



Minutes

Tempe Family Justice Commission

April 16, 2024

Minutes of the TEMPE FAMILY JUSTICE COMMISSION held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 4:00 PM., via Microsoft Teams and Tempe Library Board Room

(MEMBERS) Present:

Jill Oliver, Chair
Jill Etienne, Vice Chair
James Sweig
Ilene Dode
Jeanette Costa
Patricia Riggs
Anastasia Stinchfield
Bjorg LeSueur
Shannon Burns

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Emily Davis

City Staff Present:

Paul Bentley, Deputy Community Health and Human Services Director
Nicole Galvan, Administrative Assistant II+

Public Appearances

Kris Scharlau, Manager of CARE7, attended the meeting.

Guest Appearances

There were no guest appearances.

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Chair Oliver called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM

Agenda Item 2 – Attendance

Commissioner Emily Davis was absent.

Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances

Kris Scharlau, Manager of CARE7, attended the meeting.

Agenda Item 4 – Review and Approval of March 19, 2024 Minutes

No edits were made to the March 19, 2024 Minutes.

MOTION: Vice Chair Etienne moved to APPROVE the March 19, 2024, Minutes.

SECOND: Motion Seconded by Commission Member LeSueur; Motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Chair Oliver, Vice Chair Etienne, Commission Members Sweig, Costa, Dode, Stinchfield, Riggs, LeSueur, and Burns.

ABSENT: Commission Member Davis was absent.

Agenda Item 5 – Chair Remarks

Chair Oliver advised that former Commission Member Jacque Tobias resigned from her position on the Commission. Dr. Bentley informed the Commission that a new Commission Member has been selected and Tempe City Council will vote on the new Member's appointment at the April 25th City Council meeting.

Agenda Item 6 – Family Justice Commissioner Introduction – Chair Jill Oliver

Chair Oliver gave an overview of her academic background in Counseling from Purdue University and Arizona State University in Developmental Psychology.

Chair Oliver reviewed her experiences working in various fields, including general social work, custody social work, school counseling, college women's center counseling, grant coordinator, and vocational education, before becoming a faculty member at Arizona State University, where she received her doctorate in 2002.

Chair Oliver advised that her academic interest has been in the study of the internet's effect on moral development.

Chair Oliver informed the Commission that her other interests include an affinity for insects, rocks, steam punk cosplay, and reading fantasy and science fiction.

Agenda Item 7 – Tempe Family Justice Commission Ordinance Review Workshop

Chair Oliver advised that the Commission Members concluded that there was no need to edit or change the current ordinance to achieve the Commission's strategic goals.

Chair Oliver informed that the Commission Members decided to strike the fundraising goal from the Commission's strategic plan.

Agenda Item 8 – Arizona State University Training Collaboration Planning Process – Vice Chair Member Etienne

Vice Chair Etienne advised that the memorandum has been finalized and ready to send to city departments.

Agenda Item 9 – Mental Health Awareness and Prevention Memorandum Review and Finalization – Commission Member LeSueur

Commission Member LeSueur noted that writing the memorandum gave her an opportunity to bring more awareness to infant and early childhood mental health.

The Commission Members reviewed and edited the Mental Health Awareness and Prevention Memorandum.

MOTION: Vice Chair Etienne moved to APPROVE the Mental Health Awareness and Prevention Memorandum.

SECOND: Motion Seconded by Commission Member Dode; Motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Chair Oliver, Vice Chair Etienne, Commission Members Sweig, Costa, Dode, Stinchfield, Riggs, LeSueur, and Burns.

ABSENT: Commission Member Davis was absent.

Agenda Item 10 – Domestic Violence Poster Campaign Update – Commission Member Costa

Commission Member Costa recommended that the Commission reach out to Tempe Women's Club for volunteers to distribute posters.

Commission Member Dode advised that she is currently a member of the Tempe Women's Club and can facilitate the Commission's plea for volunteers.

Chair Oliver noted that she is continuing to discuss the campaign with various groups at Arizona State University to recruit volunteers.

Agenda Item 11 – Commission Member Updates

Chair Oliver informed that Arizona State University will hold a bystander training for Denim Day, which is on April 24th. Chair Oliver suggested that the Commission Members reach out to the bystander training presenter to see if they would present to the Family Justice Commission.

Commission Member Sweig advised that the Tempe Police Department will take part in Denim Day on April 24th and explained that Denim Day was started after a conviction for a sexual assault case in Italy was overturned due to the victim wearing tight jeans. Commission Member Sweig noted that the denim is worn in solidarity with victims who are not believed or are blamed for being assaulted.

Agenda Item 12 –Future Agenda Items

Chair Oliver recommended that the Commission Members create a list of informational videos to recommend that the city play on Channel 11 to bring awareness to Family Justice Commission causes.

Chair Oliver recommended that the Commission Members receive clarification on the city budget process and departmental performance measures.

Ms. Scharlau offered to give a presentation on the CARE7 budget.

Chair Oliver suggested that the Commission find a way to bring in more voices of victims to inform and advise the Commission Members.

Commission Member Burns stated she would like to focus on perpetrators and having them speak on prevention of violence.

Commission Member Costa requested that the Commission have Dianna Kalandros, Manager of Tempe's Community Supervision program, speak to the Commission about the department's programs.

Agenda Item 13 – Adjournment

MOTION: Commission Member Costa motioned to ADJOURN the Meeting.

SECOND: Motion Seconded by Commission Member Dode; Motion passed unanimously

AYES: Chair Oliver, Vice Chair Etienne, Commission Members Sweig, Costa, Dode, Stinchfield, Riggs, LeSueur, and Burns.

ABSENT: Commission Member Davis was absent.

Chair Oliver declared the meeting adjourned at 5:34 PM.

The next meeting will be on May 21st, 2024.

Minutes Prepared by: Nicole Galvan

Reviewed by: Paul Bentley

Jill Oliver, Chair
Tempe Family Justice Commission