



Commission
to Prevent Violence
Against Women

Arizona Commission to Prevent Violence Against Women

March 29, 2018, 10:00 a.m.

Arizona State Laboratory

250 N. 17th Avenue, PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85007

A general meeting of the Commission to Prevent Violence Against Women was convened on March 29, 2018 at the Arizona State Laboratory, 250 N. 17th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, notice having been duly given.

Members Present (11)	
Diane Umphress, Chair	
Daniel Rincon	
Ed Mercurio-Sakwa (Phone)	
Elizabeth Ortiz	
Jon Eliason	
Jon Smith (Phone)	
Kevin Treadway	
Kirstin Flores	
Laura Guild	
Patricia George	
Patricia Klahr	
Staff/Guests Present (11)	Members Absent (6)
Malcolm Hightower	Antoinette Means
Maria Fuentes	Armity Simon
John Raeder	John Tsosie
Nikki Green	Kay Radwanski
Jamie Watson	Neil Websdale
Marc Peoples	Susan Smith
Gwen Ruiz	
Sabrina Dobson	
Amy Palmisano	
Joanna Jauregui	
Kelsey Teske	

Call to Order

- **Ms. Diane Umphress, Chair**, called the Commission to Prevent Violence Against Women meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with members 11 and 11 staff and guests present.

Welcome/Introductions

- **Ms. Diane Umphress, Chair**, welcomed everyone again, and asked all members to introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes

- **Ms. Diane Umphress, Chair**, requested a review of the **September 14, 2017** meeting minutes.
 - **Elizabeth Ortiz** motioned to accept the **September, 14 2017** minutes.
 - **Jon Eliason** seconded the motion.
 - The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

GOYFF Director Introduction

- **Maria Fuentes, Director**
- **Ms. Maria Fuentes** was appointed the position of Director of the Governor's Office of Youth Faith and Family (GOYFF) five months ago. Prior to Ms. Fuentes' appointment, she worked at Casey Family Programs to help reduce the number of children in foster care and improve well-being for children and families. Ms. Fuentes served in the George W. Bush Administration within the U.S. Departments of Labor and Justice. Ms. Fuentes stated that her goal as Director is to work with councils and commissions to bridge gaps and leverage work to support children and families in Arizona, affected by issues address by the councils and commissions. Ms. Fuentes stated that adverse childhood experience are a root cause for many of the negative outcomes of these issues, and that her goal is to support a true trauma informed approach.

2017 Lighting Arizona Purple Recap

- **John Raeder**
- The Lighting Arizona Purple Event began in 2015 and consisted of lighting the Arizona State Capitol dome purple. Since then, it has expanded in to a kickoff event for domestic violence awareness that includes statewide outreach awareness materials, presentations and trains, and engages state agencies, towns and community partners. During the event, cities, towns and state agencies are invited to light their building purple by a letter from the Governor. They are also encouraged to engage on social media by scheduling to use the purple STOP sign to take pictures with and share with their followers. Cities around the state participated in 2017, including Peoria, Tolleson, and Yuma. Some of the state agencies that participated included Department of Public Safety, Department of Child Safety, Arizona Department of Transportation and Arizona Lottery. The Lighting Arizona Purple event also engages private partners, including PetSmart who provided training on the links between animal abuse and domestic violence, as well as all 54 statewide Home Depot locations who sold 4,945 purple lightbulbs. A portion of the proceeds of the lightbulb sales are used to fund the Lighting Arizona Purple kickoff event, with a total of \$7,380.00 being raised for 2017. Mr. The event is able to engage agencies statewide by providing training prior to the kickoff event. Mr. John Raeder thanked the commission for their work and effort in engaging the public to transform a simple idea and expand it to a statewide campaign.
- **Ms. Umphress** stated that the letter from the governor was helpful in engaging cities and has become a competition
- **Ms. Elizabeth Ortiz** stated that the Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys' Advisory Council loves the event, and that it has spurred the prosecutors to begin a Show Us Your Purple Contest. She stated that it is easy and a minimal investment to create and engagement opportunity and to show support.
- **Ms. Laura Guild** asked when Lighting Arizona Purple planning begins.
- **Mr. Raeder** stated that initial planning is underway.
- **Mr. Dan Rincon** stated that the event has snowballed and continues to get bigger. He stated that it has inspired competition between chiefs of police departments.

Arizona Order of Protection Changes

- **Jamie Watson and Marc Peoples**
- The Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC) has been working on updating the Order of Protection system for the past year. This process included engaging focus groups and evaluating current procedures. What was found was that in 2015 and 2016, only 51% of orders of protection were being entered in to the National Crime Information Center (NCIC). In the current system, if the order of protection is not entered in to NCIC, the only way for law enforcement officers to enforce orders of protection are if the victim has a copy. Currently, order of protection is a paper based system that takes approximately 24 days from issuance to service and from service to entry. The new system is cloud based, and allows the victim to access the application from anywhere and assigns them an alphanumeric, ensuring privacy. This system update is part of House Bill 2249, which is currently in its 3rd reading in Senate. This bill will increase the time Emergency Orders are in effect from 24 hours to 72 hours and now requires Judicial Officers to document Emergency Orders. The new system will also allow for judges to update the order during the hearing in petition, should they find new allegations. The judge can then send the order out to service to the responsible agencies by new components currently being built in to the system, rather than being assigned and sent out manually. For example, if a defendant lives in another county than where the petition was filed, the servicing agency in that county will still have the capability to access and serve the order.
- **Mr. Rincon** asked if a defendant lives in Scottsdale but works in Tempe, will the system send the order to both and is there a mechanism to determine which agency is doing what, and how would it inform agencies that the order was served.
- **Mr. People** stated that the order will not be sent to two locations for service, the plaintiff decides where it will be served. If the agency cannot serve the order, it will be transferred between agencies.
- **Ms. Umphress** asked if a defendant is stopped, and an officer runs their name, will the protection order come up.
- **Mr. People** stated that there are legalities around incidental contact, considering that not every office has a ticket printer, resulting in that officer's department coming up in the report, but not serving the order. Addressing incidental contact and reducing risk and liability for an officer who cannot serve is still in process.
- **Ms. Umphress** stated that it was very wise to extend the time for Emergency Orders.
- **Mr. Jon Eliason** stated that he liked the increased accessibility to victims and asked if anything was included so that victims do not have to appear in court.
- **Mr. Marc Peoples** stated that even if the victim has an attorney, they must be present.
- **Ms. Jamie Watson** noted that some victim advocacies have video court appearance capabilities.
- **Mr. Peoples** added that video conferencing was not a component of the new system.
- **Mr. Malcolm Hightower** asked that the timeline was to implement.
- **Ms. Watson** stated that the Senate may have already voted, but it would take effect in January of 2020.
- **Ms. Umphress** asked whether it looked like the bill would pass.
- **Ms. Watson** stated that the bill has been sailing through, and that it looks like it will.

Arizona Statewide Sexual Assault Response Guidelines

- **Tasha Menaker**
- The Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence (ACESDV) began working on updating the 2001 Statewide Guidelines for a Coordinated Community Response to Sexual Assault in collaboration with the GOYFF. The guidelines were updated by convening large stakeholder workgroups, which engaged professionals with expertise in sexual assault response as well as sub-disciplinary work groups statewide. The new guidelines incorporate new evidence-based best practices, national standards and are rooted in a trauma-informed response. The guidelines also include an emphasis on culturally responsive approaches, and are intended to be tailored to communities based on their diverse needs and not as protocol. ACESDV worked with Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition and Hopi-Tewa Women's Coalition to End Abuse and concluded that the removal of the appendix regarding Native American communities would be removes

in order to not dictate native community responses. In lieu of the appendix, a section was included about culturally specific response and provided Native American resources. ACESDV is in the finalization process of the guidelines that includes review by the GOYFF, working with a graphic designer for a physical copy as well as making them available electronically. Moving forward, ACESDV would like to provide webinars specific to each piece of the guidelines.

- **Ms. Umphress** asked what input the Arizona Attorney General and Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) had on the guidelines.
- **Ms. Menaker** stated that they did not partner with BIA, as they wanted to be leaders on sexual assault and domestic violence response within native communities. The Arizona Attorney General contributed to the document in regards to victims' rights rather than a partnership to collaborate on native communities.
- **Mr. Hightower** asked what the timeline was to finalize the guidelines.
- **Ms. Menaker** stated that the approval process with GOYFF was pending.

Take Back the Night Event

- **Amy Palmisano and Sabrina Dobson**
- Take Back the Night (TBTN) is a national event that began in the 1970s that includes thousands of events intended to honor, support and respect victims and stand up against violence. Trauma Healing Services has hosted the event for 15 years and planning for the 2018 event began in October of 2017. Trauma healing services relies on community partners for funding and fundraising, and this year a partnership with Arizona State University they were able to secure Civic Space Park for the Event. This year's event will include survivor speakers, 50 tables, a survivors clothing exhibit, in which survivors can bring and display the clothes they were assaulted in, as well as a Clothesline and Silent Witness project. TBTN provides networking opportunities between those in the community as allowing victims an opportunity to see the services available.
- **Mr. Eliason** asked how much a table was at the event and what the timeline was between 9:00am and 5:00pm.
- **Ms. Amy Palmisano** stated that tables are free.
- **Ms. Sabrina Dobson** stated that event speakers are typically done by 7:00pm, which will be followed by a dance performance, a candlelight vigil, and rally. The march will begin at 8:00pm, and will be escorted by the Phoenix Police Department through the First Friday event and back to Civic Space.

Governor's Commission to Prevent Violence Against Women Committee Discussion

- **Diane Umphress, Chair**
- The Commission to Prevent Violence Against Women unanimously agreed to convene sub-committee meetings on an as needed basis.

Future Meeting Dates

- **Chairperson Diane Umphress, announced the following meeting dates;**
 - **Thursday, May 17, 2018 from 10:00am-12:00pm**

Call to the Public

- **Chairperson Diane Umphress** gave call to the public. No public members wished to address the Commission.

Adjourn

- **Mr. Kevin Treadway** motioned to adjourn, **Mr. Eliason** seconded motion.
- **Chairperson Diane Umphress** called for adjournment at 11:51 a.m.

Dated the 30th of March 2018
Commission to Prevent Violence Against Women
Respectfully Submitted By:

Malcolm Hightower
Program Administrator, GOYFF