



Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission
Governor’s Office of Youth, Faith and Family
1700 West Washington Street, Suite 230, Phoenix, Arizona 85007

A general meeting of the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission (AJJC) was convened May 6, 2021, via teleconference, notice having been duly given.

Members Present (16)	
Cindi Nannetti, Chair	Randi Alexander proxy for Michael Faust
Joseph Grossman	Tracy Darmody, Vice-Chair
Dorothy Wodraska	Shaun Rieve
Dennis Pickering	Vada Phelps
Joseph Kelroy	Shawn Cox
Maria Dodge	Helen Gándara
Erica Maxwell	Jeff Hood
Rep. Shawna Bolick	Dr. Robert Thomas
Staff/Guests Present (3)	Members Absent (9)
Maria Dadgar, ITCA	Jane Kallal
Kim Brooks, GOYFF	Tom Callahan
Steve Selover, GOYFF	Jose Gonzales
	Alice Bustillo
	Earl Newton
	James Molina
	Nicole Schuren
	Don Walker
	Guadalupe Durazo

Call to Order

- **Ms. Cindi Nannetti**, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m. with 16 members and three staff and guests present.
 - **Ms. Nannetti** provided instructions to members for teleconference meetings.
 - **Ms. Nannetti** advised members of the public to submit their comments through the Governor’s Office of Youth, Faith and Family (GOYFF) website.

Introductions

- **Ms. Nannetti**, Chair, asked members to acknowledge their attendance during roll call.
- **Ms. Shawna Bolick** introduced herself as a new member of the commission, and shared that she is a member of the Arizona State Legislature serving District 20. She advised she is chairwoman of the Ways and Means Committee and vice-chairwoman on the Criminal Justice Reform Committee. **Ms. Bolick** stated she has two teenage children and is concerned about issues that impact youth. She has toured the Yuma County Juvenile Detention facility and looks forward to touring more facilities where she can meet people impacted by the criminal justice system.

Vice-Chair Announcement

- **Ms. Nannetti**, Chair, announced **Ms. Tracy Darmody** has accepted the role of vice-chair for the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission.

Approval of Minutes

- **Ms. Nannetti**, Chair, requested a motion to approve the March 18, 2021, meeting minutes.
 - **Ms. Dorothy Wodraska** motioned to approve the minutes as drafted.
 - **Mr. Joseph Grossman** seconded the motion.
- The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Inter Tribal Council of Arizona

- **Ms. Maria Dadgar**, Executive Director, presented an overview of the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA), including its background and purpose.
 - The ITCA is one of the oldest tribal councils in the United States. It was established as a group that could provide a coordinated response to federal policies that impact tribal nations when, in the 1940s, the federal government began to disregard tribal sovereignty.
 - Arizona Governor Pyle noticed that information relevant to Arizona's tribal nations was not being consistently shared between them. In 1951, he organized the first meeting. Twenty-two years later, the ITCA moved into its own building near the Heard Museum in Phoenix.
 - Ms. Dadgar oversees two separate boards: the ITCA and the Inter Tribal Association of Arizona (ITAA). The ITAA provides an avenue for tribal leaders to provide input on various policies that have an impact in their communities.
 - Twenty-one of the twenty-two federally recognized tribes in Arizona are members of the ITCA. Navajo Nation is not a member due to its large size; however, the ITCA maintains a strong relationship with the nation. ITCA board of directors is made up of the highest ranking official from each tribe.
 - The ITCA operates 54 federal grants within three major subject areas: Health, Research and Environmental Quality.
 - The ITCA operates a WIC program that serves 10,000 babies per month and manages an Arizona Area Agency on Aging site for approximately 3,000 seniors on tribal land. The ITCA operates a National Water and Wastewater operator training certification program.
 - The ITCA is a member of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Western Region, which includes 49 tribes from Arizona, Nevada and Utah. The ITCA manages grants on behalf of those out-of-state tribes.
 - The ITCA mission is, *"To provide its member Tribes with a united voice and the means for united action on matters that affect them collectively or individually"*.
 - Tribal leaders often depend on ITCA staff, who are subject-matter experts, for support on various issues that arise so that leadership is adequately informed to address a particular matter that impacts their community.
 - Ms. Dadgar acknowledged the potential for collaboration between the AJJC and ITCA, indicating that both groups could help each other.
- **Ms. Wodraska** thanked Ms. Dadgar for the presentation and asked whether the ITCA could assist with promoting various funding opportunities for tribes. Ms. Dadgar acknowledged that outreach can be challenging, but advised the ITCA staff will do what they can to convey important information from the commission to their tribal network. She added that she will forward the Title II RFGA flyer to her staff and ask them to send it out on their distribution lists.
- **Ms. Darmody**, Vice-chair, stated she is interested in connecting with Ms. Dadgar to share ideas on how collaboration between the ITCA and AJJC could further promote grant opportunities.

- **Ms. Dadgar** closed by acknowledging the addition of tribal members to the AJJC would be a great opportunity, but to consider potential geographical challenges as most tribal communities in the state are not located near Phoenix. She suggested another option might be to appoint an ITCA staff member to serve on the commission on behalf of the tribes.
- **Ms. Nannetti**, Chair, echoed the sentiment of several AJJC members who thanked Ms. Dadgar for an informative presentation.

Three-Year Plan Priorities and the RFGA Process

- **Mr. Steve Selover**, GOYFF program administrator, provided an overview of the proposed AJJC Three-Year Plan priorities and how they are linked to the Title II request for grant application (RFGA).
 - Each goal from the AJJC implementation plan is tied to one or two federally recognized priority areas.
 - Priorities are linked to the Title II RFGA solicitation.
 - GOYFF determines which priorities will be used as RFGA purpose areas
 - The RFGA will include updated performance measures found in the federal Title II grant solicitation, which is pending release.
 - Each purpose area is assigned specific performance measures that programs must base objectives on and report as outcomes.
- **Ms. Nannetti**, Chair, requested a motion to approve the Three-Year Plan priority areas as proposed.
 - **Ms. Wodraska** motioned to approve the minutes as drafted.
 - **Mr. Grossman** seconded the motion.
- The motion passed with no dissenting votes.
- Mr. Selover continued to describe the RFGA process and encouraged members to consider serving as peer reviewers once all proposals have been submitted. In addition, Mr. Selover asked members to promote the Title II funding opportunity and to share the flyer with their networks.

AJJC Youth Survey

- Mr. Selover proposed an action plan for developing a survey for youth involved in various stages within the juvenile justice system.
 - Obtaining input from systems-involved youth is required under the JJDP Act.
 - The Department of Juvenile Corrections utilizes a youth survey and has offered to support the AJJC in this effort.
 - There is potential to survey youth and parents involved in various system contact points.
 - Sample questions were discussed to describe the scope of the survey.
 - A plan for executing this initiative was discussed, including the makeup of a task force established to lead the effort.
- **Mr. Grossman** suggested the inclusion of questions to assess the onset of various behaviors, such as substance abuse, that may have led them to delinquency.
- **Mr. Joseph Kelroy** advised that this could be shared with the county chief probation officers and court directors. He shared that some counties may be using a similar tool to collect this information.
- **Ms. Gándara** suggested the inclusion of questions that assess racial and ethnic related factors.
- Several members of the AJJC volunteered to assist with the survey development.

AJJC Workgroup Updates

Grants Workgroup

- **Ms. Wodraska** provided a status report from the Grants Workgroup.
 - The Title II grantee partner survey was recently sent to the appropriate contacts who oversee services delivered to their school. The first response to the survey has been submitted. Ms. Wodraska read the comment left by the respondent, which praised the program provided by the Title II grantee.
 - The workgroup will keep the commission informed on future responses from additional programs.
 - The workgroup will support staff during the RFGA rollout. Members were asked to consider serving as peer reviewers if their time permits.

Racial and Ethnic Disparities Workgroup

- **Ms. Gándara** advised the workgroup is planning to meet next month with AJJC members to review the group's objectives and action plan.
- **Ms. Gándara** invited new members to consider joining the workgroup if interested.

Staff Updates

- Mr. Selover provided a status report of current staff functions:
 - The federal Title II solicitation is still pending release from OJJDP.
 - JJDP compliance monitoring visits have resumed. Eleven compliance visits were conducted in Phoenix, Gila and Navajo counties in April. A compliance visit to Colorado City is planned for this month.
 - The 2020 monitoring report should be completed prior to the September commission meeting.
 - Youth recruitment for the AJJC is ongoing.

Adjournment

- **Ms. Nannetti**, Chair, advised the next meeting will convene September 2, 2021.
- **Ms. Nannetti**, Chair, requested a motion to adjourn.
 - **Dr. Robert Thomas** moved to adjourn the meeting.
 - **Ms. Wodraska** seconded the motion.
- Motion carried with no dissenting votes. Meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Dated May 10, 2021
Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission
Submitted by Steve Selover
Program Administrator, GOYFF