

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL
STRATEGIC PLANNING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 1, 2005

MEMBERS ATTENDING

- Phillip Westbrook, Councilmember of Chandler, Chairman
Judge Carey Hyatt for Mark Armstrong, MC Superior Court
*Tracy Bame, Phelps Dodge Corp.
*John A. Blackburn, Jr., AZ Criminal Justice Commission
Jerry Boone, Maricopa County Department of Public Health
Dena Salter for Jennifer Casaletto, Maricopa Medical Center
*Chris Christy, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
*Gene D'Adamo, The Arizona Republic
Gina Grappone for Governor's Office
*Susan Glawe, Blue Cross Blue Shield
Laura Guild, DES
Shannon Cotton for Cindy Hallman, Marley House
Sherri Lauritano for Vicki Hill, City of Phoenix Law Department
Lt. Scott Connelly for Dan Hughes, City of Surprise
Cmdr. Kim Humphrey, City of Phoenix, Public Affairs Bureau, Vice Chair
Linda Dickerson for Dept. Of Public Safety
*Mary Lynn Kasunic, Area Agency on Aging
Wallace Kemp, Phoenix Police Department
Patricia Klahr, Chrysalis Shelter
*Phil Lieberman, Councilmember of Glendale
JoEllen Lynn, American Express
Carolyn McBurney, Envision Project Management
Marna McClendon, Office of the Attorney General
Lisa Melton, Community Legal Services
*Craig Mills, APS
- *Michael Parascandola, City of Goodyear
Celeste Adams for Janice Parker, Save the Family Foundation
*Keith Perkins, Never Again Foundation
*Don Peyton, City of Phoenix Fire Dept.
Connie Phillips, Sojourner Center
John Pombier, City of Mesa
*Lynn Potts, City of Mesa
*Fred Scott, Councilmember of Goodyear
Libby Bissa for Ginger Spencer, Phoenix Family Advocacy Center
*Mike Stedman, City of El Mirage
*Patricia Stevens, Maricopa County Attorney's Office
Kris Scharlau for Judy Tapscott, City of Tempe
*Kerry G. Wangberg, City of Phoenix Prosecutor's Office
Dale Wiebusch, Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Rick Ybarra, Value Options

OTHERS PRESENT:

- Srgt. Scott Connelly, Surprise Police Dept.
Teresa Franquiz, MAG
DeDe Gaisthea, MAG
Patrice Kraus, City of Chandler
Jodi Liggett, MAN
Joyce Lopez Powell, VSUW
Sandi Nance, Swanrider
Amy St. Peter, MAG
Dena Salter, MIHS
Lynn Timmons, City of Phoenix
Laura Wilson, DES

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

1. Call to Order
Vice-Chairman Commander Humphrey called the meeting to order at 8:50 am. He welcomed everyone and introductions ensued
2. Call to the Audience
No comments were made at this time.
3. Approval of the September 13, 2005 Council Meeting Minutes
Vice-Chairman Commander Humphrey called for a motion to approve the September 13, 2005 meeting minutes. John Pombier moved to approve, Laura Guild seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.
4. Review and Recommendation of the Domestic Violence Chapter of the 2006 Regional Human Services Plan
Vice-Chairman Commander Humphrey called on Teresa Franquiz, MAG, who presented the Domestic Violence chapter for the 2006 Regional Human Services Plan. She explained that the bulk of the draft chapter was based upon the current activities of the Council and the feedback that was received through the DV focus groups conducted over the summer. She thanked the Council members who had assisted with the focus groups. She mentioned that a few members of the Council had already reviewed the draft and their feedback had already been incorporated into the draft. She thanked those members who had already provided feedback.

Ms. Franquiz asked the Council if they had any further comments or recommendations on the draft that was forwarded to them via email prior to the meeting. Vice-Chairman Commander Humphrey suggested that when referring to “domestic violence” we must be careful to explain whose definition we are using. For example, the Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence uses a different definition for domestic violence deaths than the state of Arizona. He requested that the section on fatalities be clear as to what we are including as a “domestic violence-related death). Ms. Franquiz agreed and said that this portion would be revisited to ensure that it is clear.

There were no other suggested revisions to the chapter at this time.

Vice-Chairman Commander Humphrey called for a motion to approve the Domestic Violence Chapter of the 2006 Regional Human Services Plan. Dale Wiebusch moved to approve, Carolyn McBurney seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

5. Review and Recommendation of the Domestic Violence Shelter Capacity White Paper
Vice-Chairman Commander Humphrey asked Amy St. Peter, MAG, to present on the DV Capacity White Paper. Ms. St. Peter provided background information on how study was done. The Victim Services Subcommittee partnered with professors from ASU West to conduct two surveys with each of the DV shelters in the MAG region.

The first was a written survey given to clients staying in shelter that asked how many times they had to call before they were able to secure a spot in the shelter where they were currently staying. Those answering the phones at the shelters conducted the second survey. Every time someone called seeking shelter, the callers were asked how many other phone calls they had already made. Ms. St. Peter said that the cities and towns provided the number of police reports filed in their jurisdictions. Community Information and Referral provided data, as well as PREHAB on the DV STOP Program.

She noted that the accompanying bar chart had been changed since the last meeting because original included duplicate calls. The Council had agreed at the September meeting that they did not want any potentially misleading graphics included, just in case some people may not read the accompanying text, which would make it clear. She added that the narrative had not changed significantly. She asked for any comments or questions.

Lynn Timmons, City of Phoenix noted that three of the seven needs noted in the paper are big public policy gaps that apply broadly to the entire population, and not just specifically to DV survivors. For example, a lack of affordable housing and adequate transportation affects everyone, although it may have more of a detrimental impact upon DV survivors. She suggested that this be noted in the paper. Ms. St. Peter agreed and said that this revision could be added.

JoEllen Lynn, American Express, suggested that in the section on the DV STOP Program, that it should be noted that people must be in imminent danger in order to qualify for DV STOP services.

Dale Weibusch complimented the Victim Services Subcommittee on a job well done and thanked the professors from ASU West who have assisted with the project.

Joyce Lopez-Powell, Valley of the Sun United Way, asked when the paper would be released to the public. Ms. St. Peter responded that they hope to have it approved by the MAG Regional Council by the end of the year. Patricia Klahr, Chrysalis Shelter, clarified that members may not use the information publicly yet. Ms. St. Peter agreed and asked that everyone wait until the paper is officially approved and added that it would be introduced with a press release. She stressed that the paper will go before the MAG Regional Council and there are plans to present it to the Governor's Commission to Prevent Violence Against Women, though this has not yet been confirmed. She asked everyone to let her know if they know of any other groups it would be appropriate to present the information to.

Commander Humphrey asked if there were any further comments about the DV Capacity White Paper. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the paper. Laura Guild, DES, moved to approve the white paper. Dena Salter, Maricopa Medical Center, seconded the motion. The DV Shelter Capacity White Paper was unanimously approved.

6. A Survivor's Story

Commander Humphrey informed members that they had now finished the regular business portion of the meeting. He reminded the Council that what they do everyday in their jobs and their participation on this Council is important work. He said that he now is a good time to sit back and reflect on just important this work is. He introduced Sandi Nance, President of Swanrider and a survivor of domestic violence who would share her story.

Ms. Nance began by saying that she is thankful the work of the Council. She shared her own personal story of living in an abusive relationship her whole life, up until June 2000. Most events she discussed took place in Portland, Oregon.

She focused her message on what she needed to feel safe. The things she mentioned as important were having a safe place, access to group sessions led by someone with expertise, opportunities to build her self-esteem, the police to listen with compassion and without judgment or refer her to someone who can, and for resources to be readily available.

She mentioned that her Swanrider support program is available at shelters statewide.

Jodi Liggett, Arizona Foundation for Women, asked if Sandi had informed her of Community Information and Referral when she was attempting to access service. She responded that they had not. Mr. Weibusch asked how she eventually heard about the Coalition. She responded that she unexpectedly received a mass email from someone with the organization. Sherri Lauritano, City of Phoenix Prosecutor's Office asked if there was anything could have done in Portland to make her feel safe after going to police. Ms. Nance said that it would have been helpful if the suspect had been kept out of the courtroom while she was giving her testimony. Marna McClendon, Attorney General's Office, asked what kind of programs would have been of the most assistance. She replied that self-esteem building exercises would have been helpful. Judge Hyatt asked how she was able to change her life so significantly. Ms. Nance said that she read a book called *Building Your Field of Dreams* by Mary Manin Morrissey. She read a passage in the book that said, "If you continue down the road you're own, you'll end up where you're headed." Fortunately, at that point in her life, she was ready to hear it.

7. Strategic Planning for 2006

Commander Humphrey introduced Laura Wilson, Strategic Planner II with DES, who led the Council through various strategic planning exercises. She began by noting a few basic ground rules, defined objectives and performance measures, and gave key points to keep in mind when developing ideas for policy and/or planning related projects. She emphasized that members were asked to consider projects related to these areas, rather than projects that would require direct implementation.

After the planning exercises were concluded, Ms. St. Peter thanked everyone again for being there. She noted that they would be using the outcomes from today to guide

the Council in its consideration of activities for 2006, and which of those activities the Council should pursue funding for. She stressed that the Council needs defined goals in order to be able to be accountable. In looking at what kinds of activities we can pursue, the Council should look for a regional scope, public policy goals and planning projects. The aim would be to work with other agencies that are good at implementation and to support their activities.

The final goals identified by the Council for 2006 were:

- Form a work group to revisit the original 42 recommendations in order to categorize them according to what specific role the Regional DV Council can play and the relative levels of current priority.
- Support increased shelter capacity by widely distributing and publicizing the DV Shelter Capacity White Paper and utilizing the MAG process to make the findings available to local elected officials.
- Research project on the legal system to include two phases: assessment of legal service needs among domestic violence survivors, as well as a survey of the domestic violence process and attitudes of court officials, including prosecutors, judges, and probation officers (possibly working with the Morrison Institute).
- Education and early prevention programs for youth, possibly to include a collaboration with the City of Mesa group already working towards implementing a new curriculum in junior high schools.

8. Announcements

Connie Phillips, Sojourner Center, announced that Sojourner would soon be opening 40 new beds. The new extension will be bigger and can fit more beds in the future. She said if there are enough people behind this issue, it could happen. There is room in the building for at least 175 beds total. Also, she is aware that Chrysalis Shelter is looking at expanding as well and there is a capital campaign currently underway at the New Life Center.

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:00am. The next DV Council meeting has been changed to Thursday, February 2 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. to accommodate more people's schedule. Please let Teresa Franquiz know if there are any problems with this new time.