



**Arizona Parents Commission on Drug Education and Prevention  
Meeting Minutes  
July 17, 2024, 10:00 AM**

A general meeting of the Arizona Parents Commission on Drug Education and Prevention convened on July 17, 2024, with notice duly given.

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	
Ariadne Weber	
Staff and Guests Present (6)	
Deputy Director Conrad Lindo, Staff	Tori Osmundson, Staff
Shannon Scheel, Guest	Jolyana Begay-Kroupa, Guest
Renato Ramos, Guest	Ta Nee' Townsend, Guest

**CALL TO ORDER**

- **Chairperson Beagley** called the Arizona Parents Commission on Drug Education and Prevention meeting to order at **10:08 AM**. **Six** members were present, and **two** were absent.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

- **Chairperson Beagley** welcomed members and guests and took attendance via roll call.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **Chairperson Beagley** requested a review of the **May 15, 2024**, minutes and asked for a motion to approve the minutes as drafted.
  - **Nicholas Stavros** motioned to approve the minutes.
  - **Deputy Chief of Staff Tracy Lopes** seconded the motion.
- The motion passed with no dissenting votes at **10:14 AM**.

**MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

- **Chairperson Beagley** welcomed and introduced **Director Shannon Scheel** to share information about the role, responsibilities, and services of the [Maricopa County Sheriff's Office \(MCSO\)](#).
- **Director Scheel** provided an overview of the MCSO's current state and ongoing challenges and initiatives. The MCSO manages five jails with 7,060 inmates and supports 35 local and state law enforcement agencies. A significant issue highlighted was the 28% vacancy rate among law enforcement and correctional officers, which MCSO addresses by increasing pay and benefits to attract recruits.
- **Director Scheel** provided statistics on overdose victims, indicating that 64% are white, 80% are male, and the primary age range is 24-45 years. Most victims are unemployed and have never been married, with 60% enrolled in the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS). Notably, 40% of overdose deaths occurred at home, and 40% of victims reported using drugs before the age of 18.
- In response to the overdose crisis, public safety officers receive training to use Naloxone. Instead of jail, officers are encouraged to take individuals to treatment facilities such as Community Bridges Inc.(CBI), Community Medical Services (CMS), and Arizona Connections. Drug Disposal Locations also help the community by conveniently locating prescription collection sites for unneeded or expired prescriptions left in

the home. These medications can lead to accidental poisoning and can also be an easy source for those seeking to misuse or abuse prescription medication.

- **Director Scheel** discussed the treatment options available for individuals in custody. All inmates are offered screening for substance use disorder (SUD) and provided with medication-assisted treatment (MAT) or the continuation of their current treatment. The Recovering Enduring Dignity Education Empower Mindfulness (REDEEM) program offers further support through a 12-step program, parenting classes, and yoga.
- **Director Scheel** continued his presentation by discussing current drug trends, specifically the increasing use of counterfeit pills (M-30s) and the addition of fentanyl to methamphetamine. However, alcohol and marijuana are still the most widely used substances among school-age children. He noted the high levels of stress and anxiety experienced by children, who often keep their struggles to themselves to avoid further burdening their parents or caregivers.
- **Chairperson Beagley** thanked **Director Shannon Scheel** for the presentation and asked commission members if they had any questions or comments. No commissioners asked questions or had any comments.
- To view the **Maricopa County Sheriff's Office's** presentation, [click here](#).

### PHOENIX INDIAN CENTER

- **Chairperson Beagley** welcomed and introduced **Jolyana Begay-Kroupal** to share information about the role, responsibilities, and services of the [Phoenix Indian Center](#).
- **Jolyana Begay-Kroupa** discussed how the Phoenix Indian Center is the oldest organization of its kind in the nation. Phoenix has the third-largest Indian American population in the United States, following New York and Los Angeles.
- The center collaborates with federal, state, and local agencies to provide various human resources services, such as workforce development, youth development programs, language and culture preservation, community initiatives, family support, and prevention/intervention.
  - Utilize the motto "Culture is prevention" to underscore their approach.
  - Focus primarily on preventing marijuana use and educating adults about the dangers of underage alcohol consumption.
  - Phoenix Union High School District and Mesa Public Schools mentor and coach students, emphasizing the importance of storytelling and cultural awareness in addressing historic and intergenerational trauma.
  - The Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family (GOYFF) provides financial support for the organization's evidence-based programs, such as 'Parenting in 2 Worlds' and 'Living in 2 Worlds', and evaluated by Arizona State University (ASU).
- **Jolyana Begay-Kroupa** discussed the difficulties they are experiencing due to low enrollment, which they attribute to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Factors such as reluctance to participate in person, Zoom fatigue, and individuals prioritizing work and immediate needs contribute to this challenge. Additionally, strict guidelines from the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) have made integrating their programs into schools hard. To boost participation, the center has introduced incentives such as providing dinners and has also set up small focus groups to gather feedback on their marketing strategies.
- **Chairperson Beagley** thanked **Jolyana Begay-Kroupa** for the presentation and asked commission members if they had any questions or comments. No commissioners asked questions or had any comments.
- To view the **Phoenix Indian Center's** presentation, [click here](#).

### CHICANOS POR LA CAUSA

- **Chairperson Beagley** welcomed and introduced **Renato Ramos** and **Ta Nee' Townsend** to share information about the role, responsibilities, and services of [Chicanos Por La Causa \(CPLC\)](#) in Coconino County.
- CPLC's Family Support Services feature coordinators who collaborate closely with teachers and school staff to participate in Individualized Education Program (IEP) meetings and conduct home visits. During these

visits, coordinators evaluate family challenges, such as transportation and food insecurity, and offer practical support, including delivering food boxes to those in need.

- **Ms. Townsend** mentioned hosting Arizona's Rx Drug Misuse and Abuse events, educational sessions on drug use education, administering Narcan, and distributing lock boxes for prescription drugs to enhance safety and prevent misuse in the community.
- CPLC collaborates with [First Things First](#) to develop a culturally relevant American Indian curriculum program titled 'Fatherhood and Motherhood are Sacred,' which aims to empower parents through culturally sensitive education and support.
- **Chairperson Beagley** thanked **Ta Nee' Townsend** for the presentation and asked commission members if they had any questions or comments. No commissioners asked questions or had any comments.
- To view the **Chicanos Por La Causa** presentation, [click here](#).

#### **PARENTS COMMISSION GRANTEE UPDATES**

- **Chairperson Beagley** invited **Tori Osmundson**, the GOYFF Arizona Parents Commission on Drug Education and Prevention Program Administrator, to share grantee updates with the commission.
- **Tori Osmundson** shared that state fiscal year 2025 (SFY25) Renewal awards for Year 3 of the grant cycle. Year 2 Quarter 4 report reviews are beginning to assess progress toward target goals and identify any additional technical assistance needs.
- **Ms. Osmundson** reminded commissioners to complete the Conflict of Interest training and submit a Disclosure Statement form if necessary.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Chairperson Beagley** asked if commissioners had announcements to share; no commissioners or attendees shared announcements.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA/MEETING SCHEDULE**

- **Chairperson Beagley** stated the next meeting will be on **September 18, 2024, at 10:00 AM** at the Executive Tower in a hybrid format for those unable to attend in person.

#### **ADJOURN**

- **Chairperson Beagley** thanked everyone for being part of the meeting and asked for a motion to adjourn.
  - **Nicholas Stavros** motioned to adjourn.
  - **Marina Lantsman-Waugh** seconded the motion.
- The motion passed with no dissenting votes, and the meeting adjourned at **11:22 AM**.

17th Day of July 2024  
Arizona Parents Commission on Drug Education and Prevention  
Respectfully Submitted By:  
Tori Osmundson  
Program Administrator, GOYFF