



Minutes Tempe Family Justice Commission August 18, 2020

Minutes of the TEMPE FAMILY JUSTICE COMMISSION held on Tuesday, August 18, 4:00 p.m., via Microsoft Teams

(MEMBERS) Present:

Margaret “Peggy” Tinsley, Chair
Ilene Dode, Vice-Chair
Karyn Lathan entered
Jeanette Costa
Mary O’Grady
Jill Oliver
Kristen Scharlau

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Jeffrey Glover
Patricia Riggs
Robin Nelson

City Staff Present:

Paul Bentley, Deputy Human Services Director
Tori Feltman, Administrative Assistant II
Doreen Garlid, Councilmember
Josie Montenegro, Commander Tempe Police Department Representative
Nick Ells, Fire Deputy Chief

Public Appearances

None Present

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Chair Margaret “Peggy” Tinsley called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Attendance

Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances

None Present

Agenda Item 4 – Review and Approval of July 21, 2020 Minutes

This item was tabled for the September meeting.

Agenda Item 5 – Chair Remarks

- Arizona State University (ASU) Faculty Member Vacancy
 - Human Services is coordinating with ASU to fill this vacancy.

- Commission Member Karyn Lathan joined the meeting at 4:26pm

Agenda Item 6 – Family Advocacy Center Conversation with Mayor and Council Members

Commission Member Mary O’Grady met with the City of Tempe Mayor and Tempe City Councilmembers Doreen Garlid and Lauren Kuby in late July regarding the Family Advocacy Center. Mary mentioned these Councilmembers are supportive and ready to move forward with the Family Advocacy Center.

Agenda Item 7 – Initial Discussion on Potential Donor Opportunities in Support of a Family Advocacy Center

Commission Member Kristen Scharlau confirmed the support from Tempe Police Department for the Family Advocacy Center. The Director of the City of Maricopa’s Advocacy Center shared with Kristen the start-up costs and monthly budget for their center. The Commission discussed potential funding sources to support the Family advocacy center. One potential sustainable funding source is the Victim of Crimes Act (VOCA) grant process. The Tribal Gaming Grants and the Tempe Diablos might be an option for startup costs. Peggy mentioned the McCain Center and the Tim Tebow Foundation as a couple non-profit organizations that the Commission could potentially reach out to. Mary also mentioned the Hickey Family Foundation.

Deputy Human Services Director, Paul Bentley commended the progress and efforts of the Family Justice Commission on the Family Advocacy Center.

Agenda Item 8 – Review and Approve Domestic Violence Awareness Memorandum

Commission Member Josie Montenegro presented a draft paragraph to include in the Domestic Violence Awareness memorandum. This draft will be further edited and sent to Paul by next week. This agenda item is tabled until the next meeting.

Agenda Item 9 – Review and Update Strategic Plan Accomplishments

The Commission identified the following accomplishments and goals:

Accomplishments (Past 12 Months):

- Submitted periodic reports to Mayor and Council surrounding topics related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and sex trafficking supported by local and national data and research
 - Created a process to continue submitting periodical reports
- Support CARE7’s awareness campaigns surrounding Domestic Violence Awareness month, Teen Dating Violence Awareness month, Stalking/Human Sex-Trafficking Awareness month, and Sexual Assault Awareness month.
- Continued to encourage City Council action on the Advocacy Center and collaborating with Council to make the center a reality
- Tempe Police Department and Human Services CARE7 continued to provide statistical updates on victimization within the City of Tempe.

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

- Continue to update data research to include statistics identifying the need for a center in Tempe
- Collaborate with its elected officials, City staff, Commission members and other appropriate persons to bring focus, research and expertise to the City Council to establish an Advocacy Center.
- Continue to provide periodical reports to the city regarding crimes involving children (including child abuse), domestic violence, sexual assault, and sex trafficking.

1.0 Access to Justice/Safety

- 1.1 Family Justice Center (Tinsley) – MEMO COMPLETE
- 1.2 Less Fear More Reporting (Scharlau)

2.0 Wrap Around Services

- ☑ 2.1 An EMS Liaison - like A. Carbajal (Carbajal) - COMPLETE
- ☑ 2.2 Supporting Next Steps: Re-Entry Program (Lathan) - COMPLETE
- 2.3 Trauma Informed Department Champions (Scharlau)
- ☑ 2.4 Better Use of Existing Resources/Identify Partners/Identify Other Agencies Doing Trauma Informed Care_in Tempe [Combined Accomplishments] (Dode) - COMPLETE

3.0 Training

- 3.1 Simulation Strategies – (Kastenbaum)
- 3.2 Outreach and Training for Justice, Health Community, Public Officials – (Oliver/O’Grady)
- 3.3 All Departments Use Organization Assessment Tool (Scharlau)
- 3.4 Supervisor Trained to Recognize and Respond to Traumatized Staff (Oliver)

4.0 Education & Opportunity

- 4.1 Education and Outreach – (Tinsley/Lathan)
- 4.2 Outreach, Networking and Training Activities (Foster)
- 4.3 Identify the Populations that are Vulnerable – (O’Grady)

Agenda Item 10 – Commission Member Updates

Paul introduced the newest Tempe Fire Medical Rescue (TFMR) Liaison Deputy Chief, Nick Ells.

Councilmember Doreen Garlid gave her support and praises to the Family Justice Commission.

Agenda Item 11 – Future Agenda Items

Agenda Item 12 – Adjournment

Peggy declared the meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.

Next meeting will be on September 15, 2020

Minutes Prepared by: Tori Feltman
Reviewed by: Paul Bentley

Margaret “Peggy” Tinsley, Chair
Tempe Family Justice Commission