



Minutes Tempe Family Justice Commission January 16, 2024

Minutes of the TEMPE FAMILY JUSTICE COMMISSION held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, 4:00 PM., via Microsoft Teams and Tempe Library Board Room

(MEMBERS) Present:

Jill Oliver, Chair
Jill Etienne, Vice Chair
Emily Davis
James Sweig
Ilene Dode
Jeanette Costa
Patricia Riggs
Anastasia Stinchfield
Bjorg LeSueur

(MEMBERS) Absent:

City Staff Present:

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

Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Guest Appearances

Dianna Kalandros, Manager of City of Tempe Counseling Services and Community Supervision was present.

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Chair Oliver called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM

Agenda Item 2 – Attendance

No Commission Members were absent.

Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Agenda Item 4 – Review and Approval of December 12, 2023 Minutes

No edits were made to the December 12, 2023 Minutes.

MOTION: Commission Member Dode moved to APPROVE the December 12, 2023, Minutes.

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

AYES: Chair Oliver, Vice Chair Etienne, Commission Members Davis, Sweig, Costa, Dode, Stinchfield, Riggs, LeSueur.

ABSENT: No Commission Members were absent.

Agenda Item 5 – Chair Remarks

Chair Oliver welcomed new Commission Member, Emily Davis, and invited her to speak about her expertise and background at the next Commission meeting.

Chair Oliver noted that there are currently two vacancies on the Family Justice Commission: one vacancy for a position from the non-profit sector, and one vacancy for a position from the legal sector.

Agenda Item 6 – Commission Member Introduction – Commission Member James Sweig

Commission Member Sweig introduced himself and presented his experience as Interim Assistant Chief of Investigations for the City of Tempe as well as his academic background in Public Safety Administration and Criminal Justice.

Commission Member Sweig mentioned his work with the Arizona Attorney General's Office of Victim Services and receiving an award from the Arizona Association of Chiefs of Police.

Commission Member Sweig advised of his involvement with the Special Olympics Torch Run, in line with his personal mission to foster trust and collaboration with the community.

Agenda Item 7 – Community Health and Human Services – Counseling Services Presentation – Dianna Kalandros

Ms. Kalandros gave an overview of the City of Tempe's Counseling services program and advised that the program recently moved to the Community Health and Human Services location on the second floor of the Tempe Public Library.

Ms. Kalandros that the Counseling Services program is licensed by the Arizona Department of Health Services and includes three counselors total, with two of those counselors being bilingual.

Ms. Kalandros informed the Commission that the program services Tempe community members who live, work, attend school, or have a child who attends school in Tempe and are uninsured or underinsured.

Ms. Kalandros advised that the Counseling Services program charges clients on a sliding scale.

Ms. Kalandros described the educational background and expertise of the counselors who facilitate the Counseling Services program.

Chair Oliver asked if there are any themes or patterns in the people seeking counseling services.

Ms. Kalandros advised that the program has seen an unusually high number of younger men seeking services and hypothesized that the program offers this population a low-cost, low-barrier pathway to mental health services.

Agenda Item 8 – Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month Memorandum Update – Dr Bentley

Dr. Bentley advised that the Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month Memorandum was sent to the Mayor and City Council to be read at the next City Council Meeting.

Agenda Item 9 – Elder Abuse Update – Dr. Bentley

Dr. Bentley advised that the Communications team for the Mayor and Council gave feedback to add additional messaging to the Elder Abuse presentation.

Agenda Item 10 – Arizona State University Training Collaboration Planning Process – Commission Member Jill Etienne

Commission Member Etienne reviewed the proposal draft for the training.

Chair Oliver discussed the select city departments that would be invited to the training.

Commission Member Sweig advised that the training should include practical information for the city's first responders, rather than just present data.

Commission Member Etienne noted that she will edit the proposal with the feedback provided.

Agenda Item 11 – Monthly Review and Update of 2024 Family Justice Commission Strategic Plan – Chair Oliver

Chair Oliver reviewed and identified areas of focus for future Agenda items and issues for the Commission to explore.

Commission Member Sweig proposed that the Commission become more familiar with the Tempe Municipal Court process and procedures for adjudicating domestic violence cases.

Ms. Kalandros proposed that the Commission speak to the City of Tempe Prosecutor's Office.

Chair Oliver suggested that the Youth Services Specialists speak to the Family Justice Commission about their experience with students and families within the City of Tempe's schools.

Commission Member Davis advised that the school nurses retain in-depth knowledge of the needs and experiences of youth populations.

Dr. Bentley advised that he would reach out the Youth Specialists and School Resource Officers to inquire about a date when they can speak to the Commission.

Agenda Item 12 – City of Tempe Social Determinants of Health Framework Follow-Up – Dr. Bentley

Dr. Bentley informed the Commission that the city's social determinants of health data was presented at a recent Community Cares meeting.

Dr. Bentley advised that the data will be public facing very soon.

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

Commission Member Costa advised that the City of Tempe's volunteer coordinator was not able to provide volunteers to distribute posters because they would not be supervised.

Chair Oliver proposed that she would reach out to her network at Arizona State University to explore options for volunteers to distribute posters.

Agenda Item 14 – Commission Member Updates

Commission Member LeSueur volunteered to prepare a draft memorandum for Mental Health Awareness Month.

Agenda Item 15 –Future Agenda Items

The Commission Members determined that the Arizona intimate Partner Risk Assessment Instrument System (APRAIS) is already being used by city of Tempe Police Department and will be stricken from future agenda items.

Dr. Bentley proposed that he would be reaching out to Bill Burke from the city Prosecutor's Office to discuss how domestic violence cases are handled by the city prosecutors.

Dr. Bentley advised that he would reach out to the Youth Specialists and School Resource Officers to speak to the Commission about the needs and issues faced by Tempe students.

Chair Oliver suggested that Dianna Kalandros, Manager of Community Counseling and Community Supervision, return to speak about the city's Community Supervision program.

Commission Member Stinchfield advised that she would give an update on CARE7 data and statistics.

Commission Member Sweig advised that he would prepare on update on the Police Department's data and statistics.

Agenda Item 16 – Adjournment

MOTION: Commission Member Costa motioned to ADJOURN the Meeting.

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

AYES: Chair Oliver, Vice Chair Etienne, Commission Members Davis, Sweig, Costa, Dode, Stinchfield, Riggs, LeSueur.

ABSENT: No Commission Members were absent.

Chair Oliver declared the meeting adjourned at 5:54 PM.

The next meeting will be on February 20, 2024.

Minutes Prepared by: Nicole Galvan

Reviewed by: Paul Bentley

Jill Oliver, Chair
Tempe Family Justice Commission