



Arizona Parents Commission on Drug Education and Prevention Meeting Minutes March 20, 2024, 10:00 AM

A general Arizona Parents Commission on Drug Education and Prevention meeting convened on March 20, 2024, with notice duly given. Present and absent were the following members:

Members Present (6)	Members Absent (2)
Denise Beagley, Chair	Michael Klinkner
Deputy Chief of Staff Tracy Lopes	Lori Robinson
Chief Robert Martin	
Marina Lantsman-Waugh	
Nicholas Stavros (Proxy Tina Braham)	
Ariadne Weber	
Staff and Guests Present (3)	
Nicole Valenzuela, GOYFF	Staff Sergeant Deborah Stoks, Presenter
Executive Director Kenneth McKinley, Presenter	Jacqueline Trella, Presenter
Kimberly Wright, Presenter	

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Beagley called the Arizona Parents Commission on Drug Education and Prevention meeting to order at **10:05 AM** with **seven** present and **two** absent members.

2. ROLL CALL

Chairperson Beagley welcomed members and guests, taking attendance via roll call.

3. MEETING PRESENTATIONS

Arizona National Guard Counterdrug Task Force

Staff Sergeant Deborah Stoks

- **Chairperson Beagley** welcomed and introduced **Staff Sergeant Deborah Stoks** to the meeting to give an overview of the Arizona National Guard Counterdrug Task Force and the Drug Demand Reduction and Outreach Team. **Staff Sergeant Stoks** thanked the commission for the opportunity to present.
- **Staff Sergeant Stoks** stated that the drug reduction outreach teams focus on addiction, prevention, and counter-drug efforts. The teams use the Strategic Framework Model (SPF), which includes five steps: assessment, capacity, planning, implementation, and evaluation.
- **Staff Sergeant Stoks** stated that the team provides two types of training. The first training is named SPF Application for Prevention Success Training Intro. This training is used for new coalitions, as well as a refresher course for the existing coalitions. This training specifically highlights sustainability and cultural competence. This training normally lasts four days for a total of 32 hours. The second training is the Primary Prevention Advanced Course (PPAC). This training encourages former participants to come back with their insights and help instruct the new participants. The outcome of the training is as follows: effective facilitation skills, SPF review, SPF-focused instruction, group product building, individual facilitation, and resources.

- **Staff Sergeant Stoks** shared details of the upcoming PPAC outreach, which is scheduled to take place from April 1, 2024 through April 5, 2024. It was reiterated that the purpose of these training sessions is to promote organization, effectiveness, and efficiency.
- **Chairperson Beagley** thanked **Staff Sergeant Stoks** for her presentation and asked if commission members had any questions.
 - **Commissioner Lantsman-Waugh** asked **Staff Sergeant Stoks** if she had an example of a team trained in this process and how they were able to apply their newly acquired skills in the communities they serve. **Staff Sergeant Stoks** responded and specifically named the Buckeye coalition as having positive outcomes after implementing the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF). **Staff Sergeant Stoks** shared that her team supports multiple coalitions that use the SPF model. It was noted that her team offers surveys after the completion of their course, and they have consistently received good feedback.
- To view the **Arizona National Guard Counterdrug Task Force** presentation, [Click Here](#)

Childhelp Children's Advocacy Center **Mr. Kenneth McKinley**

- **Chairperson Beagley** welcomed and introduced **Mr. Kenneth McKinley** to the meeting to provide an update from the Childhelp Children's Advocacy Center. **Mr. McKinley** thanked the commission for the opportunity to present.
- **Mr. McKinley** stated that Childhelp was founded back in 1959 by former Hollywood actresses Sara O'Meara and Yvonne Fedderson. This year Childhelp will be celebrating their 65th anniversary. Childhelp's mission focuses on the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of children. Since 1998 Childhelp has remained the only child advocacy center in Maricopa County.
- **Mr. McKinley** shared that Childhelp uses a multidisciplinary team model that includes the following entities: Phoenix Police Department, Crimes Against Children Unit, AZ Department of Child Safety, Office of Child Welfare Investigations, Phoenix Children's Hospital, Maricopa County Attorney's Office and Childhelp Inc. Each entity has a specific scope of work. Ultimately the team works collaboratively to investigate allegations of abuse, provide forensic medical exams and forensic interviewing, provide victim/child advocacy and trauma therapy, and, when necessary, make decisions regarding criminal prosecution.
- **Mr. McKinley** shared 2023 Childhelp data that showed Over 4,500 unduplicated child victims of abuse served, 400-450 children seen per month. Over 71% of the cases were sexual abuse; 17% were physical abuse; and 12% were specifically neglect and drug exposure. Seventy percent of the time, the suspect is a family member. The highest percentages identified were a parent or step-parent/ partner.
- **Mr. McKinley** discussed the new trend of babies being treated with NARCAN in the hospital because fentanyl has been found in their system. **Mr. McKinley** introduced Department of Child Safety Office of Child Welfare Investigations (OCWI) Manager **Kimberly Wright**, who spoke on the drastic increase in fentanyl investigations. **Ms. Wright** shared that OCWI will often drug test all of the siblings within a home. Normally, all siblings test positive; however, the younger children, specifically those ages two to three, will often have higher dosages in their system because they are more inclined to directly inhale or ingest the substances. Often, results of drug tests will show positive for multiple drugs; the most common combination being fentanyl, methamphetamine, and marijuana.

- **Chairperson Beagley** thanked **Mr. McKinley** for his presentation and asked commission members if they had any questions.
 - **Commissioner Weber** asked why there is not more community education offered around preventable deaths caused by fentanyl, especially with the percentages being so high. **Mr. McKinley** agreed that targeted and coordinated campaigns around awareness are absolutely needed. **Mr. McKinley** noted that there is a gap, but is hopeful that a specialized response will be emerging now that the issue has been identified.
 - **Chairperson Beagley** voiced appreciation for **Mr. McKinley** and the **Department of Child Safety** for bringing awareness to this issue and appreciated the active efforts the advocacy center and the department make to offer therapy to the children to ensure that they are not re-traumatized through the investigative process and begin to blame themselves.
 - **Nicole Valenzuela** voiced that the current discussion may be triggering for meeting participants and encouraged those who are having difficulty with the data or content to reach out for support at the 988 hotline (mental health support), their immediate support team or to contact her directly for assistance for resources and support to process the information provided in the presentation.
- To view **Childhelp Children’s Advocacy Center’s** presentation, [click here](#).

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Beagley requested a review of the **January 17, 2024** meeting minutes.

- **Commissioner Chief Robert Martin** motioned to accept the minutes.
- **Commissioner Deputy Chief of Staff Tracy Lopes** seconded the motion.
- The motion passed with no dissenting votes at **11:15 AM**.

5. PARENTS COMMISSION GRANTEE UPDATES

Ms. Nicole Valenzuela

Governor’s Office of Youth, Faith, and Family

Nicole Valenzuela, Substance Abuse Manager at the Governor’s Office of Youth, Faith and Family (GOYFF), shared grantee updates, providing an overview of the progress and benefits of monthly check-in meetings. **Ms. Valenzuela** provided the Year Three Parents Commission Grantee Renewal application process and timeline. **Ms. Valenzuela** shared information about Conflict of Interest and Open Meeting Law training required for all commission members by the next meeting.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Beagley asked if commissioners had any announcements to share.

- **Nicole Valenzuela** announced that on **Thursday, March 21st, 2024**, GOYFF will conduct a half-day “Back to Basics” Grant Writing Workshop. The registration is full but **Ms. Valenzuela** encouraged those interested in attending to contact her directly.

7. FUTURE AGENDA/MEETING SCHEDULE

Chairperson Beagley stated the next meeting is **May 15, 2024**, at **10:00 AM** in a hybrid format for members unable to attend in person.

8. ADJOURN

Chairperson Beagley thanked everyone for being part of the meeting and asked for a motion to adjourn.

- **Commissioner Chief Robert Martin** moved to adjourn.

- **Commissioner Marina Lantsman-Waugh** seconded the motion.
- The motion passed without dissenting votes, and the meeting adjourned at **11:27 AM**.

21st Day of March 2024
Arizona Parents Commission on Drug Education and Prevention
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