



**Minutes
Tempe Family Justice Commission
February 16, 2016**

Minutes for the Tempe Family Justice Commission Meeting held on February 16, 2016 at 6:00 PM at the Tempe Public Library, 2nd Floor Board Room, 3500 South Rural Road Tempe, Arizona 85282.

Commission Members Present

Karyn Lathan, Chair
Sarah Buel
Bill Richardson
Kristen Scharlau
Beatrice "Bunny" Kastenbaum
Joan Sisco

Commission Members Absent

MonaLou Callery, Vice Chair
Paul Ferguson
Laura Massengale
Patrick C. Foster
Kerby Rapp

Staff Present

Valerie Kime Trujillo, Human Services Deputy Director
Marie Chapple-Camacho, Human Services Public Information Officer
John Rush, Acting Police Chief
Veekas Shrivastava, Tempe Leadership

Item 1 – Meeting called to order at 6:04 PM

Item 2 – Public Appearances

Item 3 – Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion by Commission Member Kristen Scharlau to approve minutes; second by Commission Member Bill Richardson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 4 – Acting Chief Comments

Acting Chief Rush announced that Assistant Chief Carbajal Jr. will replace Lieutenant Kerby Rapp as a new member of the Commission. Acting Chief Rush and Assistant Chief Carbajal Jr. met with Commission Chairwoman Karyn Latham and Commission Member Bill Richardson to hear updates and information related to the City of Tempe Police Department work.

Chairwoman Karyn Latham expressed her excitement related to the priority the Police Department has made in supporting the Family Justice Commission. Commission Member Sarah Buel emphasized the need for a problem-solving approach; would like to extend invite to Prosecutors in order to collaborate. Commission Member Bill Richardson noted the openness of the Police Department to look at how to problem solve better.

Item 5 – Needs Assessment focus on Victim’s

a. Current statistics

- Nine sexual assaults reported to Arizona State University campus police but 1200 to Arizona State University medical clinic.

b. Current resources

- There are currently no women’s shelters in the City of Tempe
- Shelters in Mesa and Chandler are usually full capacity and have a waiting list.
- Mesa Family Advocacy Center
 - Needs are greatly related to basic needs
 - a. Housing
 - b. Food
- San Diego has a premier Family Justice Center

Chairwoman Karyn Latham expressed concern that Family Advocacy Centers are police based and asked if Justice Centers are required to be police based; they do not. Commission Member Sarah Buel suggested developing a handbook on an Advocacy Center and collaborating with Arizona State University students for assistance. Commission Member Kristen Scharlau has a connection at the Mesa Advocacy Center which is very understaffed and underfunded. Phoenix’s Advocacy Center has been very successful. There is a need for training volunteers at Advocacy Center. The Commission needs to compile a list of matrix of what exists and what is missing in the community to properly assess the needs. Commission Member Sarah Buel is very committed to safety planning and has materials from Huntsville, Alabama including a simple card with telephone numbers of services and a brochure on “safety for kids”. Expressed need for information to be available at Arizona State University. Community counseling is key because students don’t want reports on school record nor do victims. Chairwoman discussed a need for a website and/or Facebook page. Commission Member Beatrice Kastenbaum mentioned that mobile apps are the best way to reach the younger demographic. Commission Member Sarah Buel noted the need for hard copies as well for individuals who are not computer literate i.e. elderly. Chief Rush

expressed bars received coasters and napkins with sexual assault information during Domestic Violence month. Bars were very willing to assist and the police department hopes to continue this effort. Commission Member Joan Sisco mentioned faith based communities and publishing Domestic Violence information in community bulletins. Commission Member Kristen Scharlau shared there are brochures in bathrooms in English and Spanish with Care 7 information. Chairwoman Karyn Latham noted the need to distribute extra information during Domestic Violence month in April and would like to discuss at March meeting.

Item 6 – Working Groups

- 1. Law Enforcement – Members: Patrick Foster, Sarah Buel, Bill Richardson**
 - a. Looking at Victims**
- 2. Community and Family Advocacy – Members: Kristen Scharlau, Beatrice Kastenbaum, Joan Sisco, and MonaLou Callery**

Commission Member Sarah Buel filed a motion to create working groups, motion seconded by Commission Member Beatrice Kastenbaum; motion passed unanimously.

Item 7 – Meeting Schedule and location

Item 8 – Adjournment – Motion filed to adjourn by Commission Member Bill Richardson, seconded by Commission Member Sarah Buel; motion passed unanimously

Next meeting: **Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 6:00 PM at the Tempe Library 2nd Floor Board Room.**

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Karyn Lathan,
Chair, Tempe Family Justice Commission