

January 27, 2012

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council

FROM: Barbara Marshall, Maricopa County Attorney's Office, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 1:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 2, 2012
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

The next Regional Domestic Violence Council meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members of the Regional Domestic Violence Council may attend either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call.

The meeting agenda and resource materials are also available on the MAG website at www.azmag.gov. In addition to the existing website location, the agenda packet will be available via the File Transfer Protocol (FTP) site at: <ftp://ftp.azmag.gov/RegionalDomesticViolenceCouncil>. This location is publicly accessible and does not require a password.

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If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Brito at rbrito@azmag.gov or (602) 254-6300.

MAG REGIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL
TENTATIVE AGENDA
February 2, 2012

| | <u>COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED</u> |
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| 1. <u>Call to Order</u> | 1. Welcome and introductions. |
| 2. <u>Call to the Audience</u> An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Regional Domestic Violence Council on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Regional Domestic Violence Council requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard. | 2. Information. |
| 3. <u>Approval of the December 1, 2011 Meeting Minutes</u> | 3. Approve the December 1, 2011 MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council meeting minutes. |
| 4. <u>Domestic Violence Protocol Evaluation Project</u> Renaë Tenney, MAG, will offer an update on the new STOP Grant funding award and plans to continue the work of the Domestic Violence Protocol Evaluation Project. | 4. Approve next steps for continuing the work of the Domestic Violence Protocol Evaluation Project. |
| 5. <u>Regional Plan to End Domestic Violence</u> Renaë Tenney, MAG, will offer a progress report on the strategies laid out in the Regional Plan to End Domestic Violence. Completed in June 2010, the plan highlights 15 strategies in the areas of funding, training and education, coordination and collaboration, and services. | 5. Approve the Regional Plan to End Domestic Violence progress report. |
| 6. <u>Committee Meeting Start Time Survey</u> Committee members will have the opportunity to participate in discussion and complete a survey on their preference for the start time of 2012 MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council meetings. | 6. Approve the start time for 2012 MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council meetings based on the results of the survey. |

7. Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative

Vice Chair Monahan, Chief of Police for the Apache Junction Police Department, will offer a report on the work of the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Teams.

8. Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence's Strategic Plan and Legislative Update

Elizabeth Ditlevson, Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence, will provide an update on the Coalition's strategic plan and domestic violence related legislation.

9. Success Stories

The Committee will have an opportunity to share stories of success experienced during their work with survivors of domestic violence.

10. Request for Future Agenda Items

Topics or issues of interest that the Regional Domestic Violence Council would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting will be requested.

11. Comments from the Council

An opportunity will be provided for Regional Domestic Violence Council members to present a brief summary of current events. The Regional Domestic Violence Council is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

7. Information and discussion.

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11. Information.

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
 REGIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL
 MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 1, 2011

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>MEMBERS ATTENDING</u></p> <p>Celeste Adams, Save the Family Christina Avila, City of Avondale Sgt. Marc Rivers for Lt. Robert Bates, Phoenix Police Dept. John Belatti, City of Chandler Prosecutor’s Office John A. Blackburn, Jr., Arizona Criminal Justice Commission Elizabeth Ditlevson for 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 Patricia George for 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</p> | <p>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 John Pombier, City of Mesa Prosecutor’s Office Kerry Ramella, City of Phoenix Fire Dept. *Sarah Youngblood, Community Legal Services</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>OTHERS PRESENT</u></p> <p>Catrina Boppart, Sojourner Center Kristina Bunch, Goodyear Police Dept. Carl Mangold, Therapist Chief Jerald Monahan, Apache Junction Police Department. Sgt. Joe Nichols, Scottsdale Police Dept. Milon Pitts, Homeward Bound Sarabeth Seer, Elim House Hugh White, Gilbert Police Department</p> <p>Rachel Brito, MAG Renae Tenney, MAG</p> <p>+Those attending by video/audio conference * Those not present or represented by proxy</p> |
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1. Call to Order
 Commander Humphrey, Phoenix Police Department, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Introductions ensued. Vice Chair Barbara Marshall, Maricopa County Attorney’s Office, acknowledged Commander Humphrey for serving as Chair of the MAG Regional

Domestic Violence Council. Commander Humphrey was presented with a Resolution of Appreciation for his years of service. He thanked the Committee acknowledging the work accomplished through their efforts and congratulated incoming Chair Barbara Marshall and Vice Chair Chief Jerald Monahan, Apache Junction Police Department.

2. Call to the Audience

An opportunity was provided for members of the audience to address the Council on non-agenda items that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or agenda items for discussion but not for action. No comments were made.

3. Approval of the October 27, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Marshall called for approval of the October 27, 2011, MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council meeting minutes. John Belatti, City of Chandler Prosecutor's Office, motioned to approve the minutes. John Blackburn, Jr., Arizona Criminal Justice Commission seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Bravery Project

Vice Chair Marshall invited Vickie Florschuetz, Executive Director of the Bravery Project, to present on raising awareness of domestic violence by connecting the public with survivors through art. Ms. Florschuetz provided an overview of the Bravery Project's key components including the portrait process; art exhibits and presentations; and Bravery Project Scholars. The program has been in existence since the fall of 2007.

Ms. Florschuetz shared the Bravery Project online gallery. The gallery features portraits of survivors and their stories. She noted the project aims to break stereotypes as they educate the public about abuse experienced by males, children, teenagers, elders, women and animals. Ms. Florschuetz advised survivors often call the Bravery Project seeking resources. She encouraged everyone to share the project information, contact her with opportunities for collaboration, and visit the website at www.braveryproject.org.

5. Avon Program for Women and Justice at O'Connor House

Vice Chair Marshall invited Jennifer Lewis, Director of the Avon Program for Woman and Justice, to provide an update on the program's work and to discuss opportunities for collaboration. Ms. Lewis offered a brief history of the O'Connor House. She stated the organization serves as a place where people come together with divergent views and are offered an opportunity to work through systemic issues. Ms. Lewis advised Justice Sandra Day O'Connor had expressed interest in exploring systemic issues related to domestic violence. The O'Connor House sought funding from the Avon Foundation to develop the Avon Program for Women and Justice to explore systemic barriers.

Ms. Lewis advised Irene Jacobs was promoted to the position of Chief Executive Officer of O'Connor House. Ms. Jacobs had spent the first year of the program, as a neutral party, researching systemic issues. Four problem areas were identified around the topics of orders of protection, victim advocates, legal representation for victims; and awareness and resources. Ms. Lewis provided additional information and potential solutions for each area identified.

Orders of Protection: Different people within the criminal justice system and police departments convened to discuss and identify issues. In many cases the issues were technology related or cross-jurisdictional issues. Ms. Lewis advised the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office agreed to accept orders of protection via fax machine. She noted this may seem simple but is a huge success. The Avon Program is now working with police departments to implement early notification of victims so when orders of protection are served, the police department will notify the victim right away. Ms. Lewis noted this is a very dangerous time for victims. Ensuring they receive notification on the day the order is served is very important.

Awareness Campaign: The Avon Program developed an awareness poster that was distributed to service providers around the Valley. Phase two of the awareness campaign will focus on informing the community and encouraging people to speak up. The program received funding to expand the awareness campaign and create a second poster for distribution to 87 different companies in the Valley. The goal is to reach 1,000 individuals.

Victim Advocacy: Ms. Lewis stated the Avon Program heard there was not consistency in the definition and roles filled by victim advocates. They developed an online survey for distribution to victim advocates to request their input. Eighty-seven survey responses were received, assessed, and compiled into a report. Ms. Lewis noted the survey helped them develop a database of advocates that includes their contact information. The database will be used to develop a cohesive group of participants. Barriers identified include lack of comprehensive services offered at shelters, lack of opportunity for the advocates to connect with one another, and a lack of cooperation with other systems.

Ms. Lewis advised the Avon Program has addressed recommendations from the study. They have started building capacity to support external services identified as lacking or very limited, such as legal services and child care for victims of domestic violence. The group is working to expand the pro-bono legal capacity in Arizona. The goal is to have 10 family law specialists who will take on one case per year identified by the end of 2011. Their commitment to representing one victim per year will be used as a model for increasing capacity. The group plans to expand this concept to other areas such as day care or employment needs.

Working with Shelters: Ms. Lewis noted advocates commented on their frustrations with not being able to find shelter for victims and the criteria shelters used to determine eligibility. The Avon Program is working with ASU's Morrison Institute and the Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence to conduct a study to look into this further. The study will ask victims who are not accessing shelter why they aren't utilizing these services, and what services they would be most likely to use. The goal will be to identify and create some of the services identified as a need in the community.

Ms. Lewis advised the Avon Program would like to provide opportunities for advocates to coordinate with one another. She noted MAG has agreed to host an affinity group offering opportunities to network and discuss issues faced in their work. This work will be launched with an appreciation event for advocates at the O'Connor House. In addition, the Avon Program plans to develop a council of individuals from different

disciplines to address system barriers. She noted the process would be similar to a fatality review team and would bring services to the victim; rather than the victim having to negotiate systems on their own.

Vice Chair Marshall thanked Ms. Lewis for sharing an overview of the issues and solutions. Ms. Lewis advised the Avon Program will attempt to do the best work they can to address these community problems. Renae Tenney, MAG, addressed the Council regarding the affinity group for victim advocates. She clarified the affinity group would be a continuation of the group started as part of the Protocol Evaluation Project (PEP). She noted affinity groups for the various disciplines will be held to continue networking and mentoring opportunities.

6. Protocol Evaluation Project Training Resources

Vice Chair Marshall invited Renae Tenney, MAG, to offer an update on the training resources for the Misdemeanor Domestic Violence Protocol Model. Ms. Tenney advised the Council had approved a general outline of the training video at the November meeting. Ms. Tenney referred the Council to an updated outline available in the meeting materials. She noted presentations from the October training event will be condensed into a 30-minute video for distribution across the state. Ms. Tenney reported some elements of the video have already been filmed including the training segments offered at the October event, opening and closing remarks by Vice Chair Marshall and Chief Monahan, and narration segments. Ms. Tenney requested input on any additional information that should be included in the video.

Mr. Blackburn asked if the segment on lethality assessment would include the checklist of questions. Ms. Tenney noted they would be provided in the video. Councilman Roy Delgado, City of El Mirage, asked when the video would be available. Ms. Tenney advised the video will be completed by the end of the year. Vice Chair Marshall spoke on the strangulation and suffocation topic. She advised the Maricopa County Attorney's Office has contracted with forensic nurses who are available to respond to strangulation cases where there is a need to collect evidence. She noted they now have very high resolution cameras that are able to take photos of bruises that are unseen by the naked eye. She noted this is a new process that has become available since the PEP Training Event and recommended contacting Cindy Nannetti for additional information.

Having no further input, Vice Chair Marshall asked for a motion from the Council. Lynn Potts, City of Mesa, made a motion to approve the outlines for development of the training video and webinar. Mr. Blackburn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Tenney clarified the training video and webinar are two separate items, but will offer the same information.

7. Regional Plan to End Domestic Violence

Vice Chair Marshall invited Renae Tenney, MAG, to report on progress of the strategies laid out in the Regional Plan to End Domestic Violence. Ms. Tenney provided a brief update. In the category of Training and Education, she noted receiving an update on Strategy Three from Donna Bartos on The Purple Ribbon Council's efforts. Over the past year, The Purple Ribbon Council (PRC) has engaged and trained 41 volunteer Go Purple ambassadors throughout the state to raise awareness in community schools and

faith communities. Ambassadors meet four times per year and participate in workshops focused on prevention. The PRC partnered with 21 hair salons and spas to help spread awareness through the Cut It Out program. The PRC distributed 15,000 *Is Your Relationship Blooming or Wilting* posters to schools, physician's offices, community groups, churches, sporting events and other public places. They will be expanding this to a "BLOOM for Healthy Relationships" curriculum that will be distributed next year. The PRC is using Facebook as a way to increase the number of new ambassadors. Additionally, they conducted five pilot "Teens Awareness Respect and Action (T.A.R.A.) Dialogue Circles" educating on teen dating violence and inspiring teens to turn their ideas into action for prevention.

Ms. Tenney provided an update on Strategy Six on developing cross-training between law enforcement, the criminal justice system, and advocates. She advised MAG held affinity group meetings with law enforcement, prosecutors, crisis responders, and advocates as part of the Protocol Evaluation Project. She noted these meetings helped to identify and implement cross-training opportunities. Ms. Tenney stated MAG is working closely with the Arizona Peace Officers Standards and Training Board (AZ POST) to incorporate information from the protocol model into their training curriculum.

In the category of Coordination and Collaboration, Strategy Eight focuses on increasing access to information on available resources. Ms. Tenney noted Laura Guild, Department of Economic Security (DES), advised information about domestic violence programs and links to all DES contracted programs are available on the DES website. Ms. Tenney noted updates on Strategy Nine, coordinating multi-disciplinary efforts for reviewing standard protocols and practices for responding to domestic violence, are provided regularly in progress updates on the Protocol Evaluation Project.

An update on Strategy 14, developing more transportation options for those residing in shelter, was provided. Ms. Tenney reported MAG's efforts include conducting a survey of transportation needs of individuals and families living in homeless and domestic violence shelters, researching options for expanding transportation such as through van pools, and developing a regional map showing the proximity of shelters to transit routes, employment centers, community action programs and hospitals.

Ms. Tenney concluded her update. She asked if any members of the Council had additional updates to report. There were none. Vice Chair Marshall asked for a motion. Ms. Potts made a motion to approve the Regional Plan to End Domestic Violence progress report. Dottie O'Connell, Chicanos por la Causa, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Committee Meeting Calendar and Evaluation

Vice Chair Marshall invited Ms. Tenney to lead discussion on the proposed 2012 meeting schedule and evaluation of work completed. Ms. Tenney began with a silent start, asking members to think about what has worked well in the past and suggestions for things that could be done differently. A brief review of previous work included various aspects of the Protocol Evaluation Project such as the key informant interviews; stakeholder and affinity groups; the promising practices round table event and training event; the outreach

video; domestic violence awareness month press conference; best practices research and data collection.

Kerry Ramella, Phoenix Fire Department, expressed appreciation for having the domestic violence awareness press conference hosted at a local shelter. The group clarified Ms. Ramella was speaking about the previous year's press conference. Ms. Potts expressed her appreciation of the affinity groups. She said affinity groups offered an opportunity to speak freely and openly, which aided in moving the project forward. Mr. Blackburn expressed interest in bringing together the affinity groups for an opportunity for further discussion. Vice Chair Marshall said it was enlightening to see how different prosecuting agencies handle cases. Affinity groups offered an opportunity to learn from each other and share ideas. Ms. Tenney advised staff plans to continue having affinity groups moving forward, and will consider the recommendation to bring the various affinity groups together as well.

Kristen Scharlau, City of Tempe, stated the domestic violence outreach video has been very successful. She noted the use of television has been an excellent way to reach victims who may otherwise be isolated. The video has generated many calls from victims who viewed the program on Channel 11 and were seeking assistance. Ms. Scharlau noted not all calls have been from victims who live in the City of Tempe. Care 7 has referred those calls to neighboring agencies closest to the person seeking assistance. Ms. Ramella suggested reaching out further to mainstream networks to show the video. The group asked if the video was available online. Ms. Tenney noted the video is currently available on the MAG website and YouTube. A recommendation was made to reach out to stations such as CW or PBS. Ms. Tenney offered to further explore opportunities to expand the video's distribution on mainstream television. She noted previous attempts to show awareness videos without paying for airtime have not been successful. Councilmember Suzanne Klapp, City of Scottsdale, recommended talking with the Channel 8 stations about being on one of their shows such as Horizons. Ms. Tenney stated she would look into these possibilities.

Ms. Tenney shared that she had received a call from a victim seeking assistance for herself and her daughter. She noted the person lived in Phoenix, but asked to be connected with Care 7. Care 7 was able to connect the caller with the Phoenix Advocacy Center for the counseling services she was seeking. Ms. Tenney noted it is exciting to see that the outreach video is doing what it is meant to do, help people. Ms. Tenney noted she has shared this success story with the MAG Executive Director. He plans to relay it to the Regional Council at their meeting tonight and use it to re-emphasize the importance of showing the video on their public access stations. Councilman Phil Lieberman, City of Glendale, voiced his support of working with Channel 8. He noted many customers have switched to Dish TV or Direct TV. These services do not provide access to local channels, like Channel 11s, without subscriptions. He suggested talking directly to Dish TV, Direct TV and COX to request they show the video as a public service announcement.

Mary Murphy, Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families, expressed her enjoyment of the PEP Training Event. She directed a question to members of the Council who work in law enforcement. She inquired whether officers arriving at a specified

address receive an electronic notification if an Order of Protection is in place. Sgt. Marc Rivers, City of Phoenix, advised the only time officers receive notice of an Order of Protection is if they run a criminal background check on individuals in the home. He noted addresses are not flagged for Orders of Protection. They are attached to the person. Ms. Murphy said she would like to see more movement in this area.

Connie Phillips, Sojourner Center, voiced her appreciation of the Council's work having more of a focus on systemic and broader issues. She noted this work reaches beyond what one organization can do on its own by taking on those issues that go across disciplines, organizations and communities. She encouraged researching those big-picture issues where the Council can have the most impact. Ms. Tenney commented PEP did take the Council to more of a systemic level. She noted staff has submitted an application for funding to continue and expand the project. Ms. Tenney summarized input from the Council.

Jodi Liggett, Arizona Foundation for Women, requested reaffirmation of the MAG Regional Plan to End Domestic Violence. She noted the Council has been working for many years, and it is important to bring awareness to new players about past accomplishments and the Council's plans moving forward. Ms. Tenney acknowledged the request to restate the Council's purpose. Connie Phillips, Sojourner Center, asked Council members if they had received information about an anti-violence committee being formed. Mr. Blackburn advised there is a subcommittee of the Attorney General's Advisory Council. He noted he sits on the subcommittee, which has a focus on preventing violence statewide. He clarified this group has a much broader focus. Mr. Blackburn suggested having a member of the Council serve on the Attorney General's Advisory Council.

Ms. Liggett emphasized the importance of not duplicating efforts. She recommended enhancing connections with the various groups addressing domestic violence in the community. Ms. Scharlau requested documentation of the Council's accomplishments, goals, and progress made. In addition, the suggestion was made to invite the Attorney General's Advisory Council Anti-Violence Subcommittee to offer a presentation to the Council.

Councilmember Lieberman introduced the Honorable Judge Elizabeth Finn as a national authority on domestic violence. He noted Judge Finn is a regular speaker at programs offered on domestic violence in Glendale. Judge Finn shared information regarding orders of protection. She noted when the Supreme Court first established the database that holds all protective orders; a policy decision was made not to display unserved orders online. The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) stated the plaintiff's name could not be displayed either. A Supreme Court decision requires searching by the defendant's name. Judge Finn noted judges have always felt uncomfortable with this because the information is considered public record. She noted the issue has been discussed by the Committee on the Impact of Domestic Violence and the Courts and Arizona Rules of Procedure. New language regarding this issue will be offered to the Arizona Judicial Council on December 15, 2011. A petition will be filed by January 10, 2012. If approved, the new language will not go into effect until January 2013. The petition will state contents of any protective order, regardless if it is an order of protection or an

injunction against harassment would not be able to be revealed for the length of time the order is in effect. This change would align the internet policy with the court policy.

Vice Chair Marshall clarified this would be a Rule Petition, which allows for comments to be submitted by any group. Judge Finn advised the petition will be posted on the Supreme Court website after January 10, 2012. She also noted there has been discussion about using the family court case number as the order of protection number, and whether or not this requires protection of everything in the case referencing the victim's address.

Ms. Tenney addressed the Council regarding the 2012 meeting schedule. She proposed maintaining the Council's current meeting schedule of the first Thursday of every other month. She noted the meetings currently start at 1:30 p.m. Ms. Tenney asked for input from the Council about the schedule and start time. Councilmember Delgado requested changing the start time to 1:00 p.m. He noted this would help avoid rush-hour traffic heading back to the West Valley. A majority of the Council members expressed their preference to keep the meeting start time at 1:30 p.m. Ms. Liggett made a motion to approve the strategies discussed and the meeting dates needed to facilitate the work of the Council. Mr. Belatti seconded the motion. The motion passed.

9. Success Stories

Vice Chair Marshall offered an opportunity for the Committee to share stories of success experienced during their work with survivors of domestic violence. She noted many Council members have met Ms. Eberle and are familiar with her story. Ms. Eberle's son was killed by her estranged husband. Vice Chair Marshall noted her office prosecuted this case. She commented it was a huge victory in a very difficult case which resulted in a conviction of first-degree murder.

Ms. Ramella advised the Phoenix Family Advocacy Center is going through a renovation. The only services affected are the sexual assault forensic examinations. As such, all other advocacy center facilities have allowed victims to be taken to their centers for exams. Ms. Ramella noted everyone has stepped up allowing the services to continue.

Celeste Adams, Save the Family, advised they have partnered with Mark Taylor luxury apartments. The apartments have housed a domestic violence survivor family for one dollar. Money saved will be put towards an IDA account for new townhome ownership through this program. Three families have successfully purchased homes through this program. Save the Family is also partnering with the City of Chandler for rapid re-housing for clients. Three families will be placed in housing through this partnership which includes start up costs and career center utilization.

Ms. Liggett stated the Halle Foundation has established a special fund at the Arizona Foundation for Women. The fund is very specialized and unduplicated as a practical approach to overcoming small, but significant barriers to self-sufficiency. Called the Parachute Fund, it provides small grants to individuals who may or may not be using shelter or legal services. The fund is for families who just need a little extra help like paying telephone bills or car repairs. Ms. Liggett said they have received several letters from people stating the help of this fund turned their lives around.

Kristen Scharlau, City of Tempe Care 7, commented on a new car repair program. She stated she would forward information about the program to Ms. Tenney to distribute to the Council. Vice Chair Marshall commented it is edifying to know good things are happening in our community and there are very good people out there who just want to help others.

10. Request for Future Agenda Items

Committee members were given an opportunity to suggest topics or issues of interest they would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting. Ms. Ditlevson, Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence, requested being on the agenda for the next meeting to offer an update on the Coalition's legislative priorities.

11. Comments from the Council:

Committee members were given an opportunity to share announcements. Vice Chair Marshall requested Judge Finn keep the Council informed of the Rules petition. Judge Finn advised a small VAWA grant was secured for redoing the domestic violence bench book and funding the 2013 Domestic Violence Summit. She noted the City of Glendale obtained a STOP Grant to support coordination and implementation of the 2012 Domestic Violence Summit. Judge Finn suggested having representation on the Council from the Diane Halle Center. She specifically noted asking Sarah Buel to sit on the Council.

Vice Chair Marshall introduced Chief Monahan noting he will join the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council as the Vice Chair at the February meeting.

Vice Chair Marshall reminded members that many domestic violence related organizations qualify for the "Helping the Working Poor" tax credit. Those who participate in charitable contributions were encouraged to donate to a qualifying agency.

12. Adjourn:

Vice Chair Marshall thanked everyone for their input and attendance. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. in the Saguaro Room of the MAG offices.