



## Minutes Tempe Family Justice Commission September 15, 2020

Minutes of the TEMPE FAMILY JUSTICE COMMISSION held on Tuesday, September 15, 4:00 p.m., via Microsoft Teams

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Margaret “Peggy” Tinsley, Chair  
Ilene Dode, Vice-Chair  
Karyn Lathan  
Jeanette Costa  
Mary O’Grady  
Kristen Scharlau  
Patricia Riggs  
Robin Nelson  
Megan Brown  
Josie Montenegro

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Jill Oliver

**City Staff Present:**

Paul Bentley, Deputy Human Services Director  
Tori Feltman, Administrative Assistant II  
Ami Johnson, Administrative Assistant  
Dana Cardenas, Emergency Medical Services Coordinator

**Public Appearances**

None Present

**Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order**

Chair Margaret “Peggy” Tinsley called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**Agenda Item 2 – Attendance**

**Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances**

None Present

**Agenda Item 4 – Review and Approval of July 21, 2020 and August 18, 2020 Minutes**

**MOTION:** Commission Member Ilene Dode moved to APPROVE the July 21, 2020 and August 18, 2020 minutes.

**SECOND: Motion Seconded by Commission Member Josie Montenegro; Motion passed on a 10-0 Vote**  
**AYES: Chair Peggy Tinsley, Vice-Chair Ilene Dode, Commission Members Jeanette Costa, Robin Nelson, Mary O’Grady, Megan Brown, Josie Montenegro, Karyn Lathan, Kristen Scharlau, and Patricia Riggs.**  
**ABSENT: Commission Member Jill Oliver**

**Agenda Item 5 – Chair Remarks**

Introduce Tempe Police Department Member: Commander Josie Montenegro

- Josie has been a Tempe resident since the age of 10 and earned her degree in Criminology at the University of Oklahoma. She has been with the Tempe Police Department for almost 20 years. Throughout her career she has worked in Patrol, Investigations, being a School Resource Officer and is currently the Commander over the Investigations Bureau.

Introduce Arizona State University (ASU) Member: Dr. Megan Brown

- Megan is originally from Utah and earned her Bachelor’s and Master’s degree at the University of Utah for Social work and has her PhD from ASU. After working as a Research Assistant with Dr. Jill Messing for a few years she was hired on as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow, which turned into a Research Faculty position, as a Research Assistant Professor. She is currently working on an Online Safety Planning Application called myPlan which includes a Domestic Violence Risk Assessment tool, a decision aid and a tailored safety plan. Through a partnership with the National Domestic Violence Hotline, soon people will be able to put their zip codes into the app to discover the shelters in their area. She serves on the board for the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual & Domestic Violence (ACESDV).

Introduction of Ami Johnson as new a new employee of Tempe Human Services.

**Agenda Item 6 – Family Advocacy Center Conversation**

Deputy Human Services Director, Paul Bentley, mentioned that a consultant may be at the Family Justice Meeting in October to discuss with the Commission about the needs of a Family Advocacy Center. City staff is looking at short-term solution until the new complex is developed which may take about 5-6 years. Details about the Family Advocacy Center such as staffing, security, location, square footage and cost is being discussed with City staff. Chair Margaret “Peggy” Tinsley would like to submit occasional stories from CARE 7 interactions to the City Council.

**Agenda Item 7 – Review and Approve Domestic Violence Awareness Memorandum**

**MOTION: Commission Member Ilene Dode moved to approve the Memorandum and submit it Tempe City Council**

**SECOND: Motion Seconded by Commission Member Josie Montenegro; Motion passed on a 10-0 Vote**  
**AYES: Chair Peggy Tinsley, Vice-Chair Ilene Dode, Commission Members Jeanette Costa, Robin Nelson, Mary O’Grady, Megan Brown, Josie Montenegro, Karyn Lathan, Kristen Scharlau, and Patricia Riggs.**  
**ABSENT: Commission Member Jill Oliver**

Commission Member Josie Montenegro discussed the 2020 Family Justice Commission Report on Crimes of Interest for Quarter 2.

**Agenda Item 8 – 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 acknowledge and support 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 elected officials, City staff, Commission members and other appropriate persons to bring focus, research, expertise and action 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)

**MOTION: Commission Member Ilene Dode moved to approve the 2020 Goals and Accomplishments**

**SECOND: Motion Seconded by Commission Member Robin Nelson; Motion passed on a 10-0 Vote**

**AYES: Chair Peggy Tinsley, Vice-Chair Ilene Dode, Commission Members Jeanette Costa, Robin Nelson, Mary O’Grady, Megan Brown, Josie Montenegro, Karyn Lathan, Kristen Scharlau, and Patricia Riggs.**

**ABSENT: Commission Member Jill Oliver**

### **Agenda Item 9 – Commission Member Updates**

No updates

### **Agenda Item 10 – Future Agenda Items**

- Human Services Facility Consultant Input (October)
- My Plan Application – Dr. Megan Brown

### **Agenda Item 11 – Adjournment**

Peggy declared the meeting adjourned at 5:32pm.

Next meeting will be on October 20, 2020

Minutes Prepared by: Tori Feltman  
Reviewed by: Paul Bentley

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Margaret "Peggy" Tinsley, Chair  
Tempe Family Justice Commission