

MINUTES OF THE
MAG REGIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL MEETING
June 4, 2015
MAG Office Building, Ironwood Room
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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| Celeste Adams, Save the Family | Elizabeth Herbert, City of Chandler |
| Zach Altman, City of Gilbert | Prosecutor's Office |
| Prosecutor's Office | * Lynette Jelinek, City of Glendale Fire |
| Vice Mayor Robin Barker, City of | Dept. |
| Apache Junction, Vice Chair | Alice Ghareib for Mary Lynn Kasunic, |
| John Belatti, City of Mesa Prosecutor's | Area Agency on Aging |
| Office | * Patricia Klahr, Chrysalis Shelter, Inc. |
| Candice Hewitt for Libby Bissa, City of | Councilmember Suzanne Klapp, City of |
| Phoenix Family Advocacy Center | Scottsdale |
| John A. Blackburn, Jr., Arizona Criminal | * Councilmember Sheri Lauritano, City of |
| Justice Commission | Goodyear |
| Chief Steve Campbell, City of El Mirage | * Gabriel L. Lopez, City of Phoenix Police |
| Police Department, Chair | Department |
| Serene Carney, Apache Junction Police | Gerardo Pena, Chicanos por la Causa |
| Department | * Kerry Ramella, Phoenix Fire Department |
| * Councilmember Samuel Chavira, City of | Councilmember Terry Roe, City of |
| Glendale | Chandler |
| Jon Eliason, Maricopa County Attorney's | * Councilmember Lynn Selby, City of El |
| Office | Mirage |
| Kristen Scharlau for Naomi Farrell, City | Chief Steve Stahl, City of Maricopa |
| of Tempe | Police Department |
| # Maria Garay, Sojourner Center | * Kathleen Sullivan, Town of Gilbert |
| Donna Gardner, City of Avondale | # Yvonne Taylor, Arizona Coalition to End |
| Amy Offenberg for Will Gonzalez, City | Sexual and Domestic Violence |
| of Phoenix Prosecutor's Office | * Vice Mayor Cecil Yates, Town of |
| Laura Guild, Arizona Dept. of Economic | Fountain Hills |
| Security | Sarah Youngblood, Community Legal |
| | Services |

* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

Attended by telephone conference call.

+ Attended by videoconference

OTHERS PRESENT

Julie Bordelon, City of Phoenix
Kristina Bunch, Goodyear Police Department
Maggie Cadton, Kaiser Family
Councilmember Eddie Cook, Town of Gilbert
Judge Elizabeth Finn, Glendale City Court
Shardae Fernandez, Member of the Public
Krystal Garza, Maricopa County Attorney's Office
Chrisanne Gultz, Community Legal Services
Kate Henderson, Arizona Department of Public Safety
Cynthia Hill, Arizona Law Enforcement Outreach and Support
Darcy Machado, Elim House
Carl Mangold, Private Practice
Betty M^cEntire, Secretary of State's Office, Address Confidentiality Program
Tara Perdue, Never Again Foundation
Sheryl Rabin, Maricopa County Justice Courts
Nancy Larsen, Pinal County Attorney's Office
Iva Rody, El Mirage Police Department
Mary Kim Sterling, O'Connor Institute
Sharon Taylor-Wood, Private Practice
Hilary Weinberg, Maricopa County Attorney's Office
Renee Werner, Maricopa County Sheriff's Office
Erika Wenzel, Miss Mesa Organization
Heather Wilkey, Town of Gilbert
Roxanne Zaad, Elim House
Rachel Brito, Maricopa Association of Governments
Amy Robinson, Maricopa Association of Governments

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Steve Campbell, El Mirage Police Department, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Chair Campbell welcomed attendees to the meeting, and asked the committee members and attending audience to introduce themselves. Introductions ensued.

2. Call to the Audience

An opportunity was 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. Chair Campbell requested audience members not exceed a three minute time period for their comments.

Hearing none, Chair Campbell moved to the next item on the agenda.

3. Approval of the Regional Domestic Violence Council Meeting Minutes

Chair Campbell called for any revisions and approval of the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council meeting minutes from April 2, 2015. Hearing none, Chair Campbell entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes. All voted and the motion passed.

4. Annual Report

Chair Campbell invited Amy Robinson, MAG, to provide the committee with a report on the Regional Plan to End Domestic Violence Annual Report. Ms. Robinson explained the report addresses progress on the previous year's plans while outlining goals for the current year. The most recent annual plan was written in 2010 and annual reports are based on the fiscal year. Ms. Robinson stated that the plan is based on 15 different focus areas including sustainable funding, community engagement, prevention, protocol review, coordinated response and meeting housing needs among others. Ms. Robinson informed the committee that all strategies were successfully met with the only exception being transportation for shelter residents. Ms. Robinson noted that transportation would be a priority moving forward.

The committee expressed interest in having additional time to review the annual report before a vote. Chair Campbell called for a move to table the vote until the next meeting so that committee members would have time to review the document. A motion was made and seconded. All voted and the motion passed.

5. Request for Quotations

Chair Campbell again welcomed Amy Robinson, MAG, to address the council. Ms. Robinson informed the council that the multidisciplinary Request for Quotations Submission Review Panel had carefully reviewed the submittals and made a decision to recommend Business Enterprise Mapping as the best consultant for the project. The selection was approved by the MAG Executive Committee on May 18, 2015. Ms. Robinson noted that she would provide the committee with additional information as it became available.

When asked what role committee members would play in the systems mapping process, Ms. Robinson let them know she would be reaching out to stakeholders for their assistance identifying key interviewees, and providing access to policies and forms.

6. Compliance Checks

Chair Campbell introduced Sergeant Terry Parish, Pima County Sheriff's Department. Sergeant Parish introduced himself, and provided a brief history of the Compliance Checks project.

When asked, Sergeant Parish noted that Compliance Checks Program is a multidisciplinary team comprised of law enforcement officers, as well as adult probation and corrections personnel. Sergeant Parish explained that the program is helping to keep victims safer, while increasing their trust in the criminal justice system. He also noted that domestic violence offenders are beginning to take note of the program, evidenced in an increased rate of compliant offenders. When the compliance checks program finds offenders are non-compliant, they are arrested on scene. Sergeant Parish noted that a conviction for non-compliance with release conditions is easy to prove, and is considered a domestic violence crime. This means it can be counted for purposes of charging aggravated domestic violence in the future.

When asked if there was concern for the release conditions to be outdated or changed, Sergeant Parish gave assurances that it was a very unlikely situation due to the promptness of the compliance check after the conditions are set. Sergeant Parish then detailed the process for obtaining copies of the release conditions from the jail, and entering them into the system.

Sergeant Parish went on to explain that when doing a compliance check, officers arrive in plain clothes, dressed as a plumber or electrician, to prevent drawing wanton attention to the victim for having police present. Discussion surrounding law enforcement attire and equipment ensued.

Chair Campbell thanked Sergeant Parish for his presentation, emphasizing the impact seen in Tucson as a result of this program.

7. Courthouse Dogs

Rhonda Stewart, Maricopa County Attorney's Office, provided the committee with an overview of the Courthouse Dogs program, also known as the K9 Victim Support Program. Ms. Stewart introduced Sam, the canine courthouse dog, and detailed the rigorous and extensive training required to be certified as a courthouse dog. Ms. Stewart provided examples of cases Sam has helped work on, including child abuse, sexual assault and domestic violence, among others.

Ms. Stewart provided an overview of a typical day at work for the canine, and the different benefits provided to victims as a result. Ms. Stewart invited Erika Wenzel, Miss Mesa Organization, to speak about her experience with domestic violence. Ms. Wenzel detailed her experience with domestic violence, including her experience navigating the criminal justice system while getting an order of protection. Discussion ensued.

Chair Campbell thanked Ms. Wenzel for sharing her story, and thanked Ms. Stewart for providing the report on the Maricopa County Attorney's Office Courthouse Dogs program. Ms. Stewart added that her contact information would be available to those with additional questions. Hearing no further discussion, Chair Campbell moved to the next agenda item.

8. Call To Action

Chair Campbell invited the Council to share ideas on how to use the information from today's meeting. A committee member stated they would be looking into whether a program similar to the compliance checks described by Sergeant Parish, Pima County Sheriff's Office. Councilmember Eddie Cook, Town of Gilbert, would be looking into a canine for their prosecutor's office or police department.

Chair Campbell asked the committee for any additional comments. Hearing none, he moved to the next item on the agenda.

9. Request for Future Agenda Items

Chair Campbell asked the Council for any requested topics or issues of interest to consider for future agendas.

Hearing none, Chair Campbell proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

10. Comments from the Council

Council members were given the opportunity 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 a specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

Chair Campbell asked if there were any comments from the council. Amy Robinson, MAG, informed the committee a brown bag training had been scheduled for June 16, 2015 at the Phoenix City Council Chambers. The training, "Service Provision for Gender and Sexual Minorities and Victims of Sexual and Domestic Violence" will be presented by Doreen Nicholas, Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence, and a panel of experts. Laura Guild, Department of Economic Security, asked what the target audience for the training would be. Amy Robinson, MAG, responded saying this would be an inclusive multi-disciplinary training open to victim advocates, shelter and service providers, prosecutors, court staff, law enforcement, and the public.

JR Blackburn, Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, noted that he is pleased to see a high attendance and participation rate for the meeting. The remaining committee members agreed. Hearing no additional comments, Chair Campbell moved to the next item on the agenda.

Adjournment

Chair Campbell thanked everyone for their attendance. The meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m. The next MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council meeting is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2015.