



Minutes Tempe Family Justice Commission May 21, 2024

Minutes of the TEMPE FAMILY JUSTICE COMMISSION held on Tuesday, May 21, 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
Emily Davis
Stephen Baines

(MEMBERS) Absent:

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

Dianna Kalandros, Manager of Community Supervision, attended the meeting.

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

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

Agenda Item 2 – Attendance

No Commission Members were absent.

Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances

Kris Scharlau, Manager of CARE7, attended the meeting.

Agenda Item 4 – Review and Approval of April 16, 2024 Minutes

No edits were made to the April 16, 2024 Minutes.

MOTION: Vice Chair Etienne moved to APPROVE the April 16, 2024, Minutes.

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

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

ABSENT: Commission Members Baines and Sweig arrived at the meeting after the vote was taken.

Agenda Item 5 – Chair Remarks

Chair Oliver mentioned that June is Pride Month and encouraged the Commission Members to attend the city's various Pride Month events and celebrations.

Chair Oliver informed the Commission Members of the recent release of the documentary "On the Set," exposing allegations of sexual assault and child exploitation on the Nickelodeon set in the 1990s and early 2000s. Chair Oliver noted that the documentary is helping to bring awareness of sexual assault and exploitation to a new generation of teens and young adults. Dr. Bentley informed the Commission that he has accepted a new position with Arizona State University as an adjunct professor for the School of Public Affairs, in addition to administering the Next Generation Service Corps undergraduate leadership program.

Dr. Bentley advised that his last meeting as staff liaison for the Tempe Family Justice Commission will be at the June 18, 2024 meeting.

Dr. Bentley informed the Commission Members that Tim Burch, Director of Community Health and Human Services, will take over as staff liaison temporarily until Dr. Bentley's position as Deputy Director is filled.

Agenda Item 6 – Welcome New Family Justice Commissioner Stephen Baines

Commission Member Baines introduced himself and gave an overview of his career, including 20 years in social services, working in diversion programs and with Tempe's HOPE team, in social justice, and in the nonprofit sector in social justice. Each Commission Member and staff member introduced themselves to Commission Member Baines.

Agenda Item 7 – Tempe Community Supervision Program Presentation – CHHS Manager Dianna Kalandros

Ms. Kalandros gave an overview of the Community Supervision programs and services, including Supervised Probation, Title IX, Minor in Possession (MIP), Community Diversion, Adult Diversion, Youth Diversion, East Valley Regional Veteran's Court, and Home Detention.

Ms. Kalandros noted that part time staff members are assigned MIP cases, as well as cases involving individuals with serious mental illness (SMI), to alleviate the case management workload of full-time staff.

Ms. Kalandros advised that the department manages an average of 800 cases per month.

Ms. Kalandros mentioned the Resource Navigator, who is stationed at the Tempe Municipal jail to assist justice-involved individuals with accessing social services resources.

Ms. Kalandros informed the Commission Members of the "Incentives Program," which allows Community Supervision clients in the Probation and Title IX programs to participate in pro-social activities in exchange for paying monthly program fees.

Ms. Kalandros gave examples of incentives, including Triple P Parenting classes, obtaining gainful employment, financial literacy classes, mental health counseling, college courses, and sobriety meetings.

Ms. Kalandros mentioned the "Client of the Month" program, which rewards clients who are most active in completing their Community Supervision requirements and participating in the Incentives program.

Ms. Kalandros advised that 496 individuals have participated in the Incentives Program to date.

Agenda Item 8 – Family Justice Commissioner Introduction – Commission Member Costa

Commission Member Costa mentioned that she was the oldest of eight children and born during World War II while her father was serving in the military and stationed in England.

Commission Member Costa advised that she went to the nurse training program at St. Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix before going to college in Chicago, where she worked as a nurse assistant and met her husband.

Commission Member Costa mentioned that she moved to Maryland and her first child was adopted from Colombia, which inspired her and her husband to create a program to bring children to the United States for medical treatment and to find placement through adoption.

Commission Member Costa advised that she worked for child adoption and advocacy for several years before moving back to Arizona where she obtained a graduate degree in behavioral counseling and became a therapist, focused on play therapy.

Commission Member Costa noted that after she and her husband divorced, she enrolled in many different activities to aid in her healing process, including Tai Chi, yoga, Spanish classes, and tap dancing.

Commission Member Costa mentioned that she was working for the Tempe schools, where she retired in 2019, and more recently began working for the nonprofit, A New Leaf, in addition to serving on the Tempe Family Justice Commission.

Agenda Item 9 – Advocate for Training: Explore Available Training Videos Discussion

Chair Oliver recommended that Commission Members find, research, and submit their suggestions to Nicole Galvan. Ms. Galvan advised a form will be emailed for the Commission Members to submit training video suggestions.

Agenda Item 10 – Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month Proclamation Reviewed – Chair Oliver

Chair Oliver noted that the work of the Tempe Family Justice Commission was mentioned in the Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month Proclamation.

Agenda Item 11 – Domestic Violence Poster Campaign Update – Commission Member Costa

Commission Member Dode took some posters to the Tempe Women’s Club meeting and one young attendee, a high school student, took some posters to distribute in the community.

Agenda Item 12 – Family Justice Commission Retreat Planning Discussion – Chair Oliver

Agenda Item was deferred due to time constraints.

Agenda Item 13 – Family Justice Commission Strategic Plan Review – Chair Oliver

Agenda Item was deferred due to time constraints.

Agenda Item 14 – Social Determinants of Health Update – Dr. Bentley

Dr. Bentley advised that an impact report, containing outcome data from the last fiscal year, will be presented to the Tempe Mayor and City Council.

Dr. Bentley informed the Commissioners that the data dashboard is currently only available internally, but will go public soon.

Agenda Item 15 – Commission Member Updates

Commission Members Sweig advised that the police department is working with Tempe’s Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, as well as other stakeholders, to create a reporting system for hate crimes. Commission member Sweig mentioned that the reporting system will allow informants reporting hate crimes to remain anonymous.

Chair Oliver thanked Dr. Bentley for his work on the Commission while serving as staff liaison.

Agenda Item 16 –Future Agenda Items

Chair Oliver suggested that the Intimate Partner Homicide training memorandum be finalized to send to city departments after the next Commission meeting.

Chair Oliver requested that Kris Scharlau, Manager of CARE7, give an overview of the department’s budget and strategic plan at a future meeting.

Agenda Item 17 – Adjournment

MOTION: Commission Member LeSueur motioned to ADJOURN the Meeting.

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

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

ABSENT: No Commission Members were absent.

Chair Oliver declared the meeting adjourned at 6:01 PM.

The next meeting will be on June 18th, 2024.

Minutes Prepared by: Nicole Galvan

Reviewed by: Paul Bentley

Jill Oliver, Chair
Tempe Family Justice Commission