

**MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 15, 2004**

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

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| Tom Ambrose, Phoenix Suns | *Judy Mattingly, Justice Services, Inc. |
| *Maria Armijo, Maricopa County Attorney's Office | *Preston McMurry, McMurry Publishing Craig Mill, ACS |
| *Tracy Bame, Phelps Dodge Corp. | Robert Mills, Salt River Indian Community |
| *Peggy Bilsten, Council member of Phoenix | *Karen O'Connor, Maricopa County |
| *Cmdr Jim Brad, Town of Gilbert | Michael Parascandola, City of Goodyear |
| *Dr. Mary Ellen Bradshaw, Arizona Public Health Assoc. | Celeste Adams for Janice Parker, Save the Family Foundation |
| *Mike Branham, Arizona Criminal Justice Commission | *Karyn Parker-Reichert, John C. Lincoln |
| *Jan Brewer, State of Arizona | *Sandi Perez, BHHS Legacy Foundation |
| Laura Guild for Anna Marie Chavez, DES | *Keith Perkins, Never Again Foundation |
| Dean Coonrod, Maricopa Integrated Health Systems/MedPro | *Don Peyton, City of Phoenix Fire Dept. |
| Gene D'Adamo, The Arizona Republic | *Connie Phillips, Sojourner Center |
| Jerry Boone for David Dube, Division Community Services | Lynn Potts, City of Mesa |
| *Jill Faver, Arizona Foundation for Women | *Angela Rodgers, Children's Action Alliance |
| Martha Fraser Harman, Men's Anti Violence Network | *Lonetta Sanders, Phoenix Police Department |
| Susan Glawe, Blue Cross Blue Shield | *Marie Sullivan, AZ Women's Education and Employment |
| *Lisa Glow, Governor's Office for Children, Youth, and Families | Allie Bones for Mary Thomson, Governor's Office |
| *Vicki Hill, City of Phoenix | Sheri Lauritino, Kerry G. Wangberg, Law Department/ Criminal Division |
| *Dan Hughes, City of Surprise | Phillip Westbrooks, Council member of Chandler |
| *Cmdr. Kim Humphrey, Arizona Regional Community Policing Inst. | Dale Wiebusch, Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence |
| Jane Condor for Roger Illingworth, Dept. Of Public Safety | |
| *Mary Lynn Kasunic, Area Agency on Aging | <u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u> |
| *Loren Kirkeide, SRP | Joy Carter, MAG |
| Iva Klippel, AZ Attorney General's Office | Debra Determan, MAG |
| Sue Linney, Council member of Goodyear | DeDe Gaisthea, MAG |
| *Marie Lopez-Rogers, Council member of Avondale | Carolyn McBurney, MAG |
| *JoEllen Lynn, American Express | Leah Powell, City of Chandler |
| Donna Marcum, AZ Criminal Justice Commission | Cindy Richmond, Area Agency on Aging |
| *Linda Martin, Religious Response to Domestic Violence | Terri Woodmansee, Goodyear Police Department |
| | Martha Yoakam, My Sister's Place |
| | * Those not present or represented by proxy |

1. Call to Order.

Acting Chair Craig Mills, welcomed the committee and introductions ensued.

2. Call to the Audience

No comments were made.

3. Introductions of New Staff

Acting Chair Mills introduced new MAG staff Amy St. Peter, Human Services Planner II. Ms. St. Peter said she would be working with homeless and domestic violence issues in her new position.

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

Quorum was not met. The formal approval of the February 19, 2004 minutes was held over.

5. Work Group Progress Reports

- a. *Healthcares About Family Violence:* Dr. Coonrod, reported on the March 4, 2004, HCAFV and EADV training forum for healthcare providers at the Flinn Foundation. The program was very successful with over 50 people attending and more being turned away due to space limitations. The breakout sessions were very well received. The event was the result of a good collaboration and organization.
- b. *Update of EADV Walk:* Gene D'Adamo updated the committee on the 2d Annual EADV Walk on April 24, 2004. Mr. D'Adamo encouraged people to register in teams. This year they have more money in from this time last year from teams alone. There were 3,000 walkers last year and this year they hope to have 5,000. Shelters have helped a lot with recruitment and have greatly increased their numbers from last year. The Arizona Republic ran a sixteen-page section on the walk. Mr. D'Adamo complimented Carolyn on doing a great job. He said on the day of the event that people could purchase purple "Survivor" balloons in honor of domestic violence survivors. At the beginning of the walk the governor will release white doves.
- c. *Crisis Response Team Initiative:* Don Peyton was not present to give this report.
- d. *EADV:* Martha Harmon gave an update on the progress of initiatives within the EADV. She discussed the public awareness campaign starting in early October to honor Domestic Violence month. A sizeable packet will be sent

to employers beginning in June to prepare for this campaign. The packet will be tailored for small, medium and large size companies and will contain sample letters, emails, a list of presenters, and brochures and posters that may be ordered. CEO's who are members of MAN and EADV will receive these packets. She said they are in the process of scheduling speaking engagements for the association and the chambers. Craig Mills suggested the Human Resource Convention in the fall might be a good resource.

- e. *West Valley DV Coordinating Council:* Terri Woodmansee gave an update on the West Valley Meeting that was held on March 2, 2004. She mentioned the meetings were now focusing on education, networking and bringing a variety of speakers to better utilize the time.
- f. *Modeling Project:* Laura Guild reported on the progress of the modeling project. This project is a new initiative from Victim Services's strategic planning. Ms. Guild thanked Carolyn McBurney, Amy St.Peter and Debba Determan for helping the project to utilize data through MAG's mapping department. The final document will show where services and gaps exist in the community. This will be a working tool for funding and to show where needs exist. This summer the shelters are doing a point in time study to reduce concern about duplication in services. She would like the final product to be like Community Vital Signs and is excited about the project.

6. Chandler DV Needs Assessment

Acting Chair Mills introduced Councilmember Westbrook, City of Chandler who reported on the Chandler Domestic Violence Assessment. He first gave a history of the project. The city council had approved funding for a family advocacy center and decided to do a needs assessment prior to implementation. The city contracted with O'Neill and Associates to perform the assessment. Councilmember Westbrook said there are 200,000 people in Chandler and about 2,700 domestic violence calls every year, or 225 calls a month. He said the public safety department has a complete and accurate tracking system for calls received. The local coordinating council has been meeting for three years now. The council originally formed as a result of this Domestic Violence Council's recommendation. He said various agencies participate in the Chandler council and staff helps with the analysis.

Councilmember Westbrook introduced Leah Powell, the administrative assistant to the city manager. She said the study conducted by O'Neill and Associates was conducted in two parts. The first was a basic needs assessment conducted by random dialing phone surveys. The second part was a qualitative assessment done by interviewing domestic violence victims in shelters.

7. Innovative Grant

Acting Chair Mills introduced Iva Klippel, Governor's Office, who reported on the status of the Innovative Grant. They are in the process of choosing materials to use with children who have witnessed domestic violence as tools within the home. They are finalizing the content but have decided on using a coloring book format for the younger children with more advanced content for the older children. Ms. Klippel explained Joy Carter has been working with people on the content and what the final product should look like. Other plans include using laminated cards in the HR vans and a new section has been developed in the Regional Crisis Training to focus specifically on domestic violence.

8. Data Partnership

Acting Chair Mills introduced Rita Walton, MAG Information Services Manager who gave a presentation with Debra Determan, MAG Human Services Manager on the Data Partnership project. The project is the result of a collaboration between MAG and Valley of the Sun United Way. Ms. Walton explained the main goal of the project was to look at individual needs within the community. The product was based on census population information. She reviewed some of the demographic changes such as rapid population growth in communities like Gilbert. While the general perception is that Arizona has an older population, the census revealed that we are actually the fifth youngest large city in the country. Ms. Walton discussed different aspects of the product such as the ability to report on characteristics such as education levels, voter registration and crime. While the data is not analyzed, it does give some ideas about what the issues are. There are maps, graphs and charts to display data as well as links to other websites for additional research. Ms. Determan invited everyone to take copies of the publication for use with advisory groups, city councils and community groups.

9. Legislative Update

Acting Chair Mills introduced Dale Wiebusch, ACADV, who gave an update on legislative issues.

Senate Bill 1308 provides for protectors in the custody evaluation process by requiring training and prohibiting custody of sex offenders and offenders who murdered the other parent. This bill passed the Judiciary Committee in the Senate. Bill 2348 was amended and passed as well.

House Bill 2304 is a change in the classification of a marital rape. The change would allow a first offense to be classified as a misdemeanor. This bill passed the House and Senate Committee but has been stuck in Rules. They are working to get it to be heard but are not sure when another Rule meeting will be taking place, and they may have to attach to another bill.

Mr. Wiebusch said he would like to thank Allie Bones, Governor's Office, and other sponsors of the bills. The coalition has not had much success in getting bills

passed in previous years but has been very successful this year thanks to the hard work of staff and sponsors.

10. Call to the Audience

No comments were made.

11. Announcements

Martha Fraser Harmon, MAN, announced a DV and MAN training conference. Discussion ensued about what dates would bring in the most people. Tentatively looking at August/September 2004.

Debra Determan announced that the time has come to review the strategic plan and document milestones and implementation steps for the plan. Staff will be looking at developing a report.

Allie Bones announced the next full governor's commission meeting would be June 3rd at the state capitol. At this meeting they will review the state plan for domestic violence and sexual violence.

Terri Woodmansee announced they have placed racks with shoe cards in the Goodyear business's bathrooms in an outreach effort. She encouraged other members to use these resources as well.

12. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50p.m. The next scheduled DV Council meeting is Thursday, June 17, 2004 at 2:30 pm.