



ARIZONA PARENTS COMMISSION ON DRUG EDUCATION AND PREVENTION

Virtual Meeting

September 18, 2024, 10:00 AM

A general meeting of the Arizona Parents Commission on Drug Education and Prevention convened on **September 18, 2024**, with notice duly given.

Members Present (7)	Members Absent (2)
Denise Beagley (Chair)	Michael Klinkner
Lori Robinson	Deputy Chief of Staff Tracy Lopes
Chief Robert Martin	
Marina Lantsman-Waugh (Proxy: Charlotte Shrum)	
Nicholas Stavros (Proxy: Lesley Wimmer)	
Ariadne Weber	
Delvyn Crawford	
Staff and Guests Present (8)	
Deputy Director Conrad Lindo, Staff	Tori Osmundson, Staff
Alfreda Moore, Staff	Chantel Hutchinson, Staff
TSgt Tory Gonzalez, Guest	Alisa Randall, Guest
SSG Deb Stoks, Guest	Shauna Anderson, Guest

CALL TO ORDER

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

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- **Chairperson Beagley** welcomed members and guests and conducted a roll call for attendance. **Chairperson Beagley** introduced new commissioner **Delvyn Crawford**, who provided a brief personal and professional background.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Chairperson Beagley** requested a review of the **July 17, 2024**, minutes and asked for a motion to approve the minutes as drafted.
 - **Chief Robert Martin** motioned to approve the minutes.
 - **Delvyn Crawford** seconded the motion.
- The motion passed with no dissenting votes at **10:11 AM**.

APPROVAL OF PARENTS COMMISSION BYLAWS

- **Chairperson Beagley** requested a review of the Parents Commission Bylaws and requested a motion to approve the Bylaws as drafted.
 - **Lori Robinson** motioned to approve the Bylaws.
 - **Ariadne Weber** seconded the motion.
- The motion passed with no dissenting votes at **10:14 AM**.

ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM

- **Chairperson Beagley** welcomed and introduced **Alisa Randall** to share the role, responsibilities, and services of the [Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System \(AHCCCS\)](#).
- **Alisa Randall** provided a detailed update on AHCCCS' role in substance use prevention and treatment efforts, emphasizing that AHCCCS is Arizona's largest health insurer, operating across federal, state, and county funding streams. AHCCCS serves as the state agency for behavioral health, the State Mental Health

Authority, and the State Opioid Response (SOR) Authority. It has also been recognized nationally for its innovative approaches, with other state Medicaid programs seeking guidance from Arizona. She outlined the Managed Care Organization (MCO) system within AHCCCS, which includes 12 contracts with nine distinct MCOs operating under two main programs.

- **Ms. Randall** explained how AHCCCS' funding structure supports Title 19 and non-Title 19 programs, providing preventive, early intervention, and treatment services for those in need.
- In collaboration with the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), **Ms. Randall** detailed AHCCCS' initiatives to combat the opioid epidemic, including providing naloxone and training for first responders in Maricopa County.
- **Chairperson Beagley** thanked **Alisa Randall** for the presentation and asked commissioners if they had any questions or comments.
- **Delvyn Crawford** mentioned that he understands that 20% of youth are misdiagnosed with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), and 40% are misdiagnosed with mental health issues. He then inquired about whether AHCCCS provides support for youth with misdiagnoses.
 - **Ms. Randall** explained that AHCCCS uses Title XIX, or Medicaid, funding with health plans. They expect the network of providers to offer appropriate and satisfactory services. AHCCCS reviews its work and takes corrective action as necessary through a tiered system. She offered to provide additional information about the [PAX programming](#) to any interested commissioners.
- To view the **Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System's** presentation, [click here](#).

DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION

- **Chairperson Beagley** welcomed and introduced **Technical Sergeant (TSgt) Tory Gonzalez** and **Staff Sergeant (SSG) Deb Stoks** to share information about the role, responsibilities, and services of the [Drug Enforcement Administration \(DEA\)'s Operation Engage](#) initiative.
- **TSgt Tory Gonzalez** explained that the National Guard Counterdrug Taskforce operates in various high-risk communities, collaborating with community partners, agencies, and schools over two years to implement short-term prevention efforts. Their current focus is in the City of Glendale, acknowledging that more than a two-year timeframe may be needed to make a lasting impact. Therefore, the Taskforce aims to support the existing community coalition, [Rise Up! Glendale](#). Below are activity highlights:
 - [Huddle Up Glendale! Let's Talk about Fentanyl 2024](#): Educated the Glendale community about the dangers of fentanyl and raised awareness about overdoses through a town hall format. The event included multiple speakers and interactive breakout sessions for youth and adults.
 - [DEA Citizens Academy](#): Community members across Glendale were encouraged to participate in the program to learn about different aspects of the DEA through a "train-the-trainer" approach. This approach equips them to share the knowledge gained with youth and other community members who are in contact with youth.
 - Educational Foundation Programs: Introduces extracurricular activities in schools to keep youth engaged and enthusiastic about learning new things. The DEA collaborates with community members to instruct students in various skills for ten weeks, a few days a week after school, and prevention education is associated with each activity.
- **TSgt Gonzalez** continued by discussing how the [2024 Regional Family Summit](#) provides a platform for parents who have lost a child to an opioid overdose to share their experiences and contribute to future prevention strategies. **SSG Stokes** emphasized that the primary objective is to stop the expansion of this community of affected families.
- **TSgt Gonzalez** mentioned that youth across Arizona can participate in the DEA Teen Academy on September 21, 2024. The academy aims to educate them about the duties of a DEA agent and to motivate and inspire them about their future. **TSgt Gonzalez** added that after last year's event, a mother called to share the positive influence the information presented had on her child, who had promised never to use drugs.
- **TSgt Gonzalez** emphasized the importance of the [Red Ribbon Week Campaign](#), which aims to honor the memory of DEA agent Kiki Camarena, who tragically lost his life in 1985. His goal was to create drug-free

communities, and continuing his mission is essential. The DEA and National Guard collaborate to host substance use prevention events in schools all over the state of Arizona, focusing in high-risk areas.

- **TSgt Gonzalez** expressed that the DEA has a lot of excellent materials and a curriculum that anybody in the community can utilize for free, highlighting the DEA [One Pill Can Kill Campaign](#).
- **Chairperson Beagley** thanked **TSgt Tory Gonzalez** and **SSG Deb Stoks** for the presentation and asked commission members if they had any questions or comments.
- **Delvyn Crawford** commented that in his experience working in the group home setting, there has been a lot of vaping use among youth; is there currently canine support in detecting contraband?
 - **TSgt Gonzalez** responded that the inquiry needed to be elevated to the interdiction side but would fall under local law enforcement jurisdiction.
 - **Mr. Crawford** added that he had watched a public service announcement (PSA) created in Idaho, which featured youth discussing vaping.
 - **TSgt Gonzalez** responded that they would review the PSA to see what Idaho is doing to prevent substance use among youth.
- To view the **Drug Enforcement Administration's** presentation, [click here](#).

HUSHABYE NURSERY

- **Chairperson Beagley** welcomed and introduced **Shauna Anderson** to share information about the role, responsibilities, and services of [Hushabye Nursery](#).
- **Shauna Anderson** discussed how Hushabye Nursery provides resources and services for neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS) babies and their caregivers, including extensive prenatal and community support, nursery, and discharge services.
- **Ms. Anderson** highlighted the importance of offering congratulations as a crucial form of support provided by Hushabye Nursery. She explained that many pregnant individuals served by Hushabye face significant social stigma, and it is Hushabye's objective to ensure that these individuals are congratulated and supported throughout and after their pregnancy.
- **Ms. Anderson** stated that Hushabye Nursery has a 12-bedroom facility where babies and their caregivers can stay 24/7.
- **Ms. Anderson** discussed the collaborative partnership between Hushabye Nursery and the Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS), stating that Hushabye Nursery has a staff DCS Liaison and provides regular opportunities for families to meet with their DCS caseworkers.
- **Ms. Anderson** explained the differences between the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) and Hushabye Nursery models. She detailed the reduced need for pharmacologic care, shorter lengths of stay, and lower care costs for babies in Hushabye's care compared to NICU babies.
- **Chairperson Beagley** thanked **Shauna Anderson** for the presentation and asked commission members if they had any questions or comments.
- **Delvyn Crawford** praised Hushabye Nursery for supporting pregnant and parenting individuals and their children.
- To view **Hushabye Nursery's** presentation, [click here](#).

PARENTS COMMISSION GRANTEE UPDATES

- **Chairperson Beagley** invited **Tori Osmundson**, the Arizona Parents Commission on Drug Education and Prevention Program Administrator at the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith, and Family (GOYFF), to provide grantee updates.
- **Tori Osmundson** stated that Wellington Consulting Group has completed the Year 2 Aggregate Report and will present grantee progress from Year 2 at the November Arizona Parents Commission on Drug Education and Prevention meeting.
- **Ms. Osmundson** discussed the success of the August Quarterly Grantee Engagement Meetings. She stated that 25 out of 27 grantees attended, and the meetings focused on recruiting and retaining participants in their programs.

- **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 that the next meeting will be held virtually on **November 20, 2024, at 10:00 AM.**

ADJOURN

- **Chairperson Beagley** thanked everyone for being part of the meeting and asked for a motion to adjourn.
 - **Delvyn Crawford** motioned to adjourn.
 - **Chief Robert Martin** seconded the motion.
- The motion passed with no dissenting votes, and the meeting adjourned at **12:00 PM.**

19th Day of September 2024
Arizona Parents Commission on Drug Education and Prevention
Respectfully Submitted By:
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Program Administrator, GOYFF