



Minutes

Tempe Family Justice Commission

March 21, 2023

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

(MEMBERS) Present:

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

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Mark Perkovich, Vice Chair

City Staff Present:

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

Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Guest Appearances

Jessica Jupitus, Deputy Community Services Director - Library Services, was present to discuss the Tempe Public Library's support of the Family Advocacy Center's book collection.

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Chair Oliver called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM

Agenda Item 2 – Attendance

Vice Chair Perkovich was absent.

Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances

There were no public comments.

Agenda Item 4 – Review and Approval of February 21, 2023 Minutes

No edits were made to the February 21, 2023 Minutes.

MOTION: Commission Member Tinsley moved to APPROVE the edited February 21, 2023, Minutes.

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

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

ABSENT: Vice Chair Perkovich was absent.

Agenda Item 5 – Chair Remarks

Chair Oliver gave a brief overview of the meeting's agenda.

Agenda Item 6 – Commission Member Introductions – Commission Member Jill Etienne

Commission Member Etienne gave a presentation on the history of her academic career, leading to her current research on intimate partner violence.

Commission Member Etienne introduced the community partners who support her work as well as her current research projects on intimate partner violence.

Commission Member Etienne noted the ways in which her expertise and research can enhance the Family Justice Commission's goals and initiatives.

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

Dr. Bentley gave an overview of the Social Determinants of Health implemented by the City of Tempe.

Dr. Bentley encouraged the Commission Members to keep the Social Determinants of Health data and framework in mind when implementing initiatives and advising city leadership on matters concerning the Family Justice Commission.

Commission Member Tinsley noted that all the Social Determinants of Health may be related to domestic violence rates as well as many other Family Justice Commission matters.

Dr. Bentley reminded the Commission Members that the Social Determinants of Health data will be available on a data dashboard the city's website.

Agenda Item 8 – Tempe Public Library and the Family Advocacy Center Support

Jessica Jupitus, Deputy Community Services Director of the Tempe Public Library, discussed the therapeutic nature of books and advised the commission that library staff can assist in creating a shopping list of priority books to purchase for the Family Advocacy Center (FAC). Ms. Jupitus advised that new books should be a priority for the FAC collection.

Dr. Bentley agreed that library staff should work with Commission Member Stinchfield to develop a useful and appropriate collection, rather than accepting book donations at random.

Chair Oliver reflected on the bibliotherapy presentation from the January Family Justice Commission meeting, which informed the Commission Members on the value of thoughtful collection development for the FAC collection.

Ms. Jupitus advised the commission members that the FAC book collection can include collectables, which always remain in the FAC collection, as well as consumables, which can be freely taken by FAC clients and may or may not get returned to the FAC collection.

The Commission Members discussed the population served by the FAC.

Commission Member Montenegro advised that it is difficult to collect demographic data from justice-involved victims, but the demographic data from the community at-large can be utilized as a guide for the population served by the FAC.

The Commission Members resolved that the FAC book collection should be diverse, with cultural and ethnic representation, and with a wide range of ages and literacy levels in mind.

Commission Member Costa suggested that the collection should include Spanish-language books and books that represent diverse family relationship types, such as children raised by grandparents.

Commission Member Tinsley suggested that the collection include books of interest to FAC clients who identify as male.

Chair Oliver proposed the creation of a "wish list" to allow donors to donate from a list of needed books.

Ms. Jupitus suggested the inclusion of "Vox books," which are books that read the story out loud to the reader, making them appropriate and engaging for all literacy levels.

Ms. Jupitus apprised the Commission Members of the Tempe Public Library's Caitlin Benson Collection, a special collection created to introduce and appreciate human diversity. Ms. Jupitus likened the FAC collection development to the curation of the Caitlin Benson collection.

Agenda Item 9 – Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Memorandum Draft Review

Commission Members reviewed and edited the Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Memorandum.

MOTION: Commission Member Tinsley moved to APPROVE the Memorandum with the addition of Tempe Police Department statistics and minor final editing from staff liaisons.

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

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

ABSENT: Vice Chair Perkovich was absent.

Agenda Item 10 – Elder Abuse Awareness and Prevention Presentation Work Session

Due to time constraints, Agenda Item 10 was deferred.

Agenda Item 11 – Family Justice Commission Sponsored Training Discussion

Due to time constraints, Agenda Item 11 was deferred.

Agenda Item 12 – Domestic Violence Poster Campaign Update – Commission Member Costa

Due to time constraints, Agenda Item 12 was deferred.

Agenda Item 13 – Family Justice Commission Strategic Plan Discussion

Due to time constraints, Agenda Item 13 was deferred.

Agenda Item 14 – Tempe Family Advocacy Center Program Update – Commission Member Stinchfield

Due to time constraints, Agenda Item 14 was deferred.

Agenda Item 15 – Commission Member Updates

Due to time constraints, Agenda Item 15 was deferred.

Agenda Item 14 –Future Agenda Items

Dr. Bentley notified the Commission Members that CEASE Human Trafficking Awareness Training will be available to all Family Justice Commission Members, with dates available in April and May.

Ms. Galvan offered to coordinate the training and identify a date when the Commission Members can attend the training.

Dr. Bentley informed the Commission Members that the new Director of Community Health and Human Services, Tim Burch, began work in his new position on Monday, March 20th. Dr. Bentley invited Mr. Burch to attend the next Family Justice Commission meeting.

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, Commission Members Etienne, O’Grady, Costa, Tinsley, Dode, Stinchfield, LeSueur, Riggs, and Montenegro.

ABSENT: Vice Chair Perkovich was absent.

Chair Oliver declared the meeting adjourned at 6:04 PM.

The next meeting will be on April 18, 2023.

Minutes Prepared by: Nicole Galvan

Reviewed by: Paul Bentley

Jill Oliver, Chair
Tempe Family Justice Commission