



**Arizona Parents Commission on Drug Education and Prevention
Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2021
10:00 AM**

A general meeting of the Arizona Parents Commission on Drug Education and Prevention convened on May 19, 2021. Notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the Parents Commission.

Members Present (7)	Members Absent (2)
Kristine FireThunder (Co-Chair)	Raynee Schneider
Lori Robinson	Denise Beagley (Chair)
Asst. Chief Sherry Burlingame	
Chief Robert Martin	
Michael Klinkner	
Marina Lantsman-Waugh	
Staff and Guests Present (8)	
Tonya Hamilton	Travis Price
Nicole Valenzuela	Kim Brooks
Christine Barry	Lori Malangone
Louisa "Lisa" Cadman	

CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Kristine FireThunder called the Parents Commission meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. with 7 members present and 2 members absent. **Co-Chair FireThunder** welcomed new commission member Nicholas Stavros. **Commissioner Stavros** introduced himself to the group and shared that he is the Chief Executive Officer for Community Medical Services and they provide outpatient services for individuals with Opioid Use Disorder.

ROLL CALL

Co-Chair FireThunder welcomed members and guests. **Co-Chair FireThunder** took attendance via roll call at 10:03 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Co-Chair FireThunder requested a review of the **April 21, 2021** meeting minutes. **Commissioner Burlingame** motioned to accept the minutes. **Chief Martin** seconded the motion at 10:05 a.m. The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Co-Chair FireThunder announced that the commission would be entering into Executive Session to discuss the SFY22 Parents Commission Annual Budget and proposed awardees for the upcoming grant cycle that will start on July 1, 2021 and the revised Parents Commission Bylaws. **Co-Chair FireThunder** asked for a motion to enter an Executive Session.

Commissioner Klinkner made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 10:06 a.m. The motion was seconded by **Chief Martin** and approved by all.

PUBLIC MEETING RECONVENE

Co-Chair FireThunder announced that the Executive Session discussion concluded and the commission public meeting would reconvene. **Co-Chair FireThunder** asked for a motion to exit the Executive Session. **Commissioner Robinson** made a motion to exit Executive Session at 10:52 a.m. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Lantsman-Waugh** and approved by all.

APPROVAL OF THE SFY22 PARENTS COMMISSION ANNUAL BUDGET

Co-Chair FireThunder requested a final review of the SFY22 Parents Commission Annual Budget. **Co-Chair FireThunder** asked for a motion to approve the SFY22 Parents Commission Annual Budget. **Commissioner Burlingame** motioned to approve the SFY22 Parents Commission Annual Budget. **Commissioner Robinson** seconded the motion at 10:55 a.m. The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

APPROVAL OF THE REVISED PARENTS COMMISSION BYLAWS

Co-Chair FireThunder requested a final review of the revised Parents Commission Bylaws. **Co-Chair FireThunder** asked for a motion to approve the revised Parents Commission Bylaws. **Commissioner Lantsman-Waugh** motioned to approve the revised Parents Commission Bylaws. **Commissioner Klinkner** seconded the motion at 10:56 a.m. The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

PARENTS COMMISSION MEETING PRESENTATIONS

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SAFETY

Co-Chair FireThunder welcomed and introduced **Ms. Lisa Cadman**, Indian Child Welfare Specialist, Department of Child Safety (DCS). **Ms. Cadman** thanked the Commission for the opportunity to present.

Ms. Cadman shared the mission and vision of DCS and the purpose of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). **Ms. Cadman** reported the SFY20 statistics for the number of reports to DCS; including the types of abuse (neglect and physical, sexual, and emotional abuse), and the demographic breakdown of the children served. **Ms. Cadman** stated that ICWA was established in 1978 and the purpose is to protect the right of an Indian child to live with a native family and to stabilize and foster continual tribal existence and preserve tribal culture. **Ms. Cadman** stated that ICWA applies to all youth who may be a member of a tribe in all circumstances related to dependency. **Ms. Cadman** shared that DCS is responsible for determining whether the child is a tribal member and to address any barriers that might hinder an Indian child to be placed with a native family. **Ms. Cadman** stated that DCS also provides the child's parents additional support to overcome barriers that might hinder the parents' ability to participate in their DCS service plan. **Ms. Cadman** shared that ICWA establishes that the child, the parents, and the tribe are all parties to be involved in the child's dependency case. The

complete presentation can be reviewed at <https://goyff.az.gov/councils-commissions/arizona-parents-commission-drug-education-prevention>

Co-Chair FireThunder thanked **Ms. Cadman** and asked the commission if there were any questions.

- **Commissioner Lantsman-Waugh:** What happens if a native foster care family cannot be found? **Ms. Cadman:** Every effort is made to place a child with a Native American family. If the child is placed with a non-native family, DCS continues to search for a native family until one can be found that will take the child.
- **Commissioner Burlingame:** Are group homes included in this process? **Ms. Cadman:** Some tribes have group homes available, but there are limited ICWA compliant group homes. DCS continues to work on certifying additional group homes due to the need.
- **Co-Chair FireThunder:** How are children confirmed as members of a particular tribe and what if a child is not enrolled in a tribe? **Ms. Cadman:** The child's parent will inform DCS that the child is a member. DCS conducts a review with the referenced tribe to confirm. ICWA only applies to children who are officially enrolled as a tribal member.

Co-Chair FireThunder thanked **Ms. Cadman** for her presentation.

PARENTS COMMISSION GRANTEE: ARIZONA YOUTH PARTNERSHIP

Co-Chair FireThunder welcomed and introduced **Ms. Christine Barry**, Director of Prevention Services, Arizona Youth Partnership (AZYP). **Ms. Barry** thanked the Commission for the opportunity to present.

Ms. Barry stated that AZYP was established in 1990 and in 2006 it began expansion into rural communities around the state. **Ms. Barry** shared a description of the population served; including the various communities, client age range, number of counties served and number of school districts served. **Ms. Barry** provided an overview of AZYP programs that include youth afterschool programs; K-8 Charter school; Strengthening Families program; and partnership with eight substance abuse coalitions. **Ms. Barry** described the Strengthening Families program that is funded by the Parents Commission Grant which serves Mohave, Pima, and Santa Cruz counties. **Ms. Barry** shared the overview of program implementation, including a session that provides Community and Police Together 360. **Ms. Barry** stated that the program is open and free to any family in the community. **Ms. Barry** shared that meals are provided every night through sponsorships by private donors and childcare is provided for the participating families. **Ms. Barry** stated that the program is currently provided virtually and the sessions are broken down over three days to accommodate the virtual platform. **Ms. Barry** stated that the youth and parent sessions occur separately and then parents and youth reunite during the last hour to practice what they've learned. **Ms. Barry** stated that the families receive a family photo and certification of completion during the last session. **Ms. Barry** shared that between 2014-2021, 1,950 participants have been served. **Ms. Barry** shared the substance use trends for the program's youth target population; including alcohol, e-cigarettes and marijuana. **Ms. Barry** stated that these are consistently the most commonly used substances by school-age children. **Ms. Barry** shared that statistics show a higher use of certain substances in the counties they serve compared to the statewide average. **Ms. Barry** stated that fentanyl has become an increasingly serious issue in the community. **Ms. Barry** shared that Santa Cruz had twice as many overdoses this year as compared to last. **Ms. Barry** provided an overview of community partners that support the Strengthening Families program. The complete presentation can be

reviewed at <https://goyff.az.gov/councils-commissions/arizona-parents-commission-drug-education-prevention>

Co-Chair FireThunder thanked **Ms. Barry** and asked the commission if there were any questions.

- **Commissioner Lantsman-Waugh:** How are families recruited into the program? **Ms. Barry:** Staff meet with schools and other youth-serving organizations to speak to parents. During COVID, more reliance was on emailed flyers and word of mouth.
- **Commissioner Lantsman-Waugh:** Why do role-play exercises always involve youth-adult pairings rather than youth-youth? **Ms. Barry:** This is to minimize unintended consequences. Some youth may feel uncomfortable role-playing with their peer. These interactions could have bullying implications.

Co-Chair FireThunder thanked **Ms. Barry** for her presentation.

PARENTS COMMISSION GRANTEE UPDATES

Co-Chair FireThunder invited **Ms. Nicole Valenzuela**, Program Administrator, Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family, to share grantee updates with the commission. Ms. Valenzuela stated that the Parents Commission grantees had served 10,568 individuals in the 3rd quarter and 30,730 year-to-date. Ms. Valenzuela shared that GOYFF has been facilitating Grantee Quarterly Engagement meetings which are promoting partnership and collaboration between grantees and community partners. Ms. Valenzuela shared that all 27 grantees submitted a SFY22 Renewal Application for the final year of the three year grant cycle of the Parents Commission Grant. Ms. Valenzuela shared that all grantee Site Visits will resume in person beginning in August 2021.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Co-Chair FireThunder asked if any commissioners had any announcements they would like to share.

- **Commissioner Stavros** shared that SB1486 was a bill recently signed that will authorize the use of fentanyl test strips.
- **Ms. Tonya Hamilton**, Deputy Director of GOYFF promoted the statewide recruitment to the Governor's Youth Commission.

FUTURE AGENDA/MEETING SCHEDULE

Co-Chair FireThunder stated the next scheduled meeting is set for July 14, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. **Co-Chair FireThunder** announced the proposed SFY22 meeting dates as

- July 14, 2021
- September 15, 2021
- November 17, 2021
- January 19, 2022
- March 16, 2022
- May 18, 2022

Co-Chair FireThunder asked for a motion to approve the meeting dates. **Commissioner Robinson** motioned to approved the meeting dates and **Commissioner Lantsman-Waugh** seconded the motion at 11:43 a.m. The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

ADJOURN

Co-Chair FireThunder, thanked everyone for being part of the meeting and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Commissioner Robinson** moved to adjourn. **Commissioner Burlingame** seconded the motion. The motion passed with no dissenting votes and the meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

21th Day of May, 2021
Parents Commission
Respectfully Submitted By:
Nicole Valenzuela
Program Administrator, GOYFF

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