



Minutes

Tempe Family Justice Commission

June 18, 2024

Minutes of the TEMPE FAMILY JUSTICE COMMISSION held on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, 4:00 PM., via Microsoft Teams and Tempe Library Board Room

(MEMBERS) Present:

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

(MEMBERS) Absent:

James Sweig
Shannon Burns

City Staff Present:

Tim Burch, Community Health and Human Services Director
Nicole Galvan, Administrative Assistant II+

Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Guest Appearances

There were no guest appearances.

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

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

Agenda Item 2 – Attendance

Commissioner Sweig and Commissioner Burns were absent from the meeting.

Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Agenda Item 4 – Review and Approval of May 21, 2024 Minutes

No edits were made to the May 21, 2024 Minutes.

MOTION: Commissioner Dode moved to APPROVE the May 21, 2024, Minutes.

SECOND: Motion Seconded by Commissioner Riggs; Motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Chair Oliver, Vice Chair Etienne, Commissioners Costa, Dode, Stinchfield, Riggs, LeSueur, Davis and Baines.

ABSENT: Commissioners Sweig and Burns were absent.

Agenda Item 5 – Chair Remarks

Chair Oliver advised the Commissioners that she will be unable to attend the July Tempe Family Justice Commission meeting due to a planned trip.

Chair Oliver informed the Commissioners that Dr. Paul Bentley will no longer be the staff liaison for the Tempe Family Justice Commission due to his departure from his position as Deputy Director of Community Health and Human Services.

Chair Oliver noted that Dr. Bentley's position of Deputy Directory for the Social Services division of Community Health and Human Services is currently open and seeking applicants.

Chair Oliver mentioned that the recent City of Tempe community newsletter called for donations of bottled water for the CARE7 and HOPE teams.

Mr. Burch advised that water donations can be delivered to the Community Health and Human Services department on the second floor of the Tempe Public Library building and individuals who wish to make large donations of bottled water can call the Community Health and Human Services phone number at (480) 350-5400 to arrange delivery.

Chair Oliver welcomed Tim Burch, Director of Community Health and Human Services, and noted that he will be serving as staff liaison for the Tempe Family Justice Commission until Dr. Bentley's replacement is hired.

Agenda Item 6 – Community Health and Human Services Department Update – Director Tim Burch

Mr. Burch introduced himself and informed the Commissioners of his career and background, including his 25 years in human services administration, with 12 of those years serving as Director of Human Services for Clark County in Nevada.

Mr. Burch mentioned that he has been married for 27 years with two children, two grandchildren, and loves comic books.

Mr. Burch informed the Commission that his plans for the department include defining what "Community Health" means for the department at the city level, leading a steering committee to address the opioid crisis, and building systems and policies that provide the community with a data-driven return on investment.

Mr. Burch advised the Commissioners that the current Education, Career, and Family Services division of the Community Health and Human Services department is transitioning to the "Wellbeing and Empowerment" division within the department.

Mr. Burch noted that Veterans Service is also transitioning to becoming a part of Community Health and Human Services.

Mr. Burch mentioned the city's new Envision Center, designed to enhance self-sufficiency, will open on August 1st.

Mr. Burch noted that the Envision Center will work with the Digital Equity Acceleration Institute to provide digital equity navigators, as well as other community partners to provide financial literacy training and other self-sufficiency programs.

Mr. Burch advised the Commissioners that the city will support 10 heat relief "cooling centers" during the summer months to prevent heat related illnesses and deaths for the city's most vulnerable citizens.

Mr. Burch informed the Commissioners that the city has assembled a task force to ensure that funds from an opioid settlement agreement will be allocated strategically to provide support for people and families suffering from the effects of addiction.

Agenda Item 7 – Arizona State University – Preventing and Assessing Intimate Partner Homicide Risk Study (PAIRS) Update – Vice Chair Etienne

Vice Chair Etienne informed the Commissioners that the intended presenter for this training, Dr. Jill Messing, will be on a sabbatical for the next year.

Vice Chair Etienne advised that the training will need to be deferred to next year.

Agenda Item 8 – Future Training Opportunity Discussion – Chair Oliver

Chair Oliver conveyed the need for suggestions for training opportunities that can be proved to city staff.

Commissioner LeSueur suggested that the Commissioners find a good "bystander/upstander" training.

Commissioner Dode suggested that the Commissioners look for training on the exploitation of people with dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

Commissioner Baines proposed that the Commissioners reach out to Arizona State University's Director of the Office of Sex Trafficking Intervention and Research, Dominique Roe-Sepowitz, to provide a training.

Chair Oliver reminded the Commissioners that they may submit suggestions for training videos to Ms. Galvan.

Chair Oliver advised that the Commission Members look for training videos that are free and open source and inquired about checking with the city's communications and legal departments to ensure that the Family Justice Commission adheres to copyright rules and regulations.

Agenda Item 9 – Family Justice Commission Retreat Planning Discussion – Chair Oliver

The Commission Members resolved to conduct their Strategic Planning meeting on Wednesday, August 7, 2024.

Agenda Item 10 – Establish Commission's Awareness and Prevention Months Memorandums – Chair Oliver

Chair Oliver reviewed the awareness and prevention months with causes relevant to the Family Justice Commission.

Commissioner LeSueur volunteered to work on memorandums for Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month in October and Developmental Disabilities Month in March.

Chair Oliver offered to work on a memorandum for Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month in September.

Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Stinchfield volunteered to work on the memorandum for Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month in April.

Commissioner Baines offered to work on the memorandum for Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month in February.

Agenda Item 11 – Establish Family Justice Commission Summer Schedule – Chair Oliver

Chair Oliver asked the Commissioners if they would like to cancel the July 16, 2024 Tempe Family Justice Commission meeting due to several members being unavailable during that month.

Chair Oliver resolved to have Ms. Galvan poll the Commissioners to determine if there will be quorum for the July 16th Commission meeting, and if not, the meeting will be cancelled.

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

Commissioner Costa had no updates to report.

Agenda Item 13 – Family Justice Commission Strategic Plan Review – Chair Oliver

The Commissioners resolved to follow the same structure and format for the 2024 strategic planning process that they utilized to create the 2023 Family Justice Commission Strategic Plan.

Agenda Item 14 – Commission Member Updates

Vice Chair Etienne mentioned a recent discussion with a colleague who works with perpetrators of sex trafficking and was informed about the need to provide public service announcements about the mandatory 20-year sentence for convictions. Commissioner Baines reiterated that awareness of the consequences of sex-trafficking-related crimes is lacking and needed in public service announcements, based on his own experience and discussions with colleagues who work with perpetrators.

Agenda Item 15 –Future Agenda Items

Commissioner Costa stated that she has a professional connection to someone from the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence who may be able to give a presentation to the Family Justice Commission about their coalition.

Commissioner Baines volunteered to do the Commission Member Introduction presentation at the next meeting.

Chair Oliver suggested that the Commission discuss copyright compliance regarding the training videos, after receiving guidance from the city's communications and legal departments.

Chair Oliver requested that the Commissioners learn more about the city's budget process and Mr. Burch offered to reach out to the city's new Chief Financial Officer to give a presentation to the Commission.

Commissioner Stinchfield offered to discuss the latest strategic plan for CARE7 after the plan is finalized.

Commissioner Baines suggested that Commissioner Sweig give an update on the city's new hate crime reporting system.

Agenda Item 16 – Adjournment

MOTION: Commission Member Costa motioned to ADJOURN the Meeting.

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

AYES: Chair Oliver, Vice Chair Etienne, Commissioners Costa, Dode, Stinchfield, Riggs, LeSueur, Davis and Baines.

ABSENT: Commissioners Sweig and Burns were absent.

Chair Oliver declared the meeting adjourned at 5:34 PM.

The next meeting will be on July 16th, 2024.

Minutes Prepared by: Nicole Galvan

Reviewed by: Tim Burch

Jill Oliver, Chair
Tempe Family Justice Commission