

**MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES – April 4, 2013**

MEMBERS ATTENDING

*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
Candice Hewitt for Libby Bissa, Phoenix Family Advocacy Center
John A. Blackburn, Jr., Arizona Criminal Justice Commission
Allie Bones, Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence

*Councilmember Samuel Chavira, City of Glendale
Chief Steve Campbell, City of El Mirage, Vice Chair
Chris Christy, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

*Lacey Rose Cox, Town of Gilbert Police Dept.
Councilmember Ginny Dickey, Town of Fountain Hills

*Jon Eliason, City of Mesa Prosecutor's Office

*President Diane Enos, Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community
Kristen Scharlau for Naomi Farrell, City of Tempe

+Linda Melendez for Janeen Gaskins, City of Surprise
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.
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
Barbara Marshall, Maricopa County Attorney's Office, Chair

Mary Murphy, Governor's Office for Children, Youth, and Families
Dottie O'Connell, Chicanos por la Causa

*Dick Geasland for Connie Phillips, Sojourner Center
Kerry Ramella, City of Phoenix Fire Dept.
Councilmember Lynn Selby, City of El Mirage
Sarah Youngblood, Community Legal Services

OTHERS PRESENT

Breanna Olguin, The Salvation Army
Carl Mangold, Private Practice
Elizabeth Finn, Glendale City Court
Erika Rodriguez, Salvation Army
Jerald Monahan, Prescott Police Department
Kristina Bunch, Goodyear Police Department
Leonard Tartaglia, Tolleson Police Department
Larry Grubbs, Arizona Criminal Justice Commission
Laura Reid, Valley of the Sun United Way
Leah Meyers, Governor's Office
Lynn Howe, Arizona Post
Lucia Pena, The Salvation Army
Mary Alice McKone, The Salvation Army
Melissa Certo, City of Phoenix
Rosalie Hernandez, A New Leaf
Shelly Monahan, Guest
Stephanie Smith, Peoria Police Department
Teisha Portee, Scottsdale Police Department
Tom Hutchinson, A New Leaf
Virginia Rice, Arizona Foundation for Women

Renae Tenney, MAG
Nathalea Silva, MAG

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

1. Call to Order
Chair Barbara Marshall, Maricopa County Attorney's Office, called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.
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. There were no comments.
3. Approval of the February 7, 2012 Meeting Minutes
Chair Marshall called for approval of the February 7, 2012, MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council meeting minutes. Lynette Jelinek, Glendale Fire Department, motioned to approve the minutes. Chief Steve Campbell, Vice Chair, seconded the motion. The motion passed.
4. Start by Believing Presentation
Chair Marshall invited Chief Monahan, Prescott Police Department, to present on the Start by Believing Campaign (SBB), through the End Violence Against Women International, a public awareness campaign focusing on the public's response to sexual assault. Chief Monahan highlighted that the Council's interest in this campaign aligns with President Obama's recent proclamation and the National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention month. The President's proclamation highlights the culture of fear that exists in communities that keep the violence hidden. The President urged communities to take small steps to change the culture that enables sexual violence.

Chief Monahan noted that the SBB campaign is one small step in empowering victims to speak out against violence and seek help. The SBB campaign helps men and women who are burdened by the shame and the perception that no one will believe them. In the case of victims being fearful of not being believed, a message like SSB can go a long way in changing the culture in our communities.

Chief Monahan noted that Judge Susan Carbon, former director of the Office of Violence Against Women, testified before the Senate Judiciary on September 14, 2010, about rape and the chronic failure to investigate rape cases in the United States. Her testimony touched on many of the issues that Arizona has experienced such as sexual assault examination backlogs and cases falling through the cracks. The most telling was of her testimony on why victims do not report crimes. The number one reason she stated was fear of not being believed. A research study from Pennsylvania University in 2005 also found the number one reason victims of sexual assault do not report a crime is the fear of not being believed.

On a local level, Coconino County Coordinated Community Response Team, under the leadership of Beya Thayer, addressed this issue by providing a series of trainings in 2010 and 2011. The trainings focused on identifying predominant aggressors in domestic violence cases. The trainings were opened with the SBB video and a message from law enforcement about the importance of believing victims. More than 90 percent of law enforcement agencies in northern Arizona were exposed to this training and it was very

well received. In addition, Flagstaff Police Department under Chief Kevin Treadway and other stakeholders in northern Arizona created their own version of SBB. After implementation it was also well received in their communities, including support from the bars that trained their security staff and bouncers.

A leadership summit held in Flagstaff in August 2012, set up by Ms. Beya Thayer and the Coconino County Coordinated Community Response Team, addressed the issues of sexual assault and domestic violence. One of the goals of the summit was to start promoting the SBB campaign around the state. A number of agencies have added the logo and link to the campaign on their websites and emails. In addition, the Governor's Commission to Prevent Violence Against Women approved a motion to support the communities that choose to adopt the SBB campaign.

With all the work being done in Arizona, Ms. Joanne Archibald, the director of End Violence Against Women International, has agreed to speak on issues of sexual assault backlog and case management at the AACOP Conference in September. Ms. Archibald is a retired San Diego Police Department Sergeant.

Chief Monahan stated the issues surrounding victims of sexual violence are very similar to those faced by victims of domestic violence. He requested that the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council consider a motion to support the communities that choose to adopt the SBB campaign and adding the link to the Council's webpage.

Chair Marshall thanked Chief Monahan. She commented that the Council had no doubt he would continue to carry his message throughout the state.

Ms. Renae Tenney indicated this agenda item is presented for information and discussion only. She noted the option of adding an action item to the Council's next meeting to consider a resolution in support of the SBB campaign. She added that if the Council makes the recommendation for a resolution, it would need to be taken to the MAG Regional Council for approval. Chair Marshall instructed Ms. Tenney to add this as an agenda item for the June meeting.

5. MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness/HEARTH Act Update

Ms. Brande Mead was unable to offer an update to the council on the MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness. In Ms. Mead's absence, Chair Marshall invited Ms. Tenney to offer an update. Ms. Tenney reported the Continuum of Care Committee is working closely with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) appointed technical assistance consultants from HomeBase on advancing three main priorities critical to successful implementation of the Homeless Emergency and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act. The three priorities are: (1) Developing and implementing a regional coordinated assessment system, (2) Making changes to the Continuum of Care Governance Structure to align with the requirements in HEARTH, and (3) Providing technical assistance to transitional housing providers to ensure programs performing well and meeting community needs.

The following progress has been made in each of the three areas. The first area is coordinated assessment system. Norm Suchar from the National Alliance to End

Homelessness presented draft assessment tools during two community focus group sessions on February 27, 2013. Three tools were presented for use in a three-part assessment process including prevention/diversion assessment, shelter assessment, and housing prioritization. A follow up meeting was held on March 22, 2013, in which stakeholders provided feedback on the tools. Norm Suchar and the technical assistance consultants from HomeBase are in the process of scheduling the next community meeting in May. The purpose of this meeting will be to review changes to the assessment tools based on feedback from the focus group sessions. Discussion at the focus group sessions included the importance of screening for domestic violence immediately and making a quick referral to the domestic violence coordinated system. The CoC will work closely with those involved with the domestic violence system to ensure coordination of the systems.

Ms. Tenney noted there were discussions during the focus groups about the need to identify domestic violence situations early in the screening process. The Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence and A New Leaf are developing a domestic violence coordinated assessment process, which would parallel the process that the Continuum of Care is working on. Ms. Allie Bones, Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence, emphasized the importance of having the assessment sites quickly identify if a person is a victim of domestic violence. If they go through the homeless assessment process, their information will be entered into HMIS. For victims of domestic violence, it is critical they get transferred to the domestic violence coordinated assessment system to exclude them from being in the HMIS system.

The second area is transitional housing technical assistance. One-on-one technical assistance is being provided to HUD-funded transitional housing providers to help improve program performance. A “black-out” period occurred over the time when HUD’s Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) was released. No technical assistance was provided during this time; however, it will be resuming soon.

The third area is Continuum of Care Governance. The Continuum of Care is taking steps to align with the HEARTH requirements. The HEARTH Act clearly defines the representatives that need to be included within a Continuum of Care. It requires the Continuum of Care have a decision-making group similar to an Executive Board for the Continuum. The Continuum of Care Committee met on March 18, 2013, and recommended a new structure to include a decision-making Board. Much like today’s Continuum of Care Committee, the new structure also includes a Committee that carries out the responsibilities under the HEARTH Act.

Ad-hoc stakeholder groups will be developed for specific purposes. They will be time-limited and meet as needed to take action on specific work. The next step is for the Continuum of Care to identify members for the Board and the Committee. The HEARTH regulations clearly state that victim service providers need to be represented in the Continuum of Care. It is important to the Continuum to have the domestic violence community represented within this structure. A recommendation on the new structure and membership will be taken to the MAG Regional Council for approval.

6. MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council Structure and Membership Workgroup

Chair Marshall invited Ms. Tenney to discuss forming a workgroup to assess the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council's structure. Ms. Tenney noted discussions about the MAG Continuum of Care structure brought about the opportunity to also look at the Regional Domestic Violence Council's structure. She assured the Committee the goal is not to remove members of the Council. The process would include looking at how the Council is structured, determining if any changes need to be made, and then taking a recommendation to the MAG Regional Council for approval.

Ms. Tenney provided some background information about why the workgroup is being proposed. When MAG Committees are established, they have a clearly identified structure and membership approved by the MAG Regional Council. However, the Domestic Violence Council doesn't have this as it was established in a unique manner. Prior to 1999, there was a large (approximately 50 people) domestic violence focused subcommittee that met with various working groups. This effort led to development of the first 1999 Domestic Violence Plan. This plan was approved by the MAG Regional Council, which included establishing the MAG Domestic Violence Council of today. The structure and membership of the Domestic Violence Council was not taken back to the MAG Regional Council for approval. The goal is to close this loop by taking forward a formal recommendation for the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council's structure.

Ms. Tenney requested volunteers from the Council to participate in this workgroup. She noted their purpose would be to evaluate the existing structure and membership of the Council. The goal of the workgroup would be to determine if any changes should be made or any new representation should be added. Committee members who volunteered to participate in the workgroup include Ms. Patricia Klahr, Chrysalis, Ms. Dottie O'Connell, Chicanos por la Causa, Ms. Patricia George, City of Phoenix Prosecutor's Office, Ms. Laura Guild, Arizona Department of Economic Security, and Ms. Christina Avila, City of Avondale.

7. Protocol Evaluation Project Update

Chair Marshall invited Ms. Tenney to offer an update on the Domestic Violence Protocol Evaluation Project (PEP). Ms. Tenney noted that with the help of Ms. Mary Murphy and Ms. Leah Meyers at the Governor's Office, Governor Brewer was filmed as part of the PEP training video. Governor Brewer will speak to law enforcement on the importance of working with domestic violence advocates in the video's introduction. Ms. Tenney expressed thanks to the Governor's Office for their continued support and involvement with the PEP project.

Ms. Tenney provided an update on the Protocol Evaluation Project Implementation Survey. She noted the purpose of the survey is to assess how the protocol model is being used by law enforcement agencies regionally and across the state. Since the last meeting, the participation level among law enforcement agencies has increased significantly. Ms. Tenney commented that Ms. Nathalea Silva will provide more details about the survey findings later in the agenda.

Ms. Tenney noted the coordination of a series of brown bag trainings for victim advocates. The next training dates and topics are: April 11, 2013 covering the topic of Trauma Informed Care; June 13, 2013 on Crisis Intervention; and October 10, 2013 on

Reducing Rules. She stated a flyer with details about the trainings was included in the meeting materials.

Ms. Tenney provided an update on plans for the annual PEP training event. The training event will be held earlier in the year. A handout was provided in the meeting materials with tentative plans for the event. The training will be an all-day event, scheduled for June 18, 2013, at the Glendale Civic Center. Ms. Tenney requested input from the Council on the format of the event, training topics, and speaker recommendations.

Chief Campbell noted he was a presenter at last year's event. One of the main concerns he heard was that there were too many workshop options and attendees were only given the ability to attend one of them. He commented that speakers were able to reach more people during the plenary sessions. The format used should depend on the topic and the anticipated level of interest in the topic. For example, domestic violence in households of returning veterans is a contemporary issue that goes beyond one small group. Ms. Sarah Youngblood, Community Legal Services, commented that the workshops are highly informative but found the larger discussion groups with topics of interest to everyone to be valuable as well.

Ms. Tenney noted that the list of suggested training topics included terminology used by law enforcement, animal abuse and its correlation to domestic violence, domestic violence in households with returning veterans, predominant aggressor legislation, traumatic brain injury, trauma informed care, gun laws, and coordinated response with law enforcement and victim advocates. A list of the suggested training topics was provided in the meeting materials.

In response to the list of suggested topics, Ms. Youngblood asked what would be the focus of the traumatic brain injury training. Ms. Bones noted this topic deals with understanding the impacts of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and how victims of domestic violence may respond to different systems such as law enforcement, crisis responders, and shelters. It is also helpful to note how they process information. The training should offer education about TBI and its effects on victims of domestic violence. Ms. Youngblood suggested the topic of strangulation be included with this topic.

Ms. Bones noted the City of Phoenix's Roadmap to Excellence plan includes a focus on community awareness. She suggested having a training topic focusing on how the community can come together to bring about a culture shift that improves the response to domestic violence. Other training topic suggestions included effective batterer treatment programs, sexual violence, and reproductive coercion.

Councilmember Ginny Dickey, Town of Fountain Hills, asked for clarification on the event's intended audience. Ms. Tenney noted that the audience for the training is a broad group including law enforcement, prosecutors, and victim advocates. The focus of the event is to highlight best practices and opportunities to help increase implementation of the protocol model. Councilmember Dickey asked if educators might be part of this audience. Ms. Tenney indicated they are welcome to attend as well.

Ms. Tenney requested input on possible trainers for the event. Ms. Patricia George, City of Phoenix Prosecutor's Office, and Ms. Lynn Howe, Arizona Peace Officers Standards and Training Board, offered to help connect with the Arizona Coalition for Military Families. Ms. Patricia Klahr, Chrysalis, noted their partnership with the Brain Center at Barrows Neurological Institute and offered to help with a presenter on traumatic brain injury. Mr. Carl Mangold offered to assist in researching training on effective offender treatment programs. In addition, Ms. Bones, Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence, offered her staff to assist with training.

Chief Campbell suggested incorporating into the training event an opportunity to discuss how success is measured and where success is being seen in Maricopa County. A conversation about what impact is being seen from the work of the project would be helpful. He added that being results-oriented can provide important insight into what changes might need to be made, if any, for improvement.

Chair Marshall called for approval of the plans for the annual Protocol Evaluation Project Training Event. John A. Blackburn, Jr., Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, motioned to approve the plans. Chief Campbell, Vice Chair, seconded the motion. The motion passed.

8. Misdemeanor Domestic Violence Protocol Model Implementation Survey

Nathalea Silva, MAG, reported on findings gathered from law enforcement agencies about their use of the MAG Misdemeanor Domestic Violence Protocol Model. The purpose of the survey was to assess the level of implementation of the protocol model across the state. With the help of the Arizona Association of Chiefs of Police (AACOP), a survey was distributed in December 2012, to gather information about implementation of the Protocol Model. The results were subsequently presented to the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council and recommendations were made to re-distribute the survey in order to increase participation.

Ms. Silva thanked Chief Campbell for his efforts and involvement in personally reaching out to law enforcement agencies to garner additional participation. After follow-up with agencies and a presentation about the importance of agency involvement to AACOP and the MAG Regional Council, survey participation increased and the updated findings reflect these results. The new findings provide insights into how the protocol model is being utilized and identifies opportunities to assist with further implementation.

The new findings indicate an increase in the response and implementation rates. The survey was distributed to 61 law enforcement agencies across the state. Nineteen out of 21 agencies in Maricopa County and 11 out of 40 agencies outside the county responded to the survey. Responses received indicate the protocol model has a 95 percent implementation rate in Maricopa County and a 90 percent implementation outside the county. A list of protocols not currently implemented was made available in the meeting handouts.

Ms. Silva noted that the protocol model has made a significant impact. Sixty-three percent of participating agencies reported implementation of the protocol model has

resulted in their agency being better equipped to handle domestic violence cases, 30 percent were neutral, and seven percent indicated that the protocol model was not helpful.

Ms. Silva presented the top five areas of opportunity. These included the protocols least implemented by law enforcement agencies such as contacting victim advocates, conducting follow-up with victims, identifying emergency medical personnel, filling out injury documentation form, and conducting safety planning with victims. These protocols were identified as areas with potential for improved implementation across the region.

Ms. Silva spoke about the barriers to implementation provided by respondents. She stated limited staff is one of the largest barriers reported followed by agencies not having adequate training. Agencies noted additional resources such as more staff, additional funding, increased training, and technical assistance would assist in further implementation of the protocol model. As the next steps, Ms. Silva suggested the five areas of opportunity be examined to determine whether agencies need additional training or additional staff to implement these protocols.

Ms. Tenney suggested taking the information back to the law enforcement affinity group to determine whether these protocols were not implemented due to training, limited staff, or both. She noted the possibility that the verbiage used in the protocol model might have resulted in the response of non-implementation in some situations. She gave the example of one agency that responded they do not identify medical emergency personnel because the language in the protocol states including their cell phone numbers in the police report. However, they provided an explanation that indicates they do include other information to assist with contacting medical personnel for follow up. She commented this needs to be part of the discussion to determine if some of the terminology in the protocols need to be revised.

Chair Marshall suggested comparing the initial survey results of the protocol project with the results that came out of the implementation survey. Comparison of the data can possibly produce results-oriented data to demonstrate how far the protocol model has evolved. The June 18th training event could provide an opportunity to demonstrate how the protocol has made an impact. Ms. Tenney stated law enforcement agencies were initially contacted to provide their domestic violence protocols. She indicated there was little information gathered at that time. Ms. Tenney noted she would look back to see if there is information that might be helpful to showing impact of the model.

Vice Chair, Steve Campbell, added the protocol model is only one of many facets that need to work together to eliminate the problem of domestic violence. The implementation survey provides a launching pad for further study and provides a tool for law enforcement. Further data needs to be acquired to assess how other agencies, programs, and other key players are working together. In addition, opportunities need to be identified to show the protocol model is working. This will help keep the protocol model relevant and of interest to community partners.

Ms. Marshall indicated prior discussions were held about how to quantify successful results of the impact of the Protocol Evaluation Project. She noted the need to continue these conversations. Ms. Tenney reported that additional assessment will be conducted with the help of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission to provide a more in-depth

analysis on domestic violence arrests and disposition data. This will include reviewing best practices to determine ways to measure success moving forward.

Ms. Bones indicated other jurisdictions have quantified this data from a cost perspective. For example, researchers in San Diego identified the cost of a domestic violence homicide starting from the initial call. This approach may help to determine if implementing certain protocols impacts costs. Ms Bones suggested assessing the areas of opportunity from the implementation survey results as possible training topics for the June 18th training event.

Ms. Tenney indicated the five areas of opportunity will be taken to the law enforcement partners to determine what types of training and technical assistance might be helpful to furthering implementation.

Chair Marshall called for approval of the baseline data for measuring implementation of the MAG Misdemeanor Protocol Model in the MAG region. Chief Campbell, Vice Chair, motioned to approve the plans. John A. Blackburn, Jr., Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, seconded the motion. The motion passed.

9. Success Stories

An opportunity was provided for Committee members to share success stories.

- Chief Campbell shared a quote from a victim who worked with El Mirage's victim advocate. The victim said, "Thank you for your help. I thought this was going to be a long eternity but for the first time I feel a sense of hope." He commented that with their agency in the infant stage of utilizing victim advocates, this message is reinforcement of the importance of their efforts.
- Ms. George announced that the domestic violence team from the City of Phoenix Police Department will be recognized with an award of excellence by the city for their work in implementing their new domestic violence protocol.
- Ms. Youngblood shared a child custody case success. A client had suffered 15 years of verbal abuse from her husband. The abuse recently became physical. The abuser was also verbally abusive to their 15 year-old daughter. The law student externs at Community Legal Services worked on the case and did all the preliminary pre-trial statements and disclosures. Ms. Youngblood recognized the great work done by the students. At trial the victim had agreed to joint custody but after hearing the evidence the judge granted her sole custody of the children. The judge granted the couple's 11 year-old son visitation every other weekend and the daughter visitation at her discretion. She noted this was a victory for the family.
- Judge Elizabeth Finn shared the City of Glendale has 10 partner cities utilizing their protective order coordinator supported through a VOCA Grant. When the first six cities were brought together, it was discovered that not all courts were using forms completed by the plaintiff to assist in serving protective orders. A presentation was made to the AACOP in 2012 where the Chiefs unanimously agreed to use the form if the Supreme Court mandated it. However, these efforts

were slowed when law enforcement legal advisors made the finding the document was to be considered a public record.

With the help of the Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence, House Bill 2392 is moving forward. This bill states the document will be a confidential record used by courts and law enforcement. This means the information can be passed between agencies and the defendant would not know what the plaintiff reported. Once the bill goes through, a request can be made to the Supreme Court to mandate that all courts use the form. This will help law enforcement find the defendant to serve orders of protection. This applies to orders, injunctions, and injunctions against harassment. The grant goes through October 2014 and additional cities will be added to the partnership.

- John A. Blackburn, Jr., recognized the efforts made by Ms. Tenney and Chief Campbell in their appeal to the AACOP to increase participation among law enforcement agencies.
- Councilmember Dickey asked about the Council's stand on applying for the recent Department of Justice Award offered to cities for work on domestic violence. Ms. Bones commented the awards have already been granted to 12 cities. She noted one city in Arizona applied for the award but it was not received.
- Ms. Kerry Ramella, City of Phoenix Fire Department, shared that the City of Phoenix formed a task group to look at domestic violence and they came up with their roadmap to excellence and five pillars, which involve city staff working together with the community to do promotion and marketing. There is a lot of support from city managers.
- Ms. Candice Hewitt shared that Libby Bissa has been promoted to director of the Phoenix Family Advocacy Center.
- Ms. Bones thanked Judge Finn for her recognition of the AZ Coalition Against Domestic Violence's legislative work. Ms. Bones noted a problematic amendment was added to the predominant aggressor bill while it was going through the legislative process. The Coalition was assured by their sponsors that the amendment will be removed as the bill moves forward. Two big legislative issues are Medicare expansion and funding for Child Protective Services. Both topics are actively supported by the Coalition.

In addition, Ms. Bones announced Ms. Thayer as the Coalition's new Domestic Violence Fatality Review Coordinator. She will be working with fatality review teams across the state. Ms. Thayer received all the fatality review reports from the Attorney General's Office and will be producing a statewide report.

Ms. Bones stated the Coalition released a report on the connection between domestic violence and gun violence. The report found there is a connection between guns and domestic violence. The Coalition has been collecting homicide

data and consistently more than 60 percent of the domestic violence homicides committed in Arizona are gun-related homicides. The Coalition participated in a press conference with the Mayors Against Illegal Guns about this connection. The Coalition encourages support of universal background checks for all gun purchases. She commented that where domestic violence prohibited possessors are prohibited from obtaining guns, it helps save lives.

10. Request for Future Agenda Items

- Presentation of Statewide Domestic Violence Fatality Review report.
- Information about changes in licensing regulations for offender treatment programs.

11. Comments from the Council

Councilmember Dickey asked if the Council would take a stance on the gun law issues. Chair Marshall responded that the Council is a neutral, non-political body. The Council is receptive to information but does not take political stances.

Mr. Mangold stated that effective July 1, 2013, regulations for offender treatment programs are being altered significantly by the Arizona Department of Health Services. On their website, they post the current and proposed regulations. He commented that these changes will impact law enforcement and the court system.

Ms. Howe, AZ POST, suggested the Council consider including the topic of mental health concerns for veterans returning from war for the June 18th training event.

Ms. Tenney announced that the National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative Conference is scheduled for May 19 through 21, 2013 in Phoenix.

12. Adjourn:

Chair Marshall thanked everyone for their attendance. The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m. The next MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2013.