center Program Update: Explore Tempe Public Library Connection

Commission Member Stinchfield informed the Commission that the remaining updates to electrical and plumbing were completed.

Commission Member Stinchfield advised the Commission that February 21, 2023 was the first day the Family Advocacy Center was open to the public and that a grand opening ceremony with the Mayor, City Council, and Family Justice Commission is in the planning process.

Commission Member Montenegro informed the commission that the Police Department's side of the Family Advocacy Center is expected to be furnished and completed by April 2023.

Dr. Bentley expressed gratitude to Commission Member Stinchfield, Commission Member Montenegro, Kris Scharlau, and others who worked to get the Family Advocacy Center opened.

Agenda Item 13 – Commission Member Updates

Commission Member Costa asked about the Family Justice Commission Members receiving CEASE Human Trafficking Training. Dr. Bentley advised that he is coordinating the training with the Chief Diversity Officer, Dr. Velicia Humes. Commission Member Riggs advised the Commission that her father, L. Alton “Pat” Riggs would be honored at the Tempe History Society’s “Legends of Tempe” event on Friday March 3, 2023 at the Petersen House.

Agenda Item 14 –Future Agenda Items

Dr. Bentley notified the Commission Members that they have been asked to review a strategic plan for CARE7 to clarify the department’s role and to project current and future staffing needs. The Commission Members resolved to discuss the curation of the Family Advocacy Center’s book collection with the Tempe Public Library staff.

Agenda Item 15 – Adjournment

MOTION: Commission Member Tinsley moved to ADJOURN the meeting.

SECOND: Motion Seconded by Commission Member Costa; Motion passed unanimously

AYES: Chair Oliver, Vice Chair Perkovich, Commission Members Costa, Tinsley, Dode, Stinchfield, LeSueur, Riggs, and Montenegro

ABSENT: Commission Member Etienne was absent. Commission Member O’Grady had to leave the meeting before adjournment.

Chair Oliver declared the meeting adjourned at 5:54 PM.
The next meeting will be on March 21, 2023.

Minutes Prepared by: Nicole Galvan
Reviewed by: Paul Bentley

Jill Oliver, Chair
Tempe Family Justice Commission