



# Minutes Tempe Family Justice Commission April 18, 2023

Minutes of the TEMPE FAMILY JUSTICE COMMISSION held on Tuesday, April 18, 4:00 PM., via Microsoft Teams and Tempe Library Board Room

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

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

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

**City Staff Present:**

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

**Public Appearances**

There were no public appearances.

**Guest Appearances**

Tim Burch, City of Tempe Director of Community Health and Human Services, was present to introduce himself and to meet the Family Justice Commission Members.

**Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order**

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

**Agenda Item 2 – Attendance**

All members were in attendance. No members were absent.

**Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances**

Mr. Burch introduced himself to the Commission Members.

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

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

**MOTION: Commission Member Tinsley moved to APPROVE the March 21, 2023, Minutes.**

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

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

**ABSENT: No members were absent.**

### **Agenda Item 5 – Chair Remarks**

Chair Oliver discussed the value of getting to know each Commission Member and their expertise through the Commission Member introduction presentations.

### **Agenda Item 6 – Commission Member Introductions – Identify Next Presenter**

Vice Chair Perkovich agreed to present at the next meeting.

### **Agenda Item 7 – Community Health and Human Services Director Tim Burch Introduction**

Mr. Burch detailed his experience as Human Services Director in Clark County, Nevada.

Mr. Burch outlined his support for an epidemiological approach to identify community health issues and to utilize collected data to inform and plan community programs and services.

Mr. Burch commended the city's current Social Determinants of Health Framework.

### **Agenda Item 8 – City of Tempe Social Determinants of Health Framework Follow Up – Dr. Paul Bentley**

Dr. Bentley reiterated how the city's Social Determinants of Health Framework measures community health indicators that impact individuals within the community and then utilizes those measures to influence decisions throughout every department within the city.

### **Agenda Item 9 – Tempe Public Library and the Family Advocacy Center Support**

Dr. Bentley presented a list of books curated by Library staff for the Family Advocacy Center's collection.

Commission Member Costa informed the Commission that she visited the Tempe Public Library's Caitlin Benson Collection, and selected the following titles that she would like to be added to the Family Advocacy Center's collection:

"Facing Fear," "The Green Apple," and "My Brother is Away."

Commission Member Costa also suggested the titles, "Brave Bart," and "I Don't Want to Talk About It" to be added to the Family Advocacy Center's book collection.

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

Commission Member Montenegro advised that Mayor Woods, Tempe Police Department, and Linda Arters of Friendship Village will be [hosting an event on elder abuse awareness](#) at the Tempe Public Library on June 10, 2023.

Dr. Bentley suggested that the Family Justice Commission's presentation on elder abuse include narration so that it can be easily played and presented at Tempe City Council.

Commission Member Tinsley volunteered to do final edits on the elder abuse presentation.

Commission Member LeSueur volunteered to do the narration for the elder abuse presentation.

### **Agenda Item 11 – Family Justice Commission Sponsored Training Discussion**

Commission Members discussed potential training topics and whether to create a new training or to promote an existing training.

Dr. Bentley suggested that the Commission focus on identifying those in need of training and connecting them to an existing training.

Commission Member Costa advised that there is a common demand in the community for information on how to handle a friend or relative who is in a domestic violence situation.

Commission Member LeSueur noted that there is something called bystander training and shared a link to this kind of training:

<https://nomore.org/learn/bystander-scenarios/>

Commission Member Stinchfield advised that CARE7 already has the resources in place to provide this type of training.

Chair Oliver suggested that the Commission have one more discussion at a future Commission meeting to determine what type of training the Commission will sponsor.

### **Agenda Item 12 – Mental Health Awareness Month (May 2023) Memorandum Discussion**

Dr. Bentley advised that the Mayor and City Council are already issuing a resolution regarding Mental Health Awareness Month.

Chair Oliver proposed that a memorandum would be superfluous and the Commission Members agreed.

### **Agenda Item 13 – CARE 7 Victim Services Quarterly Data Review – Commission Member Stinchfield**

Commission Member Stinchfield introduced data from 2023 Quarter 1 and made note of the lower number of people served. Commission Member Stinchfield hypothesized that the lower numbers reflect a recent staffing shortage at CARE 7 compared to the number of staff in the department at same quarter last year.

Commission Member Stinchfield informed that the low number of stalking cases reflects the difficulty in proving this crime. Commission Member Montenegro concurred and advised that many victims of stalking are unaware that they are victims, elaborating that the legal definition of stalking is met after two or more incidents of tracking or observing.

### **Agenda Item 14 – Domestic Violence Poster Campaign Update – Commission Member Costa**

Ms. Galvan advised that more of the men's and non-gendered domestic violence awareness posters have been ordered and are available for Commission Members and volunteers to pick up at the Community Health and Human Services lobby.

Dr. Bentley informed that the Tempe Human Relations Commission discussed the poster campaign at a meeting recently. Commission Member Costa noted having meaningful interactions with members of the public while going to local businesses to distribute the posters.

### **Agenda Item 15 – CEASE Training Update and Discussion**

Ms. Galvan advised that Chair Oliver, Commission Member Etienne, and Commission Member Tinsley attended the training on Friday, April 14, 2023.

Commission Member Etienne commended the training for bringing awareness to the forms of Human Trafficking that occur in plain sight.

Chair Oliver suggested that the CEASE training be part of the Family Justice Commission summer retreat.

### **Agenda Item 16 – Family Justice Commission Strategic Plan Discussion**

Dr. Bentley reviewed the Family Justice Commission's goals and assessed the current initiatives that match the Commission's strategic goals.

### **Agenda Item 17 – Tempe Family Advocacy Center Program Update – Commission Member Stinchfield**

Commission Member Stinchfield advised that the Family Advocacy Center is now fully operational and staff members are continuing to make minor adjustments and furniture and other effects to make it more functional and aesthetically engaging.

Ms. Galvan advised that a Doodle Poll will go out to determine when the Commission Members can attend a tour of the Family Advocacy Center.

### **Agenda Item 18 – Commission Member Updates**

Commission Member Dode informed of a training she recently completed through the Arizona Administrative Office of the Courts on juveniles with sexually abuse behaviors:

<https://www.azcourts.gov/ijsd/JJSD-Trainings>

### **Agenda Item 19 –Future Agenda Items**

Chair Oliver reviewed the future agenda items.

Dr. Bentley offered to extend an invite to connect the Commission with the Tempe Diablos.

Commission Member Dode offered to connect the Commission with the Survivors of Suicide group for a presentation at a future meeting.

Commission Member Tinsley mentioned that the Commission will need to schedule the summer retreat at an upcoming meeting.

Commission Member O'Grady suggested that the Commission take more time to plan the Commission's sponsored training.

### **Agenda Item 20 – 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 Etienne, O'Grady, Costa, Tinsley, Dode, Stinchfield, LeSueur, Riggs, and Montenegro

**ABSENT:** No members were absent.

Chair Oliver declared the meeting adjourned at 5:49 PM.  
The next meeting will be on May 16, 2023.

Minutes Prepared by: Nicole Galvan  
Reviewed by: Paul Bentley

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Jill Oliver, Chair  
Tempe Family Justice Commission