



Minutes Tempe Family Justice Commission January 23, 2018

Minutes of the TEMPE FAMILY JUSTICE COMMISSION held on Tuesday, January 23, 6:00 p.m., at the Tempe, Public Library, Connections Café Classroom 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Karyn Lathan, Chair
Margaret “Peggy” Tinsley, Vice-Chair
Angel Carbajal (telephonically)
JoAnne Del-Colle
Patrick Foster
Judith Homer
Mary O’Grady
Jill Oliver
Kristen Scharlau

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Ilene Dode
Beatrice “Bunny” Kastenbaum

City Staff Present:

Paul Bentley, Human Services Deputy Director
Lori Robinson, Trauma Informed Care Trainer – CARE7
Melissa Placencia, Administrative Assistant II

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Chair Karyn Lathan called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 - Attendance

Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances

None present

Agenda Item 4 – Review and Approval of October 17, 2017 Minutes – (Motion Required)

MOTION: Vice-Chair Margaret “Peggy” Tinsley moved to APPROVE the minutes

SECOND: Motion Seconded by Commission Member Kristen Scharlau

DECISION: Minutes unanimously APPROVED

Agenda Item 5 – Chair Remarks

The Commission welcomed new members JoAnne Del-Colle, Mary O’Grady, and Jill Oliver.

Karyn Lathan requested Agenda Item 6 – Tempe Family Justice Commission Officer Elections be conducted prior to Agenda Item 5 in order to have the appropriate Commission Member conduct the meeting.

Agenda Item 6 – Tempe Family Justice Commission Officer Elections

Paul Bentley conducted officer elections for Chair and Vice-Chair. City of Tempe employees Kristen Scharlau and Angel Carbajal are not eligible to be officer’s.

Angel Carbajal nominated Karyn Lathan for Chair with no additional nominations. Karyn Lathan accepted the nomination. The Commission unanimously approved Karyn Lathan for a third term as Chair.

Judith Homer nominated Margaret “Peggy” Tinsley for Vice-Chair with no additional nominations. Margaret “Peggy” Tinsley accepted the nomination. The Commission unanimously approved Margaret “Peggy” Tinsley for a second term as Vice-Chair.

Agenda Item 7 – Victim’s Healing Project Presentation Proposal & Discussion – Lori Robinson [\(attached\)](#)

Lori Robinson introduced herself to the Commission and shared a project she is working on to engage victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. JoAnne Del-Colle expressed concerns with the victims receiving treatment in a group setting. Lori clarified she would work closely with CARE7’s Counseling Services to ensure they are receiving the therapeutic treatment needed in addition to “creative processing.”

Agenda Item 8 – Discussion on Proposal for Tempe Family Justice Commission Donations

Paul Bentley was asked by Chair Karyn Lathan to research if the Tempe Family Justice Commission could receive donations for the purpose of raising awareness on issues of domestic violence, sexual violence etc. and special events. The City Attorney’s office suggested partnering with a 501(c)(3) to receive donations on the Commission’s behalf or to become a 501(c)(3). At the recommendation of the City Attorney’s office, the Commission needs to formalize this request, present to Paul and then submit to the Mayor’s office for discussion. This would allow Mayor & Council to discuss and decide. Vice-Chair Margaret “Peggy” Tinsley requested to meet with Mayor & Council with this request, Paul will put in a request to the Mayor’s office to see if this is possible. JoAnne Del-Colle shared her positive experience with fundraisers and their success. CARE7 currently has a relationship with an organization that has embraced CARE7’s Victim Services. The Commission discussed creating a subcommittee to create this proposal. After further review of the subcommittee guidelines, the Commission agreed not to move forward with the creation of a subcommittee and to add the proposal as a future agenda item.

Agenda Item 9 – Review 2017 Annual Report Goals

Below are the goals outlined in the 2017 Tempe Family Justice Commission Annual Report Goals:

Goals Related to City Council Strategic Priorities, if Applicable (Next 12 Months):

City Council Priority: Strong Community Connections

- Create stakeholder buy-in
 - Market advocacy center proposal

- Create education piece
- Greater integration of the Commission with town and all academics
- Deliver community story tour
- Gaining community support
 - Spread awareness and mission of the commission

Agenda Item 10 – Police Department Update (attached)

Angel Carbajal provided the Commission with an update on crime statistics from 2013-2017. Approximately two (2) months ago, the Maricopa County Attorney’s Office distributed the sexual assault protocols which can be found on the Maricopa County Attorney General’s website:

<https://www.maricopacountyattorney.org/DocumentCenter/View/514>

JoAnne Del-Colle asked for clarity on the number of crimes reported for molestation of a child. Angel confirmed the number is accurate and noted the Commission has previously identified issues with crimes being under-reported. Angel committed to report back to the Commission on further clarification of the number of crimes reported.

At 6:39, Angel Carbajal left the meeting, this did not impact quorum.

Agenda Item 11 – CARE7 Update

Kristen Scharlau reported CARE7 was awarded a \$2 million grant through the office of Victims of Crime Act Administrators (VOCA). This allowed the hiring of an additional victim advocate, a full time Counselor, Administrative Assistant and an additional outreach team working specifically with victims. CARE7 is looking at embedding a victim advocate in the Tempe Police Department’s Homicide Unit. Lori Robinson is conducting professional development to all Tempe Union High School Counselors. Russell Stran will provide a free training at the request of CARE7 on February 21, 2018 at 9:00 at Marinalink at State Farm. The training is invitation only. Melissa Placencia will forward the information to the Commission.

Agenda Item 12 – Community Outreach

Chair Karyn Lathan reported this agenda item was combined with Agenda Item 8

Agenda Item 13 – Report Out on Discussions with Councilmember(s)

Chair Karyn Lathan reported one or more Councilmembers have expressed their support for the Advocacy Center.

Agenda Item 14 – Future Agenda Items – February 20, 2018

- Proposal for Tempe Family Justice Commission Donations – Vice-Chair Margaret “Peggy” Tinsley & Judith Homer
- Police Department Update
- CARE7 Update
- Social Media presence for the Tempe Family Justice Commission

Agenda Item 15 – Adjournment

MOTION: Vice-Chair Margaret “Peggy” Tinsley moved to adjourn the meeting

SECOND: Motion Seconded by Commission Member Kristen Scharlau

DECISION: Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Next meeting will be on February 20, 2018

Minutes Prepared by: Melissa Placencia

Reviewed by: Paul Bentley

Karyn Lathan, Chair

Share, Process, Create, Heal
Art = Resilience



Tempe

Making waves in the desert

Statement of Need



- 78% of cases served by victim advocates at CARE 7 are related to sexual assault and domestic violence.
- Individuals need safe spaces to process their experiences and begin to heal.
- Facilitated group dialogue and art making prove to support the healing process.
- Alternative forms of processing trauma are often not available.
- This is a unique way to both support and empower victims and raise awareness around the prevalence of this issue in our community.
 - *There is growing awareness and sensitivity around these issues.*



Project: Group discussion, creative processing, public awareness

- Therapeutic activities are difficult to access for many reasons.
- Group dialogue, art making (origami, beading, collage and painting)
- 10 week group, public event in May
- Support clients as they process and heal: self worth, focus, hope (connection)
- CARE 7 is uniquely qualified to provide this intervention with skilled staff, space, access, trust, strong community partnerships, and some funding.



Evaluation

- Pre-post survey
- Artist statement
- These quantitative and qualitative evaluation tools will measure the following areas:
 - Perception of self (self worth)
 - Emotional awareness
 - Connection (feeling connected to self and community)



Research

- Connection between emotion and body awareness
- Creative expression helps focus on present moment
- Increases feelings of control and choice
- Values cultural diversity and lived experiences
- Creative expression promotes self confidence
(there is never a right or wrong in creative expression)

Haeyan, van Hooren and Hutchemaekers (2015)





Dissemination

- Project spotlight at the human services fair in April, 2018?
 - ❖ Program Details, Art Pieces and Artist Statements exhibit
 - ❖ Formal installation of project at Human Services
- Produce a small video about the project to share on website, partner with ASU?
- This could become an opportunity for developing peer support specialist that help facilitate future group programming along with Care 7 staff?



Budget and Continuation Funding

- Mostly In-kind with Care 7 staff and City of Tempe Facilities
- One Circle Foundation Curriculum: *Identity - Who I am*
 - \$118
- Art making materials for 10 week program
 - \$500.00



THANK YOU!

Lori Robinson, MSW

CARE 7

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Family Justice Commission Statistics



CRIME TYPE	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017*				
MOLESTATION OF A CHILD	5	10	8	6	3				
SEXUAL ABUSE	25	32	24	27	26				
SEXUAL ASSAULT	67	89	97	147	131				
SEXUAL CONDUCT WITH MINOR	8	13	10	13	14				
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT - DV	144	151	135	149	148	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT - DV	Total	Male	Female
ARRESTEES ² - AGGRAVATED ASSAULT - DV	100	109	99	109	102	Persons arrested more than once	9	8	1
VICTIMS - AGGRAVATED ASSAULT - DV	183	197	180	198	200	Persons victimized more than once	28	7	21
ASSAULT - DV	1,016	1,168	1,047	1,115	1,039	ASSAULT - DV	Total	Male	Female
ARRESTEES ² - ASSAULT - DV	634	738	650	699	654	Persons arrested more than once	227	150	77
VICTIMS - ASSAULT - DV	1,266	1,493	1,373	1,441	1,360	Persons victimized more than once	646	195	453

*Year-to-date includes data until November 30, 2017.

²Arrestees may reflect multiple arrests per incident and include persons who are both victims and arrestees.

²Arrests can also be for warrants unrelated to these offenses.

City of Tempe

January 1, 2013 – November 30, 2017

Statistics Provided by SPARC

12/18/2017

