



## Arizona Parents Commission on Drug Education and Prevention Meeting Minutes

**September 16, 2020  
10:00 AM**

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A general meeting of the Arizona Parents Commission on Drug Education and Prevention convened on September 16, 2020. Notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the Parents Commission.

Members Present (6)	Members Absent (3)
Bryan Cox, Chair	Bryan Harris
Kristine FireThunder	Laura Ciscomani
Beatriz Hurtado	David Reede
Raynee Schneider	
Eric Meaux	
Denise Beagley	
Staff and Guests Present (5)	
Susan Alameda, GOYFF	Tonya Hamilton, GOYFF
Kim Brooks, GOYFF	Ryan Soto, GOYFF
Jane Dowling, Wellington Consulting Group	Andrea Videbeck, GOYFF
KateLynn Dean, Homeward Bound	Patricia Heibler, Phoenix Indian Center
Taje Snead, Homeward Bound	Jolyana Kroupa, Phoenix Indian Center
	Micheon Gorman, Phoenix Indian Center

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

- Bryan Cox, Chair, called the Parents Commission meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. with 6 members present and 3 members absent.

**B. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

- Bryan Cox, Chair, welcomed members and guests. Bryan Cox took attendance via roll call..

### C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Bryan Cox, Chair**, requested a review of the **June 10, 2020** (previous meeting) meeting minutes.
- **Denise Beagley** motioned to accept the **June 10, 2020** minutes.
- **Eric Meaux** seconded the motion.  
The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

### D. Dr. Jane Dowling, Wellington Consulting Group, Phoenix, AZ

**Chairman Bryan Cox** welcomed and introduced **Mrs. Jane Dowling of the Wellington Consulting Group**. **Chairman Bryan Cox** indicated that through the year, the Parents Commission on Drug Education and Prevention programs report data on the work being done by the grantees. That data is compiled by the **Wellington Consulting Group** and reported in an annual report.

Mrs. Dowling gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Parents Commission annual report. The report is representative of year one of the grant. In summary Mrs. Dowling reported that:

- There were **27** agencies and schools funded in year one of the grant **07/01/2019-06/30/2020**
- **Directly impacted**: a little over 28,000 youth, and almost 19,000 adults.
- **Indirectly impacted**: over a million youth, almost 10 million adults and a half million unknown.
- **Materials Disseminated**: 274,000 during the year.
- **Conducted** 1,366 events.

The most common service and activity implemented during the year was Community Education with **219** events. Other activity focus areas:

**Vaping 184 Alcohol 174 Marijuana 173 Opioids 159 Fentanyl 147**

**Mrs. Dowling** indicated that COVID hit during the middle of program sessions and therefore they were not able to do post surveys which impacts the ability to measure the true impact of these programs.

- **Chairperson Bryan Cox** thanked the presenter and asked if there were any questions for the presenter.
- **Kim Brooks, GOYFF**, posed a question from the Zoom Chat as follows:

How is the governor's office and Wellington going to recognize the impact of COVID on the grantees and the ability to achieve the metrics?

**Ms. Dowling's Response**- There is a new survey soliciting feedback from grantees on what they need, what was working and what wasn't, and new issues that need to be addressed. Surveys were transferred to Survey Monkey because of COVID.

**Tonya Hamilton, GOYFF**, stated that once COVID hit and telecommunicating was implemented, Leona and other program administrators reached out to their grantees and sub grantees. Grantees were able to work with Leona on their scope of work to make adaptations and modify programs and budgets, purchase computers, etc. These issues were also addressed in July during contract renewals. Programming and virtual transitioning was helpful to sustaining programs. Grantees collaborated with schools and other community partners to take advantage of food pickup locations to help disseminate information and materials to families.

**Chairman Bryan Cox** thanked **Ms. Hamilton and Mrs. Dowling**.

No further questions were asked of Wellington Consulting Group

#### **E. Homeward Bound Pathways Out of Poverty, Phoenix, AZ**

**Chairman Bryan Cox** welcomed and introduced **KateLynn Dean and Taje Snead** and indicated that **Homeward Bound** is entering their second year of being a grantee funded by the Parents Commission grant.

**Homeward Bound** was founded in 1990 and provides families with tools and solutions to strengthen families to reduce substance use. Homeward Bound served 554 individuals this past year with 420 of them being children, and 134 being adults

- 90% of families served are headed by single women
- 83% of families successfully completed and secured stable housing

On December 20, 2019 **Homeward Bound** became certified as a trauma informed center focusing on 3 main areas:

1. Prevention education program
2. Parent Education
3. Youth Education and Family Cohesion.

Evidence based strategies utilized by Homeward Bound include RX360, Botvin's Life Skill training – an afterschool program emphasizing social emotional health and developing soft skills.

**Chairman Bryan Cox** thanked **Homeward Bound** for their presentation and asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

#### **F. Phoenix Indian Center, Phoenix, AZ**

**Chairman Bryan Cox** welcomed and introduced **Patricia Heibler, Jolyana Kroupa & Micheon Gorman** and indicated the **Phoenix Indian Center (PIC)** is the only grantee that focuses 100% of their work in tribal communities. **The PIC** is considered the oldest Indian center in the country. Their mission is to serve the community with culturally relevant youth services, language and cultural revitalization programs, education and workforce development. **The PIC** serves about 7,000 clients annually. According to the **PIC** there are approximately 296,529 American Indians living in Arizona and of those, 130,364 live in Phoenix.

**The PIC** offers workforce development services, job preparedness/workforce series, prevention services (substance abuse, suicide prevention), youth development programming, language and culture revitalization; assists with financial issues, and assistance with SNAP, unemployment, child support, vocation services, and onsite childcare. **PIC** also offers culturally centered evidence based/informed strategies to address substance abuse prevention and intervention for youth and families.

**Chairman Bryan Cox** thanked the Phoenix Indian Center for their presentation and asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

#### **G. Subgrantee Updates, Susan Alameda, Substance Abuse Prevention Manager, Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family**

**Chairman Bryan Cox** introduced **Mrs. Susan Alameda** who gave an update on the Parents Commission grantees and the Collegiate Recovery Programs. In addition, **Mrs. Alameda** indicated GOYFF hopes to have Leona's position filled soon and before the next Parents Commission meeting. **Mrs. Alameda** said the site visit schedule to review grantees launched in September and will continue for the new grant year. Grantees are scheduled for a check-in meeting on September 30<sup>th</sup>. These meetings are an opportunity for Wellington to be involved with data collection, tracking and keeping ahead of performance measures which is important to show outcomes and the effectiveness of these programs. It is also an opportunity for grantees to highlight their activities, successes and

present any challenges. **Mrs. Alameda** indicated that although COVID has been a huge bump in the road for Parents Commission grantees, many programs made mid-course corrections to move their programs to virtual environments. They also made adjustments and collaborated with schools, law enforcement etc. to help disseminate information, materials and resources to their communities. Performance measures are still impressive and grantees continued to offer services. GOYFF continues to track grantee progress through the AMS scorecard. Lastly, **Mrs. Alameda** stated that Collegiate Recovery Programs (3 state universities) are operating under a No Cost Extension and will continue with their programming through the end of December of 2020.

**Chairman Bryan Cox** thanked **Mrs. Alameda** for her update and asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

#### H. ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Chairman Bryan Cox** asked if any commissioners have any announcements they would like to share.

**Tonya Hamilton, GOYFF**, made two announcements:

- The GOYFF posted the STOP RFGA on their website and the RFGA is live. A total of \$2.5 million is being offered for a 3 year grant cycle through federal funds authorized through the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and administered by the Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women.
- In October and November GOYFF will again offer the grant writing workshop, free to the community at large. GOYFF is working on confirming dates and will be sending out information through constant contacts or on our website.

#### I. FUTURE AGENDA/MEETING SCHEDULE

**Chairman Bryan Cox** stated the next scheduled meeting is set for November 18, 2020 at 10:00 AM via Zoom.

**Chairman Bryan Cox** proposed the following 2021 meeting dates:

01/20/2021

03/17/2021

05/19/2021

07/12/2021

09/15/2021

11/17/2021

- **Chairman Bryan Cox** motion to tentatively approve these dates for 2021
- **Denise Beagley** motions for the dates to be approved tentatively.
- **Eric Meaux** seconded the motion
- Motion passes unanimously

#### J. ADJOURN

A motioned to adjourn the meeting was made by **Denise Beagley** at 11:32 AM. The Motion was seconded by **Eric Meaux** and approved by all attendees.

**Meeting Adjourned.**

21<sup>st</sup> Day of September, 2020  
Parents Commission  
Respectfully Submitted By:  
Susan Alameda  
Substance Abuse Prevention Manager, GOYFF

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