

**MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 9, 2003**

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

*Tom Ambrose, Phoenix Suns
*Maria Armijo, Maricopa County Attorney's Office
Tracy Bame, Phelps Dodge Corp.
*Peggy Bilsten, Council member of Phoenix
*Cmdr Jim Brad, Town of Gilbert
Jerry Boone for David Dube, Division
Community Services
*Dr. Mary Ellen Bradshaw, Arizona Public Health Assoc.
*Mike Branham, Arizona Criminal Justice Commission
Laura Guild for Anne Marie Chavez, DES
Dean Coonrod, Maricopa Integrated Health Systems/MedPro
Gene D'Adamo, The Arizona Republic
*Leticia D'Amore, Value Options
*Jill Faver, Arizona Foundation for Women
Martha Fraser Harman, Men's Anti Violence Network
*Susan Glawe, Blue Cross Blue Shield
*Lisa Glow, Governor's Office for Children, Youth, and Families
Mary Lynn Kasunic, Area Agency on Aging, Region One
*Vicki Hill, City of Phoenix
*Cmdr. Kim Humphrey, Arizona Regional Community Policing Inst.
Iva Klippel for Chief Dan Hughes, City of Surprise
*Roger Illingworth, Dept. Of Public Safety
*Loren Kirkeide, SRP
Sue Linney, Council member of Goodyear
*Marie Lopez-Rogers, Council member of Avondale
JoEllen Lynn, American Express

Cynthia Lukas, Chair, City of Scottsdale
JoEllen Lynn, American Express
*Linda Martin, Religious Response to Domestic Violence
*Judy Mattingly, Justice Services, Inc.
*Preston McMurry, McMurry Publishing
*Rick Miller, Violence Prevention Initiative
Robert Mills, Salt River Indian Community
*Karen O'Connor, Maricopa County
Michael Parascandola, City of Goodyear
Karyn Parker-Reichert, John C. Lincoln
*Sandi Perez, BHHS Legacy Foundation
Don Peyton, City of Phoenix Fire Dept.
Connie Phillips, Sojourner Center
Leah Meyers for Dianne Post, ACADV
Lynn Potts, City of Mesa
*Angela Rodgers, Children's Action Alliance
*Joanne Samora, ConocoPhillips
*Lonetta Sanders, Phoenix Police Department
*Marie Sullivan, AZ Women's Education and Employment
Kerry G. Wangberg, Law Department/
Criminal Division
Phillip Westbrooks, Council member of Chandler

OTHERS PRESENT:

Debra Determan, MAG
Teresa Franquiz, MAG
DeDe Gaisthea, MAG
Katie Hobbs, Sojourner Center
Candace Johnson, Prehab
Carolyn McBurney, MAG
Craig Mills, Affiliated Computer Systems
Sheryl Rabin, MAG

* Those not present or represented by proxy

1. Called to Order

Chairman Lukas called the meeting to order at 2:40 p.m. and introductions ensued.

2. Approval of July 10, 2003 minutes

Mr. Gene D'Adamo moved to approve the minutes. Dr. Dean Coonrod seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Strategic Planning Meeting Review

Councilmember Lukas gave a summary of the Strategic Planning meeting, which took place on September 11, 2003. The meeting began with the highlighting of the accomplishments of this past year and the tremendous work that has been put into the subcommittees. Participants at the Strategic Planning meeting reviewed the 41 initiatives in the domestic violence strategic plan and narrowed the focus to the existing three subcommittees with the addition of three major initiatives for further investigation. She discussed the need to interest members or communities to take on the new initiatives and/or assist with the maintenance of existing initiatives. Mr. Gene D'Adamo asked whether the housing program could coordinate with Jerry Bisgrove's organization. MAG will research that possibility.

Councilmember Lukas continued with the overview of the day and highlighted the comments and results from the small group meeting. There was discussion at the planning meeting about whether each initiative fits within the mission of the Council and if similar projects may already exist. The six initiatives that were chosen were Employers Against Domestic Violence, Crisis Response, and Health Cares About Family Violence, and the following three new initiatives: Criminal Justice, Municipal Approach, and Victim Services. Councilmember Lukas then opened up the floor for comments.

Councilmember Philip Westbrooks brought up the issue of domestic violence court fees and legislative actions. Chandler adopted a \$50 domestic violence prevention fee that that will now go to the state level instead of staying local. Several other committee members recognized this as an ongoing issue. Councilmember Lukas stated that the issue would be investigated further by the Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Maricopa Association of Governments. She stated that this will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Councilmember Lukas continued the discussion regarding initiative priorities.

4. Work Group Progress

- a. *Health Cares About Family Violence:* Dr. Dean Coonrod reported that the group has several priorities, but a relatively small membership. However, the group has already accomplished some of its initiatives. The video produced by the group for the Health Cares About Family Violence Response Kit won a Hemmy Award from the Public Health Department.

He talked about potential areas of expansion by the group: forming mobile teams and creating collaborative programs between systems for Family Violence Awareness month activities.

The group has also developed a self-assessment and distribution tool for healthcare workers. Because October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Dr. Coonrod wished to point out that his hospital is currently running 14 DV Awareness programs. In conclusion, Dr. Coonrod wished to get input from the committee on how best to go about implementing the remaining healthcare initiatives. His suggestions were to include substance abuse and/or mental healthcare providers in the process, to conduct a survey in order to find DV training programs that may already be in place, to possibly combine the two mental health initiatives, and to work directly with crisis response and pre-hospital personnel in implementing the last initiative.

Ms. Martha Fraser Harmon suggested that Dr. Coonrod speak with Susan Gerard from the Governor's Office, who may be able to assist, as well as Mary Thomson.

Dr. Coonrod remarked that the issue would be discussed at the next Health Cares Work Group meeting on November 4th.

- b. *Crisis Response Team Initiative:* Don Peyton reported that the Crisis Response Work Group has completed standardized DV training for crisis response providers. Participating cities include Mesa, Phoenix, Glendale, Avondale, Surprise, Chandler, and Paradise Valley. Value Options is also a participant. Currently, the focus is on public safety organizations, but may expand in the future. Their training sessions have been very popular, and the committee members have been very active and involved in helping to maintain the current momentum. He also informed the Council that the Work Group has received a small grant from ACJC for a training coordinator, with the rest of the funding for that position coming from local fire departments. However, they are currently looking for funding elsewhere and may need to reduce Ms. Karla Houston's position to half time in March. Mr. Peyton also had praise for Mr. Phil Ricchio and Ms. Kim Yedowitz, who have been involved in training on substance abuse and the prevention of sexual assault respectively.

Ms. Iva Klippel commented that she had participated in one of the crisis training sessions and had a wonderful experience.

- c. *EADV:* Ms. JoEllen Lynn and Mr. Craig Mills began by thanking Ms. Tracy Bame and Mr. Gene D'Adamo for their work on EADV. Ms. Bame updated the Council on the Workplace Violence Conference that took place in September in Chicago. Several EADV members attended,

including Ms. Tracy Bame, Mr. Gene D'Adamo, Ms. Sue Glawe, Ms. Debra Determan, and Ms. Connie Phillips. Topics covered included perpetrators in the workplace, curriculum, getting men involved in the issue, and employer liability.

Mr. Mills updated the Council on the semi-annual EADV forums, the last of which took place on September 11th in Mesa. Eight new business members joined. The next forum will take place in March when the EADV Work Group will partner with Health Cares About Family Violence to present a forum on hospitals as employers. EADV would also like to pull in municipalities that are committed as employers.

Ms. Determan stated that because October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, she would like to bring the DV issue to the MAG Regional Council to recognize the work of EADV. The next Regional Council meeting is Wednesday, October 22nd at 5pm in the Saguario Room.

- d. *Chandler Coordinating Council on Domestic Violence*: Councilmember Phillip Westbrook gave an update on the "Many Faces of Domestic Violence" event that took place in Chandler on October 4th. There was a decent turnout for the event, which may now take place on an annual basis. The Mayor of Chandler was present, as well as all the committee members. He thanked Carolyn McBurney for all of her assistance with the event. On October 9th, the subcommittee was scheduled to receive a proclamation from the City Council in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. He noted that the event was well covered by the media and hopes that the turnout will be greater next year. The subcommittee has been meeting on a monthly basis and hosts a guest speaker at each meeting. Guests have included a city judge, a prosecutor, a probation officer, and a police officer. They have about 40 members now, and 25 are very active.

5. DV Council Subcommittee Priorities

Councilmember Lukas thanked subcommittee chairs for their reports. She then called for an endorsement of the existing MAG DV Council Subcommittees: Employers Against Domestic Violence, Crisis Response, and Health Cares About Family Violence. Councilmember Phillip Westbrook moved for the endorsement, and Ms. Laura Guild seconded the motion. The subcommittees were endorsed unanimously.

Ms. Debra Determan raised the issue of how to strengthen the subcommittees that will be working on the three new initiative areas, namely Municipal Approach/Coordinating Committee, Victim Services, and Criminal Justice. She proposed doing a feasibility report on each area to see if the goals can be accomplished. A separate meeting will be called for each initiative area. Those

who have already signed up will be contacted, and individuals can add their names to the list. She asked those who have already added their names to one of these three areas to please attend the meetings.

6. Legislative Update

Leah Meyers announced that Dianne Post is no longer working with the Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and no legislative update would be presented.

7. Public Comment

Leah Meyers informed the Council of a domestic violence awareness stamp that is now currently available at the post office. The stamp costs 8 cents more than a regular stamp, with proceeds going to DV programs across the United States. After purchasing a stamp, the buyer will receive a DV Awareness Month pin.

8. Announcements

Mr. Roger Mills announced the Domestic Violence Training for Native Americans that will be held on November 17th and 18th at the Mesa Convention Center. Native American Communities from Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, and Utah will be in attendance. Healthcare providers, criminal justice workers, and community leadership are the invitees.

Mr. Gene D'Adamo announced that the Arizona Republic is doing a series about Domestic Violence for DV Awareness Month. There will be a piece on the actions that employers have taken. He asked the Council for suggestions on which companies might be included in the article. Ms. Connie Phillips suggested he contact McMurray Publishing, and Ms. Martha Fraser Harmon suggested American Express.

Ms. JoEllen Lynn responded that American Express does not have any standard policies in place, rather that each individual situation is dealt with as needed. Their DV awareness training is optional, but has been very popular. They have assisted their employees by changing their shifts, giving them time off when necessary, assigning special parking privileges, and giving them cell phones, as examples. Mr. Craig Mills added that Motorola has much the same approach.

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m. The next Domestic Violence Council meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2003, at 2 pm. in the MAG offices Saguaro Room.