



# Minutes Tempe Family Justice Commission July 18, 2023

Minutes of the TEMPE FAMILY JUSTICE COMMISSION held on Tuesday, July 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**

Kris Scharlau, Tempe Community Health and Human Services Manager, attended the meeting virtually.

**Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order**

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

**Agenda Item 2 – Attendance**

No members were absent.

**Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances**

There were no public appearances.

**Agenda Item 4 – Review and Approval of June 20, 2023 Minutes**

No edits were made to the June 20, 2023 Minutes.

**MOTION: Commission Member Tinsley moved to APPROVE the June 20, 2023, Minutes.**

**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.**

### **Agenda Item 5 – Chair Remarks**

Chair Oliver requested that another Commission Member volunteer to present their background at the next meeting.

### **Agenda Item 6 – Commission Member Introductions – Commission Member Peggy Tinsley**

Commission Member Riggs volunteered to present at the next meeting.

### **Agenda Item 7 – CARE 7 Presentation – Kris Scharlau, Tempe Community Health and Human Services Manager**

Dr. Bentley introduced Kris Scharlau and noted her two decades of experience and current role in managing CARE 7. Ms. Scharlau provided an overview of the CARE 7 program and mentioned the crisis response triage process, the care-coordination of more complex clients, the 12 Youth Specialists in Tempe high schools, the plans to add 6 more Youth Specialists in the elementary and middle schools, and the Family Advocacy Center, which houses Victim Services and provides trauma healing and training.

Ms. Scharlau advised the Commission Members of the department's plans to refine the department's volunteers and intern program.

Ms. Scharlau listed the current needs of the Family Advocacy Center, including a consistent supply of water, snacks, hygiene supplies, toys, video games consoles, video games, as well as volunteers and interns.

Ms. Scharlau mentioned a need to develop a partnership with ridesharing apps to provide rides for clients.

Ms. Scharlau advised the Commission Members of plans to have a "client store" where clients can select needed items.

Commission Member Costa asked Ms. Scharlau what the staff needs are. Ms. Scharlau replied that the staff needs include self-care and an employee recognition program.

Ms. Scharlau advised that she can be reached at [Kristen\\_Scharlau@Tempe.gov](mailto:Kristen_Scharlau@Tempe.gov)

### **Agenda Item 8 – Tempe Family Advocacy Center Program Update – Commission Member Stinchfield**

Commission Member Stinchfield mentioned that a trauma healing program and support groups have been added to the services offered at the Family Advocacy Center.

Commission Member O'Grady stated that she is impressed with the space, location, layout, and the separation between Police and Victim Services.

Commission Member Costa noted that the Police wear civilian clothing at the Family Advocacy Center.

Commission Member Montenegro advised that she met with County Attorney, Rachel Mitchell, and discussed the Family Advocacy Center and the potential for the city's county partners to utilize the Family Advocacy Center.

### **Agenda Item 9 – City of Tempe Social Determinants of Health Framework Follow Up – Dr. Paul Bentley**

Dr. Bentley informed the Commission that the city of Tempe presented to the board at Vitalyst Health Foundation and demonstrated how the city is utilizing the Social Determinants of Health framework that Vitalyst helped to create.

Dr. Bentley mentioned that the city is considering having a conference with other users of Vitalyst's Social Determinants of Health framework.

Dr. Bentley advised that the city's data dashboard is becoming more refined.

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

Commission Member Tinsley recommended that the Elder Abuse presentation work session be postponed due to time constraints.

### **Agenda Item 11 – Family Justice Commission Annual Retreat Planning**

The Commission Members discussed the agenda, ideas for the upcoming year, and the strategic planning process.

### **Agenda Item 12 – Family Justice Commission Strategic Plan Discussion**

Dr. Bentley reviewed the Commission's strategic goals and the corresponding accomplishments.

### **Agenda Item 13 – Domestic Violence Poster Campaign Update – Commission Member Costa**

Commission Member Costa advised that she has been less active in distributing posters due to the extreme heat conditions.

### **Agenda Item 15 – Commission Member Updates**

Commission Member Tinsley and Commission Member Riggs informed of coyote sightings in their neighborhoods, noting that local wildlife animals are searching for places to cool off and find water.

### **Agenda Item 16 –Future Agenda Items**

Commission Member Dode confirmed that that Sandra McNally of EMPACT Survivors of Suicide will be a guest speaker at the September Family Justice Commission meeting.

Chair Oliver informed that she created a draft memorandum for Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month in September and requested that the Commission Members review the information in the Minutes \**Addendum*.

Chair Oliver noted that suicide is very prevalent in the veteran population and younger veterans are not connecting to American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Services. Chair Oliver reminded the Commission Members that they will have Tempe's Veteran Services Coordinator as a guest speaker at the next meeting.

Chair Oliver reminded the Commission Members that a draft memorandum will be needed for Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month in October.

### **Agenda Item 17 – Adjournment**

**MOTION: Commission Member Riggs motioned to ADJOURN the Meeting.**

**SECOND: Motion Seconded by Commission Member Tinsley; 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 5:34 PM.

The next meeting will be on August 15, 2023.

Minutes Prepared by: Nicole Galvan

Reviewed by: Paul Bentley

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Jill Oliver, Chair  
Tempe Family Justice Commission

## **Addendum**

Study on Suicide and Intimate Partner Problems:

<https://news.asu.edu/20220930-more-1-4-arizona-suicides-involved-intimate-partner-problem-say-results-new-study-violent>