

December 4, 2003

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council

FROM: Commander Kim Humphrey, Phoenix Police Department,  
Vice-Chair of the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF AGENDA

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2003 FROM 2:00-4:00 P.M.**  
MAG OFFICES – SAGUARO ROOM – 2ND FLOOR  
COMPASS BANK BUILDING, 302 N. FIRST AVENUE

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We are pleased to announce the next meeting of the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council. Should you have any questions, please contact Debra Determan or DeDe Gaisthea at MAG (602) 254-6300. We look forward to your attendance.

**TENTATIVE AGENDA**

	<u>COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	1. Welcome and introductions.
2. <u>Call to the Audience</u>	2. Open floor to members of the public.

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the 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. Members of the public 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 Domestic Violence Council requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on action agenda items will be given an opportunity at the time the item is heard.

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| 3. <u>Approval of the October 9, 2003 Council Meeting Minutes</u>   | 3. For approval of the October 9, 2003 Council meeting minutes. |
| 4. <u>Domestic Violence Justice System Enhancements</u><br><b>Councilmember Peggy Bilsten</b> will discuss innovative enhancements to the City of Phoenix's response to domestic violence from orders of protection through post-conviction.  | 4. For information and discussion.                              |
| 5. <u>Affordable Housing Presentation</u><br>Information was requested at the last DV Council meeting regarding the Arizona Family Housing Fund. <b>Jim Stretz, President of the Arizona Family Housing Fund</b> , will provide information on the organization and its initiatives in the affordable housing area. | 5. For information and discussion.                              |
| 6. <u>Working Group Reports and Recommendations</u><br>The DV Council directed further investigation of three potential new subcommittees: Criminal Justice, Municipal Approach/Coordinating Community, and Victim Services. Working groups will report back to the full DV Council with their recommendations.     | 6. For information and discussion.                              |
| a. <b>Criminal Justice</b><br>Co-facilitators <b>Lynn Potts, Mesa Prosecutor's Office</b> , and <b>Martha Fraser Harmon, MAN</b> , will highlight key elements  | 6a. For information, discussion, and action.                    |

from the discussion that occurred on November 14, 2003.

*Recommendation* – Monitor progress of other groups that are currently working on criminal justice issues and if progress does not occur, reevaluate need to create subcommittee.

**b. Municipal Approach/Coordinating Community**

Co-facilitators **Councilmember Sue Linney, Goodyear, and John Pombier, Mesa Prosecutor's Office**, will highlight key elements from the discussion that occurred on October 28, 2003.

*Recommendation* - Discuss endorsing a Municipal Approach/Coordinating Community subcommittee.

**c. Victim Services**

Co-facilitators **Leah Meyers, AzCADV, and Connie Phillips, Sojourner Center**, will highlight key elements from the discussion that occurred on November 17, 2003.

*Recommendations* - Add a 42nd initiative to the DV Plan requiring the DV Council to assess the needs and determine the gaps in service delivery to better develop our capacity regionally.

Form a subcommittee (Capacity Solutions Task Force – Caps) as part of the DV Council. Responsibilities should include all four of the 41 recommendations that were listed in the victim services area as well as the 42nd recommendation listed above and the items recommended by the criminal justice working group.

**7. West Valley Domestic Violence Coordinating Council**

**Councilmember Sue Linney** will update the Council on the status and plans for the West Valley Domestic Violence Coordinating Council.

6b. For information, discussion, and action.

6c. For information, discussion, and action.

7. For information and discussion.

8. Update on Domestic Violence Court Fees

In response to a research request at the last DV Council meeting, **Sheryl Rabin, MAG**, will provide an update on recently signed legislation that repealed an earlier bill that diverted funds such as local domestic violence fines from local governments.

9. Call to the Audience

Any member of the audience wishing to address the Committee may do so at this time. Under the requirements of the Open Meeting Law, no action may be taken at this meeting on non-agenda items.

10. Announcements

The chair will call upon members to make announcements of interest at this time.

11. Adjourn

**The next scheduled Regional Domestic Violence Council meeting is Thursday, February 19, 2004 at 2:30 pm. Note time change to 2:30 pm for all DV Council meetings in 2004.**

8. For information and discussion.

9. Open floor to members of the public.

10. For information and discussion.