

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review

DATE:

October 18, 2011

SUBJECT:

Domestic Violence Awareness Month Activities

SUMMARY:

Each year, MAG coordinates a calendar of activities scheduled in October, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, to provide information about efforts to end domestic violence. The calendar will be distributed and the trailer for a new video will be shown at the meeting. MAG has developed an outreach video to promote efforts through the MAG Protocol Evaluation Project that enhance the way the region responds to domestic violence through the criminal justice system. The project is funded by a STOP grant from the Governor's Office with the goal of assessing the way the region arrests and prosecutes domestic violence offenders at the misdemeanor level. The protocol model developed through the project and featured in the video was approved by the MAG Regional Council in September 2011.

PUBLIC INPUT:

An opportunity for public input was provided at the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council meeting on August 25, 2011. No comments were made at that time. An additional opportunity was provided at the October 12, 2011 MAG Management Committee meeting. No input was offered from the public.

PROS & CONS:

PROS: Activities are scheduled during October to raise awareness about domestic violence. This gives the public more information and results in better access to resources. Ending domestic violence and providing the assistance to recover from domestic violence save lives and significant costs to society. The Protocol Evaluation project video provides information to the general public about enhancements being made to the criminal justice system to better serve victims of domestic violence.

CONS: None.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: According to a new report by the Violence Policy Center, analysis of 2009 homicide data ranks Arizona fourth highest in the country for the number of women murdered by their husbands or boyfriends. Ten percent of the victims were under the age of 18 years and eight percent were over the age of 65 years. The average age of women losing their lives to domestic violence was 37 years. Research demonstrates that approximately one out of four women will suffer violence at the hands of their loved ones at some point in their lives. A scientific survey commissioned by MAG indicated 40 percent of respondents knew someone who had survived domestic violence or had survived domestic violence personally. The personal costs are of the highest concern. In addition,

the prevalence of domestic violence in this region incurs a variety of significant costs to the criminal justice system, healthcare, and employers.

POLICY: Efforts to prevent and intervene in domestic violence will save lives and money. Outreach efforts such as Domestic Violence Awareness Month are powerful vehicles to disseminate information throughout the general public. In the survey commissioned by MAG, more than two thirds (69 percent) of respondents indicated they learn about domestic violence from television and just less than one third (32 percent) read about it in the newspaper. This highlights the importance of using mainstream media to disseminate information to the general public. The video will be distributed to the municipal cable stations and placed in YouTube to maximize access.

ACTION NEEDED:

Information and discussion.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

On October 12, 2011, the MAG Management Committee received a report on the Domestic Violence Awareness Month calendar and the MAG Domestic Violence Misdemeanor Protocol Model.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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| Charlie Meyer, Tempe, Chair | Bill Hernandez, Guadalupe |
| David Cavazos, Phoenix | Darryl Crossman, Litchfield Park |
| # George Hoffman, Apache Junction | Scott Butler for Christopher Brady, Mesa |
| Charlie McClendon, Avondale | David Andrews for Jim Bacon, Paradise Valley |
| David Johnson for Stephen Cleveland, Buckeye | Carl Swenson, Peoria |
| * Gary Neiss, Carefree | John Kross, Queen Creek |
| * Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek | * Bryan Meyers, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community |
| Rich Dlugas, Chandler | David Richert, Scottsdale |
| Spencer Isom, El Mirage | Chris Hillman, Surprise |
| Alfonso Rodriguez for Phil Dorchester, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation | Chris Hagen for Reyes Medrano, Tolleson |
| * Julie Ghatti, Fountain Hills | * Stephanie Wojcik, Wickenburg |
| * Rick Buss, Gila Bend | * Lloyce Robinson, Youngtown |
| * David White, Gila River Indian Community | * John Halikowski, ADOT |
| Patrick Banger, Gilbert | Kenny Harris for David Smith, Maricopa Co. |
| Brent Stoddard for Ed Beasley, Glendale | David Boggs, Valley Metro/RPTA |
| John Fischbach, Goodyear | |

- * Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.
- # Participated by telephone conference call. + Participated by videoconference call.

On August 25, 2011, the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council received a report on the Protocol Evaluation Project video for information and discussion.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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| Malissa Perez for Celeste Adams, Save the Family | * John Belatti, City of Chandler Prosecutor's Office |
| Christina Avila, City of Avondale | * John A. Blackburn, Jr., Arizona Criminal Justice Commission |
| Sgt. Marc Rivers for Lt. Robert Bates, Phoenix Police Dept. | Allie Bones, Arizona Coalition Against |

Domestic Violence
Town Manager Rick Buss, Town of Gila Bend
Chris Christy, Salt River Pima-Maricopa
Indian Community
JoAnn Del-Colle, Phoenix Family Advocacy
Center

- * Councilmember Roy Delgado, City of El
Mirage
- * President Diane Enos, Salt River
Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Kristen Scharlau for Naomi Farrell, City of
Tempe
Will Gonzalez, City of Phoenix Prosecutor's
Office
- * Laura Guild, Arizona Dept. of Economic
Security
Cmdr. Kim Humphrey, City of Phoenix Police
Dept., Chair
- * Lynette Jelinek, Glendale Fire Dept.
Alice Ghareib for Mary Lynn Kasunic, Area
Agency on Aging

- Patricia Klahr, Chrysalis Shelter Inc.
Councilmember Suzanne Klapp, City of
Scottsdale
- * Councilmember Sheri Lauritano, City of
Goodyear
Councilmember Phil Lieberman, City of
Glendale
Jodi Beckley Liggett, Arizona Foundation for
Women
Barbara Marshall, Maricopa County
Attorney's Office, Vice Chair
Mary Murphy, Governor's Office for Children,
Youth, and Families
- * Dottie O'Connell, Chicanos Por la Causa
Connie Phillips, Sojourner Center
Lynn Potts for John Pombier, City of Mesa
Prosecutor's Office
Kerry Ramella, City of Phoenix Fire Dept.
- * Sarah Youngblood, Community Legal
Services

+Those attending by video/audio conference
* Those not present or represented by proxy

CONTACT PERSON:

Amy St. Peter, MAG Human Services Manager, (602) 254-6300.



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month



For more information contact Leila Gamiz at (602) 254-6300 or email LGamiz@azmag.gov.

| Date and Time | Events | Location | Sponsors | Contact |
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| October 1, 2011 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. | Teen & Dating Violence Awareness Workshop | Address available upon RSVP. | Sojourner Center | Erik Ketcherside (602) 296-3335 |
| October 6, 2011 Noon to 1:00 p.m. | Ethics in Domestic Violence Situations, John Pombier, Mesa City Prosecutor | Maricopa Integrated Health Systems Administration Building, Auditorium 3-4 2601 East Roosevelt Street, Phoenix | Mariposa: Wings to Safety | Dena Salter (602) 344-1545 |
| October 6-7, 2011 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. | AZ Violent Crimes Against Women and Children Conference: Working Together for a Better Tomorrow | Glendale Civic Center 5750 West Glenn Drive Glendale, AZ 85301 | Glendale Police Dept.'s Family Advocacy Center and partner organizations. | Sgt. Genea Stephens (623) 930-3721 |
| October 11, 2011 Noon | Speaking on Domestic Violence | Address available upon RSVP | Mesa Rotary Club | RSVP Required. Linda King (480) 834-3387 |
| October 13, 2011 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. | Stand and Serve: A Day at the Capitol | 1700 West Washington St. Grand Canyon Room—Basement of the Governor's Tower. Phoenix, AZ 85003 | Peer Solutions | Jennifer Rauhouse (602) 225-0942 |
| October 13, 2011 Noon to 1:00 p.m. | HIV and Domestic Violence Lorraine Brown | Maricopa Integrated Health Systems Administration Building, Auditorium 3-4 2601 East Roosevelt Street, Phoenix | Mariposa: Wings to Safety | Dena Salter (602) 344-1545 |
| October 13, 2011 7:00 p.m. | For Worse Never Better: Diary of an Abused Wife and Escape to Freedom. Meet author/motivational speaker Penelope Van Buskirk. | Mesquite Public Library 4525 E. Paradise Village Parkway North Phoenix, AZ 85032 | Chrysalis | Lorie Simms (602) 955-9059 |
| October 14, 2011 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. | "NO More Victims - KNOW More, Just Ask" 3rd Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Month Breakfast | Chandler Center for the Arts 250 N. Arizona Avenue Chandler, AZ 85225 | Chandler Domestic Violence Commission | Katie Cain (480) 782-4535 or katie.cain@chandleraz.gov |
| October 15, 2011 9:00 a.m. to Noon | De Colores 4th Annual Legal Clinic | Isacc Middle School 3402 W. McDowell Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85009 | La Campesina Radio Station and Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc. | Kathy Gomez-Lee (602) 269-1515 |
| October 15, 2011 4:00 p.m. | Open Door Awards | Joy-Us Events Banquet Hall 3131 N. 35th Avenue, #P Phoenix, AZ 85017 | Moma's House. Tickets are \$25.00 per month to be purchased in advance. | Contact: Laurinda Cumming (602) 686-4222 |
| October 15, 2011 6:00 p.m. | Fix the Hurt presents: Control. Assault.Delete (2 person play) | Wonderama Improv Theater, 930 W. Independence, Tempe, AZ 85281 | \$10.00 to benefit SEEDS/NATN | Linda King (480) 834-3387 |
| October 17, 2011 1:15 p.m. check-in; presentation by volunteer lawyers & questions 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. | Litigants Without Lawyers: Free group presentation for people with low-incomes representing themselves in Family Court in Maricopa County | Superior Court Central Court Building 201 W Jefferson Street 5th floor, Courtroom 501 Phoenix, AZ 85003 | Family Lawyers Assistance Project (FLAP), Volunteer Lawyers Program, Community Legal Services & Maricopa County Bar Association | (602) 506-7948 RSVP not required, but strongly suggested. |
| October 17, 2011 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. | Fall Fashion Show | Rolf's Salon 7131 W Ray Road, Suite 21 Chandler, AZ 85226 | Rolf's Salon and Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence | RSVP 480-940-0800 or e-mail customerservice@rolfssalon.com |
| October 18, 2011 8:30 a.m. to 11:30pm | Discussion Event: Late life domestic violence and elder abuse | North Phoenix Baptist Church 5757 N. Central Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85012 | Area Agency on Aging | (602) 264-4357 |
| October 20, 2011 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. | MAG Domestic Violence Protocol Evaluation Project Training Event | Wyndham Phoenix 50 East Adams Street, Meeting Level Phoenix, AZ 85004 | Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) RSVP by 10/6/11. | Amy St. Peter (602) 254-6300. Registration: Rbrito@azmag.gov |
| October 27, 2011 6:30 p.m. | Domestic Violence Candlelight Vigil | Veteran's Memorial Park 1001 N. Idaho Rd. Apache Junction, AZ 85119 | Apache Junction Police Department | Constance Halonen (480) 474-5442 |
| October 28, 2011 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. | "Abuse is NOT Cool" Teen Dating Violence Awareness | Avondale City Center Randall McDaniel Sports Complex 755 N. 114th Avenue, Avondale, AZ 85323 | Avondale Police Department | Adaly Armenta (623) 333-7219 |
| October 29, 2011 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. | Hands of Love Family Fun Festival | Chandler-Gilbert Community College 2626 E. Pecos Road Chandler, AZ 85225 | Bug & Weed Mart Chandler-Gilbert Community College | RSVP by 10/26/11. Kim Martin (480) 821-1024 or kmartin@cc-az.org |
| October 30, 2011 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. | Pack Your Bags! You are escaping domestic violence In Her Shoes! | 3333 E. Van Buren St. Phoenix, AZ | Phoenix/Scottsdale NOW and UMOM | Karen Kondig kondej@cox.net |