

**MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 19, 2004**

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
- *Dr. Mary Ellen Bradshaw, Arizona Public Health Assoc.
- *Mike Branham, Arizona Criminal Justice Commission
- *Jan Brewer, State of Arizona
Laura Guild for Anna Marie Chavez, DES
- *Dean Coonrod, Maricopa Integrated Health Systems/MedPro
- *Gene D'Adamo, The Arizona Republic
- *Leticia D'Amore, MCDFH
- *David Dube, Division Community Services
- *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
Bill Hart for Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- *Vicki Hill, City of Phoenix
Randy Rody for Dan Hughes, City of Surprise
Cmdr. Kim Humphrey, Arizona Regional Community Policing Inst.
- *Roger Illingworth, Dept. Of Public Safety
- *Mary Lynn Kasunic, Area Agency on Aging
- *Loren Kirkeide, SRP
Iva Klippel, AZ Attorney General's Office
Sue Linney, Council member of Goodyear
- *Marie Lopez-Rogers, Council member of Avondale
- *JoEllen Lynn, American Express
- *Donna Marcum, AZ Criminal Justice Commission

- *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
- *Janice Parker, Save the Family Foundation
- *Karyn Parker-Reichert, John C. Lincoln
- *Sandi Perez, BHHS Legacy Foundation
Keith Perkins, Never Again Foundation
Don Peyton, City of Phoenix Fire Dept.
Connie Phillips, Sojourner Center
Lynn Potts, City of Mesa
- *Angela Rodgers, Children's Action Alliance
- *Lonetta Sanders, Phoenix Police Department
- *Marie Sullivan, AZ Women's Education and Employment
Mary Thomson, Governor's Office
Sheri Lauritino, Kerry G. Wangberg, Law Department/ Criminal Division
- *Phillip Westbrooks, Council member of Chandler

OTHERS PRESENT:

- Ginger Bealer, Family Advocacy Center
- Allie Bones, Governor's Office.
- Jerry Boone, MCDFH
- Joy Carter, MAG
- Danielle Elleman, MAG
- Debbra Determan, MAG
- Teresa Franquiz, MAG
- DeDe Gaissthea, MAG
- Carolyn McBurney, MAG
- Craig Mill, ACS
- Lynn Timmons, City of Phoenix

- * Those not present or represented by proxy

1. Call to Order.

Vice Chair Humphrey's welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.

2. Call to the Audience

No comments were made.

3. Introductions of New Members

Vice Chair Humphrey introduced new MAG Regional DV Council Committee members, Iva Klippel, Statewide Victim Rights Trainer for the Arizona Attorney General's Office and Keith Perkins, Executive Director of the Never Again Foundation. Phil Lieberman, Councilmember from the City of Glendale, was also welcomed as a new member of the Council, but was unable to attend today's meeting.

4. Approval of the December 11, 2003 Council Meeting Minutes

Quorum was not met. Vice Chair Humphrey suggested that the Council try to reach a consensus on any action items. If a consensus could not be achieved on an issue, it would be held over to the next Council meeting. The formal approval of the December 11, 2003 minutes was held over.

5. Work Group Progress Reports

- a. *Healthcares About Family Violence:* Craig Mills reported that on March 4, 2004, HCAFV and EADV would host a training forum for healthcare providers at the Flinn Foundation. The forum is titled, "When Domestic Violence Comes to Work, Healthcare Responds." So far, 30 people have registered for the forum. HCAFV and EADV hope that they will have approximately 50 attendees on the day of the training.
- b. *Update of EADV Walk:* Craig Mills referred the Council to the brochure for the 2004 DV Walk and encouraged members to develop activities and teams for the walk at their places of business. He informed the Council that last year's walk was the best attended of all first-time walks in Arizona. He hoped that this 2nd Annual Walk to End Domestic Violence on April 24, 2004 at 7:00 a.m. would be even more successful.
- c. *EADV:* Craig Mills also reported on the kick-off breakfast at the R & G Ranch held earlier in the day for the DV Walk. He thanked the Arizona Republic, American Express, and the R and B Ranch who hosted the event. Over 100 people attended and over one-half were new to domestic violence issues.

Debbra Determan asked Craig Mills if EADV still plans to hold an awards ceremony for members. Allie Bones responded that it is still under consideration.

- d. *West Valley DV Coordinating Council:* Michael Parascandola gave a brief background of the West Valley Coordinating Council and an update on the last meeting that was held on January 6, 2004. He pointed out that the West Valley Council covers a very large geographic region and that it is multi-jurisdictional, unlike other local municipal councils. These two issues have presented the West Valley Council with unique challenges. They are now analyzing where to go and may eventually decide to change the structure of the Council. At the last meeting, the group discussed what they would like to see come out of the Council. They listed education and awareness in the West Valley, more speakers to come to the meetings to share information, and a better knowledge of the services available in neighboring cities in the West Valley.

- e. *Crisis Response Team Initiative:* Karla Houston gave an update on the Regional Training Advisory Council and Crisis Response Team initiatives. So far this year, 200 crisis responders have attended training sessions. By July, the number will likely be 300, which is an increase from this time last year. Several cities and towns around the Valley have been involved. One new program is on recognizing cases of AEA, or Auto Erotic Asphyxia. They have revamped their cultural awareness program and a disaster response program is also being developed.

Debra Determan asked Karla Houston if they have received a grant to continue funding for her position. She responded that they did receive an ACJC grant funding for a part-time position and that the grant process will begin again in March.

6. Crime Victims Rights Video Presentation

Vice Chair Humphrey introduced Keith Perkins, Never Again Foundation who presented a video on demystifying the court process with information including the criminal court, civil court and family court. He informed the Council that this would be the first showing of the video and that he was very excited about its completion. He hoped that it would be helpful to victims of domestic violence to have standardized information about their legal rights in one place.

After the video, Mr. Perkins informed the Council that in making the video, the Never Again Foundation had tried to address the most frequently asked questions. He said that he has several copies available, but that the Foundation is still working on how best to distribute the video. He said that a small piece of the video can be viewed on the Never Again Foundation website at www.neveragainfoundation.com.

7. Data from the City of Phoenix Update

Vice Chair Humphrey gave an update on domestic violence data from the City of Phoenix. Before showing his presentation, he asked the Council and audience members to answer three quiz questions on a sheet of paper and pass them to him. The winner with the most correct answers would receive a club for their car. The questions were: 1) What is the most common type of crime seen in domestic violence situations? 2) What is the most common relationship people are in when domestic violence crimes are committed? 3) What percentage of women alone are arrested at the scene? In the course of the presentation, these three questions were answered. The answers were: 1) simple assault 2) living together but not married 3) approximately 20%, partly because often women are the only ones left at the scene by the time the police arrive. Martha Harmon won the prize by getting all of the answers correct.

8. Legislative Updates

Vice Chair Humphrey introduced Bill Hart, ACADV who discussed six bills that are of concern.

The first was HB 2704 in which the language of “custody” would be changed to “parenting”. This would create a presumption of joint custody in a domestic violence dispute. It will be in the Judiciary Committee in the next couple of weeks.

The second, HB 2317, is a housing bill addendum. It says that if the police are called to respond to a disturbance at a rental residence even one time, the tenant can be evicted. ACADV has been working to change the law to allow a victim to be released from a lease early in these cases, but there has been significant opposition from the Multi-Housing Association.

The third, HB 2304 is a change in the classification of a martial rape. The change would allow a first offense to be classified as a misdemeanor. Keith Perkins added that he has seen the bill and that the rationale is only given in Section 46 and that it takes away the ability to proceed unless the rationale is given in each section of the bill.

The fourth bill, HB 2208, removes diversion (offender treatment and wiping the record clean) as an option for post conviction domestic violence, while leaving it as an option for pre-trial. ACADV supports this bill.

The fifth, SB 1156, is a Senate bill that would allow non-married couples that are no longer together to file for retroactive child support for up to three years. This is currently not available to married couples. ACADV would like to have this option extended for married couples going back to the day of their separation, rather than the day of their divorce.

The sixth was Senate Bill 1308, which is a child custody bill. This bill also provides for protectors in the custody evaluation process by requiring training and prohibiting custody of sex offenders and offenders who murdered the other parent. ACADV suggests 18 hours of training for child custody evaluators during their first year of work and 6 hours every year after. This bill passed the Judiciary Committee in the Senate yesterday and is in the Family Service Committee today.

Keith Perkins informed the Council of two other pieces of legislation that are of concern. The first was HB 2348. This is a bill supported by the Never Again Foundation. Under current law, a family court judge may not take marital misconduct into consideration when dividing up property in divorce proceedings. This statute may change this. There has been some opposition from the State Bar Association that does not want to change the no-fault divorce rules in Arizona. This bill will be in the Judiciary Committee next week.

The second was HB 2617, which deals with the statute of limitations in civil action arising from criminal conduct. This bill would change the current statute.

9. Governor's Commission to Prevent Violence Against Women

Vice Chair Humphrey introduced Mary Thomson, Governor's Office, who planned on giving an update on the Governor's Commission to Prevent Violence Against Women. Because the meeting was running late, she offered to save her update regarding the Governor's Commission to Prevent Violence Against Women until the next meeting but did hand out a one page Summary of Arizona State Plan Recommendations for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

10. Public Comment

No comments were made.

11. Announcements

No announcements were made.

12. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m. The next scheduled DV Council meeting is Thursday, April 15, 2004 at 2:30 pm.