



**Arizona Parents Commission on Drug Education and Prevention
Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2022
1:00 PM**

A general meeting of the Arizona Parents Commission on Drug Education and Prevention convened on June 8, 2022. Notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the Parents Commission.

Members Present (6)	Members Absent (2)
Denise Beagley (Chair)	Raynee Schneider
Kristine FireThunder (Co-Chair)	Chief Robert Martin
Lori Robinson	
Marina Lantsman-Waugh (Proxy Chad Williams)	
Nicholas Stavros (Proxy Tina Braham)	
Michael Klinkner	
Staff and Guests Present (5)	
Travis Price	Al Laurita
Nicole Valenzuela	Shelly Mowrey
Kim Brooks	

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Beagley called the Parents Commission meeting to order at **1:03 p.m.** with 6 members present and 2 members absent.

ROLL CALL

Chairperson Beagley welcomed members and guests. **Chairperson Beagley** took attendance via roll call at 1:05 p.m. with quorum met.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Beagley requested a review of the **March 16, 2022** meeting minutes. **Co-Chair FireThunder** motioned to accept the minutes. **Commissioner Klinkner** seconded the motion at 1:08 p.m. The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairperson Beagley announced that the commission would be entering into Executive Session to discuss the SFY23 Parents Commission Annual Budget and proposed awardees for the upcoming grant cycle that will start on July 1, 2022. **Chairperson Beagley** asked for a motion to enter an Executive Session. **Co-Chair FireThunder** made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 1:10 p.m. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Klinkner** and approved by all.

PUBLIC MEETING RECONVENE

Chairperson Beagley announced that the Executive Session discussion concluded and the commission public meeting would reconvene. **Chairperson Beagley** asked for a motion to exit the Executive Session. **Commissioner Robinson** made a motion to exit Executive Session at 1:56 p.m. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Stavros' proxy Ms. Braham** and approved by all.

APPROVAL OF THE SFY23 PARENTS COMMISSION ANNUAL BUDGET

Chairperson Beagley requested a final review of the SFY23 Parents Commission Annual Budget. **Chairperson Beagley** asked for a motion to approve the SFY23 Parents Commission Annual Budget and recommended awardees for the upcoming SFY23 grant cycle. **Co-Chair FireThunder** motioned to approve the SFY23 Parents Commission Annual Budget and recommended awardees for the upcoming SFY23 grant cycle. **Commissioner Robinson** seconded the motion at 1:58 p.m. The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

PARENTS COMMISSION MEETING PRESENTATIONS

Arizona High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas
Mr. Al Laurita, Investigative Support Center Manager
Ms. Shelly Mowry, Demand Reduction Coordinator

Chairperson Beagley welcomed and introduced **Mr. Al Laurita, Investigative Support Center Manager** and **Ms. Shelly Mowry, Demand Reduction Coordinator** to the meeting. **Mr. Laurita and Ms. Mowry** thanked the Commission for the opportunity to present. **Mr. Laurita and Ms. Mowry** shared a detailed overview of the 2021 Drug Threats in Arizona.

Mr. Laurita reviewed the top 5 substances identified as drug threats in Arizona according to data collected for 2020 and 2021: #1 Fentanyl, #2 Methamphetamine, #3 Cocaine, #4 Heroin, #5 Marijuana/THC. **Mr. Laurita** also reviewed the 2021 drug threats on the Southwest borders of the U.S., comparing border state percentages by specific substances, according to the National Seizure System. **Mr. Laurita** projects that in 2022, the number of fentanyl pills seized will be higher than in previous years. **Mr. Laurita** identified spikes in drug usage with specific substances in Arizona. **Mr. Laurita** shared that some social media outlets facilitate the sale and solicitation of drugs. **Mr. Laurita** emphasized that from April 2020 to April 2021 there has been a 28.5% increase in opioid overdose deaths nationally.

Chairperson Beagley thanked **Mr. Laurita** for his presentation and asked the commission if they had any questions.

- **Commissioner Robinson** asked Mr. Laurita if the increase in drug seizures were due to an increase in resources committed to the seizures at the border. **Mr. Laurita** stated that

the highest rate of drug seizures was in Phoenix, Arizona and not at the southern border and the number of allocated resources has not had an impact on where the seizures are taking place.

- **Chairperson Beagley** shared that individuals will “create a line in the sand” regarding the types of drugs they will experiment with and many will move the “line” to experiment with other substances. **Chairperson Beagley** stated that it takes a village to work together to prevent substance use. **Mr. Laurita** stated that Fentanyl continues to be the #1 substance increasing in usage and agreed that the only way to make substance use issues better is to work together.

Chairperson Beagley welcomed **Ms. Mowrey** to share her presentation with the commission.

- **Ms. Mowrey** shared detailed information about “The Rise in Fentanyl” campaign and accompanying toolkit created by Substance Abuse Coalition Leaders of America with the commission.
- **Ms. Mowrey** urged the Parents Commission to consider utilizing the Fentanyl Toolkit in lieu of the AZ Rx Toolkit because Fentanyl usage is the highest in the state and continuing to rise.
- **Ms. Mowrey** shared elements of the campaign that include:
 - Personal video testimonies from families that lost a loved one to fentanyl overdose.
 - Education and awareness handouts
 - Naloxone information and Good Samaritan Law information
 - Media materials: PSAs, Posters, and social media creative
 - Community engagement takeaways: Fact sheets, talk tips and postcards
- **Ms. Mowrey** shared the Arizona Pediatric Fatality Review for 2020 that included that there were 57 fentanyl related deaths for children 0-17. **Ms. Mowrey** compared that to the statistic that there were 12 children 0-17 who died from COVID-19 in 2020.
- **Ms. Mowrey** stated that the campaign has contributed to a decrease in fatal and non-fatal overdose deaths in the targeted zip codes of the campaign. **Ms. Mowrey** reported that when the campaign is on hiatus there is a correlation between the rise in reported overdoses in those areas.
- **Ms. Mowrey** shared that they will be expanding the outreach to include Sibling to Sibling campaigns focused on getting youth involved to lead conversations with their siblings.

Chairperson Beagley thanked **Ms. Mowrey** for her presentation and asked the commission if they had any questions.

- **Commission Klinkner** asked of the 0-17 deaths, did the children know they were taking fentanyl or did they think they were taking something else. **Ms. Mowrey** stated that information has not been determined specifically, but that it was reported that some purchased off the internet and thought they were getting “Oxy” and it was laced with fentanyl. **Commission Klinkner** asked if was cheaper to manufacture fentanyl. **Ms. Mowrey** stated that it is very cheap to manufacture with a high return on investment. **Ms. Mowrey** stated that there are some “fentanyl pill seekers” but that most individuals think that they are purchasing some other substance.
- **Commission Robinson** asked if the youth led information sharing was being implemented in the juvenile justice system. **Ms. Mowrey** stated that it has been implemented in a few counties successfully and they are continuing to work with additional juvenile justice systems in other counties.

PARENTS COMMISSION GRANTEE UPDATES

Ms. Nicole Valenzuela

Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family

Chairperson Beagley invited **Ms. Nicole Valenzuela**, Program Administrator, Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family (GOYFF), to share grantee updates with the commission. **Ms. Valenzuela** shared that over 7,100 unduplicated individuals were served in Quarter 3 of the SFY22 grant cycle. **Ms. Valenzuela** shared that the SFY23 Parents Commission Grant process is still active and the grantees awarded will be announced at the end of June 2022.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Beagley asked if any commissioners had any announcements they would like to share.

- **Chairperson Beagley** shared that the ASU Summer Institute will be hosted from July 11-15, 2022 in Flagstaff. Chairperson Beagley inquired about the Parents Commission Members attending the conference. **Ms. Valenzuela** stated that she would discuss the opportunity with the GOYFF Leadership team and report back to Chairperson Beagley.

FUTURE AGENDA/MEETING SCHEDULE

Chairperson Beagley stated the next scheduled meeting is set for July 13, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Executive Tower. **Chairperson Beagley** announced that the meeting would be hybrid (in-person & virtual) for those unable to attend in-person.

Chairperson Beagley stated that the SFY23 Meetings Dates will be:

- July 13, 2022
- September 14, 2022
- November 16, 2022
- January 18, 2023
- March 15, 2023
- May 17, 2023

ADJOURN

Chairperson Beagley thanked everyone for being part of the meeting and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Commissioner Robinson** moved to adjourn. **Commissioner Stavros' proxy Ms. Braham** seconded the motion. The motion passed with no dissenting votes and the meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

9th Day of June, 2022
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Respectfully Submitted By:
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Program Administrator, GOYFF



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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Beagley asked for a motion to enter an Executive Session. Quorum present. **Commissioner Klinkner** made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 1:10 p.m. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Klinkner** and approved by all. **Co-Chair FireThunder** called the Executive Session to order at 1:10 p.m.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION BUSINESS

Chairperson Beagley announced that the commission entered into Executive Session to discuss the SFY23 Parents Commission Annual Budget and proposed awardees for the upcoming grant cycle that will start on July 1, 2022.

Mr. Travis Price, Compliance & Procurement Manager, Arizona Office of the Governor. **Mr. Price** thanked the Commission for the opportunity to present. **Mr. Price** shared key budget topics for Parents Commission members. **Mr. Price** presented an overview of the SFY23 budget. **Mr. Price** stated that the Parents Commission had approximately \$6.2 million budgeted annually and was funded by a percentage of the State of Arizona liquor tax.

Mr. Price shared details about the grant procurement process subject to ARS §41-2700, the RFGA life cycle, grantee awards and spending, and strategies used for managing annual budget. **Mr. Price** discussed the grantee funding recommendations for the SFY23 RFGA solicitation and non-competitive discretionary awards

Chairperson Beagley announced that the commission would call for a vote on the SFY23 Annual Budget during the public meeting.

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