



Minutes Tempe Family Justice Commission July 20, 2021

Minutes of the TEMPE FAMILY JUSTICE COMMISSION held on Tuesday, July 20, 4:00 p.m., via Microsoft Teams

(MEMBERS) Present:

Mary O'Grady, Chair
Ilene Dode, Vice-Chair
Patricia Riggs
Margaret "Peggy" Tinsley
Kristen Scharlau
Robin Nelson
Josie Montenegro
Jill Oliver
Jeanette Costa
Megan Lindsay Brown

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Mark Perkovich

City Staff Present:

Paul Bentley, Deputy Human Services Director
Ami Johnson, Administrative Assistant II+
Anastasia Stinchfield, Victim Services Coordinator
Robin Afinowich, Trauma Informed Trainer
Nick Ells, Fire Deputy Chief

Public Appearances

None

Guest Appearances

Shelley Cooper, Community Member
Mary Witkofski, City of Scottsdale
Irma Hollamby, City of Scottsdale

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Chair Mary O'Grady called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Attendance

Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances

Agenda Item 4 – Review and Approval of June 15, 2021 Minutes

MOTION: Commission Member Ilene Dode moved to APPROVE the June 15, 2021 minutes.

SECOND: Motion Seconded by Commission Member Margaret 'Peggy' Tinsley; Motion passed on a 10-0 Vote
AYES: Chair Mary O'Grady, Vice Chair Ilene Dode, Commission Members Margaret 'Peggy' Tinsley, Patricia Riggs, Robin Nelson, Jeanette Costa, Jill Oliver, Kristen Scharlau, Megan Lindsay Brown and Josie Montenegro.
ABSENT: Mark Perkovich

Agenda Item 5 – Chair Remarks

Agenda Item 6 – Presentation and Discussion: The Experience of a Crime Victim through a Trauma Informed Lens

- CARE 7 Trauma Trainer Robin Afinowich presented an in-depth explanation of the science and biology behind trauma, and the human brain in conjunction with crime and the investigation process. This included an explanation of the goal of trauma informed: care with healing, intervention and prevention.
- Community member Shelly Cooper shared her experience as a victim through the lens of trauma. This included a discussion on the impact of the purposeful approach of the Tempe Police Department and CARE 7 to acknowledge and address her trauma during this event. Time was provided for questions and answers.

Agenda Item 7 – Presentation and Discussion: Family advocacy Center Implementation Lessons Learned

- Mary Witkofski from the City of Scottsdale is the former Executive Director for the Maricopa County Family Advocacy Center. Mary discussed the origins Maricopa County Family Advocacy Center and lessons learned through its planning, development, and implementation. Mary also answered questions from the Commission Members.

Agenda Item 8 – Family Justice Commission Strategic Planning Retreat Discussion

- Paul Bentley updated the group on the search for a facilitator for a Family Justice Commission Strategic Planning Retreat. Tempe Human Services Senior Management Assistant Kristi Griffin has volunteered to assist the commission with its strategic planning process.
- The retreat will consist of a four-hour planning session via a hybrid model (i.e., supporting in person and online attendance). A poll of possible dates in August and September will be sent to Commission Members.

Agenda Item 9 – Family Advocacy Center Update and Discussion

- There are currently no updates.

Agenda Item 10 – Future Agenda Items

- Chair Mary O'Grady proposed to start preparing the Domestic Violence Awareness Month Memorandum for approval in September, to be ready in October. Chair Mary O'Grady also offered to draft a memorandum to view at next month's meeting.
- Commission Member Jill Oliver proposed to readdress the Commission's meeting and time during the August 2021 meeting.

Agenda Item 11 – Commission Member Updates

Agenda Item 12 – Adjournment

Mary declared the meeting adjourned at 5:49pm.
Next meeting will be on August 17, 2021

Minutes Prepared by: Ami Johnson
Reviewed by: Paul Bentley

Mary O'Grady, Chair
Tempe Family Justice Commission