



Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission
February 9, 2023 9:30 AM
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 Council (AJJC) was convened on February 9, 2023, notice duly given.

Members Present (12)	Members Absent (9)
Cindi Nannetti, Chair	Alice Bustillo
Tracy Darmody, Vice Chair	Don Walker
Douglas Sargent	Dorothy Wodraska
Erica Maxwell	Earl Newton
James Molina	Guadalupe Durazo
Jose Gonzales	Helen Gandara
Steve Selover (Proxy for Joseph Kelroy)	Jane Kallal
Maria Dodge	Joseph Grossman
Nicole Schuren	Shawn Cox
Shaun Rieve	
Suzanne Nicholls	
Vada Jo Phelps	
Staff and Presenters (6)	
Sarah Grado, notMYkid	Lucy Noriega, GOYFF
Wendy Gustafson, notMYkid	Emily Uline-Olmstead, GOYFF
Patricia Delp, Youth Advocate Programs	Madeleine Dorn, GOYFF
Deb Stoks, Drug Demand Reduction and Outreach	

Call to Order

- Ms. Cindi Nannetti, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:33 AM with 12 members present and 9 members absent.

Welcome / Introductions / Roll Call

- Ms. Nannetti, Chair, asked members to acknowledge their attendance during roll call.

Approval of Minutes

- Ms. Nannetti, Chair, stated that quorum had not been reached. Approval of the December 1, 2022 meeting minutes will be moved to the May 2023 meeting.

I. Title II Program Update notMYkid

- **Ms. Nannetti, Chair**, welcomed **Sarah Grado**, Chief Program Officer, who has worked in adolescent behavioral health with notMYkid for over 13 years. As the Chief Program Officer, Sarah oversees notMYkid's full continuum of care while providing a vision for sustainable growth. Sarah is also an international speaker who shares her story of recovery to youth, parents, and professionals.
- **Ms. Nannetti, Chair**, also introduced **Wendy Gustafson**, Regional Program Manager at notMYkid since 2021 and brings 26 years of grant experience. As the Regional Program Manager, Wendy provides support for projects in Mohave County by serving as a community development expert. She works directly with community groups to ensure a successful implementation of the notMYkid's full continuum of care.
- **Sarah** began the presentation discussing the notMYkid program, Serving Youth, Families, and Communities. Their mission is to ensure every kid thrives by inspiring positive life choices. **Sarah** stated that teens are turning to substance use and suicidal ideations to deal with the mental pressure from life. She said that only about 20% of children with mental, emotional, or behavioral disorders receive care from a specialized mental health care provider. **Sarah** continued her presentation by giving an overview of teen statistics. She stated that in Arizona, 1 out of 10 high-school students have attempted suicide. **Wendy and Sarah** then went on to give an overview of the programs they offer in order to help kids in their community: Prevention Education, Peer Programs, and Behavioral Health. The programs are provided in-person and online which provide Early Intervention and Peer Support. **Sarah** added that they receive referrals from Lake Havasu and Kingman school districts but also from the Mohave County Juvenile Probation Department.
- **Wendy** stated that the programs are successful and have produced positive results including expanded services within Kingman and Lake Havasu, building relationships with the Mohave County Public Health Department, and with the Arizona Youth Partnership (YAP). **Sarah** discussed that they utilize skilled based [i]nspire Support Groups to build resiliency, and are trauma-informed to create a safe environment. The organization also offers this program through the [i]nspire app to facilitate in-person or virtual groups. Some of the features of the app include gamification, podcasts, a fitness tracker, and a Self-Guided and Peer Guided Curriculum.
- **Wendy** shared a story about a letter that was received by a youth that stated because of the programs provided by notMYkid, they were inspired to turn their life around and get their G.E.D. The youth also thanked the program for taking the time to talk to kids in detention.
- **Ms. Nannetti, Chair** asked if there were any questions and **Ms. Tracy Darmody, Vice Chair**, stated that there was a question in the chat feature, which asked if the program would be an option within the group home industry. With multiple kids using drugs living under the same roof, what would this program look like with 5-10 kids living together. **Sarah and Wendy** replied that they will reach out to the programs that have shelters to provide more information.

- o **Ms. Tracy Darmody, Vice Chair**, asked if notMYkid works with any of the native communities/children around that area. **Sarah** responded that they are working on building staff capacity to begin assessing the needs of the community. **Wendy** stated that she does outreach in rural communities and specifically Peach Springs, and **Sarah** added that they are working to expand services.
- o **Mr. Jose Gonzales** stated that the organization is doing some great work, then asked if they provide any support for substance abuse, especially in Phoenix. He said that there are youth using substances in group homes and on the streets, and asked if the program does anything to address that. **Sarah** relayed that the program is based in Phoenix and Mohave County is another area they are focused on as that is where the need was. She said that outside of the program, notMYkid is doing a lot for the youth in the Phoenix metropolitan community, particularly around fentanyl.
- o **Ms. Nannetti, Chair**, asked where the program obtained the statistic on 1 in 10 high-school students have attempted suicide. **Sarah** replied that she would double-check and believed it was the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- o **Ms. Nannetti, Chair**, asked if there were other questions, and thanked them for their dedicated work.

II. Title II Program Update Youth Advocate Programs

- **Ms. Nannetti, Chair**, welcomed Youth Program Advocate Director **Patricia 'Patty' Delp**. **Director Delp** has been the Program Director of Yavapai County Youth Advocate Programs for nearly 3 years. Her education includes a Bachelors of Science (BS) in Education from Northern Illinois University and a Masters of Arts (MA) in Mental Health Counseling from Northern Arizona University. **Director Delp** spent 28 years as a teacher, athletic coach, and high school counselor in her native state, Arizona. Since retirement, **Director Delp** has worked professionally as a counselor and volunteered her time as a Restorative Justice Facilitator with Prescott Area Restorative Initiatives (PARI). **Director Delp** believes that all these experiences were the perfect blend to lead this strength-based wraparound program for young probationers. **Director Delp** resonates deeply with the YAP mission to offer a community-based alternative to out-of-home placement for youth.
- **Director Delp** thanked the commission members for their time and for having her present at the meeting. She stated that the program is in 33 states and now in Yavapai County, adding that it has been quite a journey since the start of the program, and that they have served 50 youth and families who have been involved in the justice system.
- **Director Delp** stated the program uses an Individualized Service Plan that focuses on the youth, whether it is to help get a job or sport of interest. She also discussed how the program assists in strengthening families. **Director Delp** talked about the youth advocates involved in the program and how they do a

great job of being trauma-informed and always looking to see how they can help the youth.

- **Ms. Nannetti, Chair**, asked if there were any questions and thanked **Director Delp** for what she does, and said how important it is to keep those relationships with youth and probation.

III. **Arizona National Guard Counterdrug Task Force Drug Demand Reduction and Outreach**

- **Ms. Nannetti, Chair**, welcomed **Staff Sergeant Deb Stoks** with the Arizona National Guard Counterdrug Task Force, assigned to Drug Demand Reduction and Outreach (DDRO). **Staff Sergeant Deb Stoks**, is a Military Police Non-Commissioned Officer with the Arizona Army National Guard. She has been with the Arizona National Guard Counterdrug Task Force for over 4 years and is part of the DDRO Team. Through her work and dedication to the community, she was selected to be embedded at the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family (GOYFF), where she provides support to all work related to substance abuse and misuse prevention efforts, including grants and grant writing.
- **Staff Sergeant Deb Stoks** stated the mission of the DDRO is to enhance support to coalitions and community-based organizations, partnering with local, state, and tribal organizations in the delivery of prevention leadership, expertise, and evidence-based initiatives to minimize Arizona's demand for drugs, and substance misuse and abuse. She added there is support to increase prevention efforts, facilitate evidence-based/evidence-informed programming, and to promote increased perception of harm associated with substance misuse and abuse.
- **Staff Sergeant Deb Stoks** discussed the total youth served in fiscal year 2021 and 2022, and how the funds awarded through the grant writing workshops support the expansion of communities served. She added that DDRO supported the collection of prescription medication through Drug Take Back Day events.
- **Staff Sergeant Deb Stoks** continued by discussing the justice efforts that supported the Arizona Supreme Court Juvenile Justice Division in partnership with the Arizona High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) to provide training to Juvenile Probation Officers on the Substance Abuse Coalition Leaders of Arizona (SACLAZ) Fentanyl Toolkit. **Staff Sergeant Deb Stoks** stated that the training was provided to 234 officers, with 32,550 materials delivered to all 15 Arizona counties. In addition to this training, she partnered with GOYFF Compliance Monitor, **Lucy Noriega**, during Juvenile Justice Compliance site visits and provided 3,200 materials on emerging drug trend awareness and prevention education. She thanked **Lucy Noriega** and **Steve Selover** for their collaboration.
- **Ms. Nannetti, Chair**, asked if anyone had any questions.
 - **Ms. Tracy Darmody, Vice Chair**, asked **Staff Sergeant Deb Stoks** if she collaborates or has worked with native police departments or probation officers. **Staff Sergeant Deb Stoks** replied yes, outreach to the Yavapai-Apache tribe has been successful and is trying to do additional outreach to reservations and rural communities.

- **Ms. Nannetti, Chair**, asked if there were any other questions, and **Director Doug Sargent**, introduced himself and added that he is over the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections. He stated they receive youth from counties around Arizona which are high-risk and expressed that he would like to start a collaboration with her and his department.
- **Ms. Nannetti, Chair**, mentioned that there is a bill pending that will provide immunity for anyone using fentanyl when calling the police, but **Ms. Nannetti, Chair**, will continue to track the bill for any new updates.

IV. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Compliance 2023 Strategies

- **Ms. Tracy Darmody, Vice Chair**, welcomed **Lucy Noriega**, recently promoted into the Title II Juvenile Justice Specialist position of the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family (GOYFF). She presented on compliance monitoring for the Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention Act (JJDP) strategies and outcomes for fiscal year 2023.
- **Ms. Noriega** gave an overview of the JJDP and how GOYFF is designated as the state agency to coordinate efforts to achieve and sustain compliance with the core requirements of the JJDP. Additionally, as a condition of receiving the funds from the U.S Department of Justice (DOJ)'s Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention (OJJDP), the state must also have a State Advisory Group (SAG). The SAG is the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission, and by Executive Order 2020-06 signed by Former Governor Doug Ducey, authorizes the group to lead monitoring oversight in the state and coordinate training efforts to educate law enforcement partners on how to achieve compliance with the core requirements.
- **Ms. Noriega** gave an overview of the core requirements: Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders, Jail Removal, Sight or Sound Separation, and the Racial and Ethnic Disparities. She added that the Compliance Monitor does not monitor secure facilities for the Racial and Ethnic Disparities core requirement but that it is still monitored by the Juvenile Justice Specialist. During her time as the Juvenile Justice Compliance Monitor, she stated she finalized and submitted Arizona's Compliance Monitoring Manual, which was approved by OJJDP.
- **Ms. Noriega** mentioned that she created and promoted a Title II Quick-Guide Poster that provides law enforcement agencies with information on federal and state law as it pertains to the JJDP. She stated that the next steps are to facilitate a Law Enforcement pre-recorded webinar as it relates to the JJDP core requirements. Her vision is to do it in two parts. Part One will be to set up a date when the webinar will take place followed by a Part Two Q&A session that can be recorded and shared out.
- **Ms. Noriega** stated that during her time as the Compliance Monitor, she was able to conduct inspections to law enforcement agencies across Arizona, expressing her gratitude to the law enforcement agencies that accommodated her visits. **Ms. Noriega** additionally thanked **Director Doug Sargent** and **Assistant Director Peter Luszczak** from the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections (ADJC) for hosting her back in 2022.

- **Ms. Noriega** continued her overview of the compliance monitoring efforts in the state and what is projected to be another successful year. The efforts that were made last year were also successful, and said that she was able to decrease the number of non-reporting agencies in the state.
- **Ms. Noriega** stated she created a Compliance Monitoring Database that will replace an older version that will be used to keep track of all the inspections, juvenile reports, and communication with law enforcement agencies. The goal is to maintain a live tabulation of agency reporting measures that must be submitted to OJJDP annually.
- **Ms. Noriega** asked if there were any questions for her. **Maria Dodge** asked if the database is of internal use only and **Ms. Noriega** replied that yes, the database is only for internal use.

V. Title II Staff Updates

- **Ms. Tracy Darmody, Vice Chair**, welcomed **Emily Uline-Olmstead**, the Justice Program Manager at GOYFF. **Ms. Uline-Olmstead** announced that GOYFF has brought on a new staff member since the last AJJC meeting. **Madeleine Dorn** will serve as the Title II Juvenile Justice Compliance Monitor and **Lucy Noriega** will be the Title II Juvenile Justice Specialist.

Future Meeting Dates

- **Ms. Tracy Darmody, Vice Chair**, advised the next meeting will convene on May 4, 2023, at 9:30 AM.

Adjourn

- **Ms. Tracy Darmody, Vice Chair**, called for adjournment at **10:53 AM**.
- **Director Doug Sargent** motioned and was seconded by **James Molina**.

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Respectfully Submitted By:
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