

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
 REGIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL  
 MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 30, 2011

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MEMBERS ATTENDING</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Celeste Adams, Save the Family</li> <li>+Christina Avila, City of Avondale</li> <li>+Sgt. Marc Rivers for Lt. Robert Bates, Phoenix Police Dept.</li> <li>*John Belatti, City of Chandler</li> <li>+John A. Blackburn, Jr., AZ Criminal Justice Commission</li> <li>+Allie Bones, Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence</li> <li>*Town Manager Rick Buss, Town of Gila Bend</li> <li>+Chris Christy, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community</li> <li>*JoAnn Del-Colle, Phoenix Family Advocacy Center</li> <li>*Councilmember Roy Delgado, City of El Mirage</li> <li>*President Diane Enos, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community</li> <li>+Kristen Scharlau for Naomi Farrell, City of Tempe</li> <li>+Patricia George for Will Gonzalez, City of Phoenix Prosecutor's Office</li> <li>+Laura Guild, Arizona Dept. of Economic Security</li> <li>+Cmdr. Kim Humphrey, City of Phoenix Police Dept., Chair</li> <li>+Lynette Jelinek, Glendale Fire Dept.</li> <li>*Mary Lynn Kasunic, Area Agency on Aging</li> <li>*Patricia Klahr, Chrysalis Shelter Inc.</li> <li>*Councilmember Suzanne Klapp, City of Scottsdale</li> <li>*Councilmember Sheri Lauritano, City of Goodyear</li> <li>*Councilmember Phil Lieberman, City of Glendale</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Jodi Beckley Liggett, Arizona Foundation for Women</li> <li>+Barbara Marshall, Maricopa County Attorney's Office, Vice Chair</li> <li>+Mary Murphy, Governor's Office for Children, Youth, and Families</li> <li>+Dottie O'Connell, Chicanos Por la Causa</li> <li>*Connie Phillips, Sojourner Center</li> <li>+Lynn Potts for John Pombier, City of Mesa Prosecutor's Office</li> <li>+Kerry Ramella, City of Phoenix Fire Dept.</li> <li>*Sarah Youngblood, Community Legal Services</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>OTHERS PRESENT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+Debbie Driscoll, Town of Buckeye</li> <li>Lynn Howe, Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board</li> <li>+Hannah Kaplan, Jewish Family and Children's Services</li> <li>+Leah Meyers, Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families</li> <li>+Sgt. Dan Rincon, City of Scottsdale Police Department</li> <li>+Kim Sterling, O'Connor House</li> <li>+Det. Eugene Tokosh, City of Avondale Police Department</li> </ul> <p>Rachel Brito, MAG          Amy St. Peter, MAG          Renae Tenney, MAG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+Those attending by video/audio conference</li> <li>* Those not present or represented by proxy</li> </ul>
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1. Call to Order  
 Commander Kim Humphrey, Phoenix Police Department, called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m. A roll call of attendees was taken.

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. MAG Misdemeanour Domestic Violence Protocol Model

Chair Humphrey invited staff to provide an overview of the revisions. Amy St. Peter confirmed members had received the final version which had been electronically distributed one-half hour prior to the meeting. She noted the following revisions were recommended prior to the start of the meeting:

- Page 4, number 19: Rewrite the sentence to say “The Officer(s) *should* determine if there is a predominant aggressor by considering *factors including the* questions below.”
- Page 4, number 19(g): Rewrite the sentence to say “Was either party armed with a weapon or *did either party* use a weapon?”

Further input was requested. Discussion ensued.

- Page 4, number 20: A recommendation was made to remove “*act of domestic violence*” and replace with “*a crime*”. It was noted an officer may arrest for crimes other than an act of domestic violence.
- Page 4, number 21: There was concern over use of the word “may” noting it does not provide a directive. The intent of number 21 was questioned. Discussion ensued. Committee members suggested deleting this item as it is further addressed under 24(j).
- Page 4, number 22: A recommendation was made to replace the word “may” with “shall” as officers are obligated by law to provide victims with written information. Committee members suggested citing Arizona Revised Statute 13-3601(J).
- Page 4, number 24: Clarification was requested on the use of “may” versus “should.” Ms. St. Peter noted replacing “should” with “may” was suggested by the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC). ACJC expressed concern over litigating cases where the protocol model states an action “should” have been done.

Committee members discussed the intent and clarity of number 24 along with the use of long forms versus issuing citations. This discussion included information that police departments differ on what the word citation means in this context. There was consensus among committee members to delete the first two sentences in number 24 and rewrite as follows: “*The officer(s) should thoroughly complete reports by following Sections a-k (below).*”

- Page 4, number 25: It was noted that no direction is provided in this sentence. Committee members discussed replacing “may” with “shall” when a state statute applies. There was consensus among Committee members.
- Page 6, number 27: It was noted this sentence supports the changes previously made to number 24.

Vice Chair Barbara Marshall, Maricopa County Attorney’s Office, made a motion to recommend approval of the MAG Misdemeanor Domestic Violence Protocol Model with proposed changes. Laura Guild, Arizona Department of Economic Security, seconded the motion. Roll call voting was conducted. The motion passed unanimously.

4. 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. No input was received.

5. Comments from the Council

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. There were no comments.

6. Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 3:49 p.m. The next MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. at the MAG offices.