



Minutes Tempe Family Justice Commission December 21, 2021

Minutes of the TEMPE FAMILY JUSTICE COMMISSION held on Tuesday, December 21, 4:00 p.m., via Microsoft Teams

(MEMBERS) Present:

Mary O'Grady, Chair
Margaret "Peggy" Tinsley
Kristen Scharlau
Josie Montenegro
Jeanette Costa
Mark Perkovich
Jill Oliver

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Ilene Dode, Vice-Chair
Robin Nelson
Patricia Riggs
Megan Lindsay Brown

City Staff Present:

Melissa Covington, Administrative Assistant II+
Anastasia Stinchfield, CARE7

Public Appearances

None

Guest Appearances

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Chair Mary O'Grady called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Attendance

Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances

None Present

Agenda Item 4 – Review and Approval of November 16, 2021 Minutes

MOTION: Commission Member Josie Montenegro moved to APPROVE November 16, 2021 Minutes

SECOND: Motion Seconded by Jeanette Costa; Motion passed unanimously

AYES: Chair Mary O'Grady, Commission Members Margaret 'Peggy' Tinsley, Mark Perkovich, Jeanette Costa, Kristen Scharlau, Jill Oliver, and Josie Montenegro.

ABSENT: Vice Chair Ilene Dode, Megan Lindsay Brown, Patricia Riggs, and Robin Nelson

Agenda Item 5 – Chair Remarks

None

Agenda Item 6 – Celebrate Kristen Scharlau

Chair Mary O’Grady recognized Commission Member Kristen Scharlau for her service to the Tempe Family Justice Commission.

Agenda Item 7 – Officer Elections

Administrative Assistant, Melissa Covington reported she had not received any notifications of interest in Commission Officer positions.

MOTION: Commission Member Josie Montenegro moved to re-elect Mary O’Grady and Ilene Dode for a second-term as Chair and Vice-Chair

SECOND: Motion Seconded by Jill Oliver; Motion passed unanimously

AYES: Chair Mary O’Grady, Commission Members Margaret ‘Peggy’ Tinsley, Mark Perkovich, Jeanette Costa, Kristen Scharlau, Jill Oliver, and Josie Montenegro.

ABSENT: Vice Chair Ilene Dode, Megan Lindsay Brown, Patricia Riggs, and Robin Nelson

Agenda Item 8 – Review and Discuss Arizona Youth Survey Report Results – Commission Member Kristen Scharlau (attachment)

Chair Mary O’Grady suggested the Commission continued to review the data in January.

Agenda Item 9 – Review and Approve Dating Violence Memorandum – Chair Mary O’Grady (attachment)

The Commission reviewed and edited the attached draft version of the Dating Violence Memorandum.

Agenda Item 10 – Discuss and Possible Action Concerning Family Justice Commission Fundraising Efforts – Commission Member Kristen Scharlau

Commission Member Kristen Scharlau expressed that the partnership between Arizona State University and the City of Tempe for the Family Advocacy Center should not require fundraising. Fundraising will require dedicated efforts by the Commission. Kristen will discuss further with the Budget Office and report back to the Commission in January.

Agenda Item 11 – Family Advocacy Center Update and Discussion

Kristen reported that a location has not been secured yet. Kristen and Anastasia went on a tour recently of two locations and there are plan of submitting letters or intent; one property is a formerly a behavioral health facility.

Agenda Item 12 – Commission Member Updates

None

Agenda Item 11 – Future Agenda Items

- Identify Presenter for January 2022
- Signage Update – Commission Member Jeanette Costa
- Approve Dating Violence Memorandum
- Further Review and Discussion of Arizona Youth Survey Report Results
- Family Advocacy Center Update
- Commission Member Updates

Agenda Item 12 – Adjournment

MOTION: Commission Member Patricia Riggs moved to ADJOURN.

SECOND: Motion Seconded by Commission Member Margaret “Peggy” Tinsley; Motion passed unanimously

AYES: Chair Mary O’Grady, Commission Members Margaret ‘Peggy’ Tinsley, Mark Perkovich, Jeanette Costa, Kristen Scharlau, Jill Oliver, and Josie Montenegro.

ABSENT: Vice Chair Ilene Dode, Megan Lindsay Brown, Patricia Riggs, and Robin Nelson

Mary declared the meeting adjourned at 5:16pm.

Next meeting will be on January 18, 2022

Minutes Prepared by: Melissa Covington
Reviewed by: Paul Bentley

Mary O'Grady, Chair
Tempe Family Justice Commission

MEMORANDUM



TO: City of Tempe Mayor and Council **DRAFT- DRAFT**

THROUGH: Naomi Farrell, Human Services Director

FROM: Tempe Family Justice Commission

DATE: February , 2022

SUBJECT: Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month – February 2022

Because February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month, the Tempe Family Justice Commission is providing this memorandum as part of its responsibility to advise the Mayor and City Council. This is the first briefing memorandum that the Commission has provided to the Mayor and Council on the important problem of teen dating violence.

The Family Justice Commission includes members with backgrounds in social services, law enforcement, education, child welfare, law, health care, and private citizens who care about the issues that the Commission was created to address.

Teen Dating Violence – The Problem

Dating violence encompasses a wide range of conduct, including physical violence, sexual violence, psychological aggression and stalking. It can occur in person, through social media and all of the various ways people can communicate. It can have a devastating and long-term impact on its victims.

According to the Center for Disease Control, 26% of women and 15% of men who have been victims of sexual violence, physical violence and/or stalking by an intimate partner, first suffered those experiences before age 18. Nearly 1 in 11 female and 1 in 14 male high school students have reported experiencing physical dating violence within the year before surveyed; and 1 in 8 female and 1 in 26 male high school students reported experiencing sexual dating violence in the previous year.

Teen dating violence is not a new problem, but it has changed with technological advances that provide more tools to harass and abuse people. Not surprisingly, the consequences can be significant. It can jeopardize the victims' immediate and long-term mental health, self-perception, relationships and can lead to self-destructive behaviors. Teen victims are often victimized again later in life.

Tempe Context

No place is exempt from the problem of teen dating violence. Tempe is fortunate to have Care 7, the City's crisis response program, which provides victim assistance and trauma healing services. Care 7 also provides education and outreach programs to Tempe schools. These programs are intended to help prevent problems from occurring and increase awareness of the help that is available. Care 7 has educational materials aimed specifically at teen dating violence that include phone numbers for hotlines designed for teens as well as contact

information for a variety of local and national resources and basic information about the nature of dating violence and suggestions for a safety plan.

The Tempe Police Department also works closely with Care 7 to maintain constant communication with victims throughout their investigations and to help provide the appropriate resources and prevent further victimization.

This collaboration between Care 7, which is part of the Tempe Human Services Department, and the Tempe Police Department is a critical part of serving victims of dating violence in our community and trying to prevent this conduct from occurring.

Outreach and Education

Some of the education concerning dating violence involves education about what healthy relationships look like. Some of the educational efforts focus on high school students. Education and outreach programs also help educate adults on these issues so they can reinforce messages about healthy relationships, identify potential problems, and know how to get help for a teen victim when it is needed. On-line safety is an important part of the educational efforts.

This important work is also done by Care 7.

Recommendations

The Mayor and Council are encouraged to:

- (1) Advocate for Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention in the month of February by posting recognition on City websites and social media and contributing to any and all efforts to raise awareness of the problem;
- (2) Continue to support the Family Advocacy Center so that Tempe has a safe place that provides comprehensive services to victims of dating violence and other crimes;
- (3) Continue to support Care 7's victims services and the Tempe Police Department as they support victims of crimes resulting from teen dating violence.

Family Justice Commission

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Resources

Center for Disease Control and Prevention: [Preventing Teen Dating Violence | Violence Prevention | Injury Center | CDC](#)

National Institute of Justice – [Teen Dating Violence | National Institute of Justice \(ojp.gov\)](#)

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Family & young Services Bureau -- [Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month \(TDVAM\) | The Administration for Children and Families \(hhs.gov\)](#)

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