

MINUTES OF THE  
MAG REGIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL MEETING  
June 7, 2018  
MAG Office Building, Ironwood Room  
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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| Celeste Adams, Save the Family   | Robert Beardsley for Rachel Mitchell,<br>Maricopa County Attorney's Office                           |
| Zach Altman, Gilbert Prosecutor's Office   | Amy Offenber, Phoenix Prosecutor's<br>Office   |
| Councilmember Lupe Bandin, City of<br>Tolleson   | Gerardo Pena, Chicanos por la Causa  |
| Councilmember Robin Barker, City of<br>Apache Junction   | * Lynette Pompa, Glendale Fire<br>Department   |
| Whitney Walker for Ginger Butcher,<br>Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and<br>Domestic Violence | # Councilmember Terry Roe, City of<br>Chandler   |
| John Belatti, City of Mesa Prosecutor's<br>Office  | # Iva Rody, El Mirage Police Department<br>Lieutenant Matthew Siekmann, Phoenix<br>Police Department |
| Councilmember Eddie Cook, Town of<br>Gilbert, Vice Chair                                       | Chief Steve Stahl, Maricopa Police<br>Department   |
| Dolores (D.C.) Ernst, Phoenix Fire<br>Department   | # Sheryl Steele, City of Avondale<br>Kathleen Sullivan, Town of Gilbert                              |
| * Naomi Farrell, City of Tempe   | * Sonia Williams, Community Alliance<br>Against Family Abuse   |
| Laura Guild, Arizona Dept. of Economic<br>Security   | * Mayor Thelda Williams, City of Phoenix,<br>Chair   |
| # Alexa Oberpriller for Elizabeth Herbert,<br>City of Chandler Prosecutor's Office             | * Sonia Williams, Community Alliance<br>Against Family Abuse   |
| Cyndi Patterson for Mary Lynn Kasunic,<br>Area Agency on Aging, Region One                     | Erin Yabu, City of Phoenix Human<br>Services   |
| Patricia Klahr, Chrysalis Shelter, Inc.  | * Councilmember Cecil Yates, Town of<br>Fountain Hills   |
| Andrew LeFevre, Arizona Criminal<br>Justice Commission   | # Sarah Youngblood, Community Legal<br>Services  |
| Councilmember Kathy Littlefield, City of<br>Scottsdale   |  |
| Sergeant Christopher Malast, Maricopa<br>County Sheriff's Office                               |  |

- \* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.
- # Attended by telephone conference call.
- + Attended by videoconference

## OTHERS PRESENT

Lieutenant Theresa Arviso, Surprise Police Department  
Briana Bobertz, Arizona Attorney General's Office  
Marti Crockatt, Maricopa County Attorney's Office Victim Services  
Teresa Fyffe, City of Phoenix Prosecutor's Office  
Andraeh Gomez, New Life Center  
Sergio Gomez, City of Phoenix  
Maria Gonzalez, Tempe CARE 7  
Rene Guillen, Town of Gilbert  
Rosalie Hernandez, A New Leaf  
Memory Long Chase, New Life Center  
Leslie Mar-Na, Catholic Charities  
Tasha Menaker, Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence  
Rebecca Nelson, Survivor, Member of the Public  
Doreen Nicholas, Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence  
Elizabeth Ortiz, Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys' Advisory Council  
Alejandro Palacios, BLOOM 365  
Julie Peterson, Sojourner Center  
Stephanie Pleasant, Survivor, Member of the Public  
Briselda Rodriguez, City of Phoenix  
Rebecca Rodriguez, Glendale City Prosecutor's Office  
Sarabeth Spencer, Sojourner Center  
Anastasia Stinchfield, Tempe CARE 7  
Detective Brandon Wilson, Gilbert Police Department  
Brandee Mead, Maricopa Association of Governments  
Maria Pina, Maricopa Association of Governments  
Amy Rebenar, Maricopa Association of Governments

### 1. Call to Order and Introductions

Vice Chair, Eddie Cook, Town of Gilbert, called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. Vice Chair Cook asked the Committee members and audience members to introduce themselves. Introductions ensued.

### 2. Call to the Audience

An opportunity was provided to members of the public to address the Regional 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. Vice Chair Cook requested audience members not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments.

There were no comments made from the audience.

### 3. Approval of the Regional Domestic Violence Council Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Cook called for approval of the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council meeting minutes from April 5, 2018. Vice Chair Cook asked for any revisions to the minutes. Hearing none, Vice Chair Cook entertained a motion to approve the minutes. Amy Offenberg, Phoenix Prosecutor's Office, made a motion to approve the minutes. Chief Steve Stahl, Maricopa Police Department, seconded the motion. All voted and the motion passed.

#### 4. Legislative Update

An update was provided by Whitney Walker, Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence, on legislation related to domestic violence and sexual assault. Ms. Walker addressed HB2249 regarding Protective Orders noting the bill passed and was signed into law on April 18, 2018, emphasizing the bill will become effective in 2020. Additional Ms. Walker addressed HB2247 regarding Arizona Criminal Justice Commission Criminal History Database Reporting Requirements.

Andrew LeFevre spoke to HB2249 explaining courts will automatically transfer out the orders instead of transferring back to the petitioner for service. The goal is to eliminate the gap of approximately 50 percent of orders which are issued but never served. The decision point has changed, but it is still up to the victim as to whether or not the order will be served.

#### 5. Domestic Violence Response

Doreen Nicholas, Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence, provided an overview of coordinated domestic violence response. Ms. Nicholas provided a historical overview of coordinated domestic violence response in the region, and highlighted the continuing work of the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council. Ms. Nicholas detailed ongoing efforts to continue coordinated domestic violence response by engaging non-traditional first responders including hospital staff, employers and schools.

Ms. Nicholas encouraged additional engagement by coordinating with probation and offender treatment programs, emphasizing the need for additional oversight and a trauma informed approach. Chief Stahl, Maricopa Police Department, thanked Ms. Nicholas and the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence for providing statewide training, and emphasized the need for advocates.

After Ms. Nicholas gave her presentation, a survivor shared their personal experience with domestic violence and the criminal justice system. Vice Chair Cook thanked the survivor for sharing their story, and Ms. Nicholas for the presentation.

#### 6. Phoenix APRAIS Implementation

Lieutenant Matthew Siekmann, Phoenix Police Department, provided a report on the implementation of the new Form IV also known as the APRAIS model by the Phoenix Police Department. Phoenix Police Department began using the Form IV-C in April 2018. Lt.

Siekmann detailed the process used including revision of department policy and legal reviews as well as officer training. The new form is being utilized in investigative settings, not only in the event of an arrest. Lt. Siekmann noted pushback within the department was limited, and implementation has gone smoothly.

Chief Steve Stahl, Maricopa Police Department, and Dolores (D.C.) Ernst, Phoenix Fire Department encouraged the contacting and use of advocates in conjunction with completing the Form IV on scene when possible.

#### 7. Staff Updates

MAG staff updates and housekeeping reminders were provided to the committee by Amy Rebenar. Ms. Rebenar informed the committee that MAG will be moving to a paperless process and encouraged members to utilize the digital materials provided.

#### 8. Request for Future Agenda Items

Vice Chair Cook asked the Council for any requested topics or issues of interest to consider for future agendas. Ms. Rebenar, MAG, noted a request to have a presentation from the Arizona Child and Adolescent Survivor Initiative (ACASI) return for an update on their program progress. No additional requests were received.

#### 9. Comments from the Council

Council members were given the opportunity to present a brief summary of current events. The Regional Domestic Violence Council is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless a specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

Elizabeth Ortiz, Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys' Advisory Council shared an announcement for an Elder Abuse Training to be held on Friday October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Black Canyon Conference Center in partnership with the Maricopa Association of Governments, Maricopa County Attorney's Office, Arizona Attorney General's Office, Governor's Office of Youth Faith and Family, and the American Association of Retired Persons.

Chief Stahl announced the projected opening date for the Maricopa Family Advocacy Center in the first week of October.

Councilmember Lupe Bandin, City of Tolleson, highlighted a recent partnership with the Tolleson High School District during Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month where BLOOM365, the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence, and advocates from the City of Phoenix were able to speak to members of the high school softball teams about consent and healthy dating.

Bobbi Sudberry, Kaity's Way, announced a series of monthly workshops increasing from 3 each month to 4 each month to highlight healthy relationships and provide education about Teen Dating Violence.

Vice Chair Cook announced the Town of Gilbert is considering two pieces of domestic violence related legislation in the next legislative session.

#### Adjournment

Vice Chair Cook thanked everyone for their attendance. The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m. The next MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council meeting is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 2, 2018.