



ARIZONA PARENTS COMMISSION ON DRUG EDUCATION AND PREVENTION
Hybrid Meeting
January 15, 2025, 10:00 AM

A general meeting of the Arizona Parents Commission on Drug Education and Prevention convened on **January 15, 2025**, with notice duly given.

Members Present (7)	Members Absent (2)
Denise Beagley (Chair)	Michael Klinkner
Deputy Chief of Staff Tracy Lopes	Lori Robinson
Chief Robert Martin	
Marina Lantsman-Waugh (Proxy: Charlotte Shrum)	
Nicholas Stavros	
Ariadne Weber	
Delvyn Crawford	
Staff and Guests Present (8)	
Alfreda Moore, Staff	Tori Osmundson, Staff
Chantel Hutchinson, Staff	Yesmina Luchsinger, Staff
Sergeant First Class Deb Stoks, Guest	Nicole Gonzalez, Guest
Carmen Irving, Guest	Fareeda Khunji, Guest

CALL TO ORDER

- **Chairperson Beagley** called the Arizona Parents Commission on Drug Education and Prevention meeting to order at **10:02 AM**. **Seven** members were present, and **two** were absent.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- **Chairperson Beagley** welcomed members and guests, conducted a roll call, and reached a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Chairperson Beagley** requested a review of **November 20, 2024**, minutes before requesting a motion for approval as drafted.
 - **Nicholas Stravros** motioned to approve the minutes.
 - **Delvyn Crawford** seconded the motion.
- The motion passed with no dissenting votes, and the meeting minutes were approved as drafted at **10:07 AM**.

NATIONAL GUARD COUNTERDRUG TASK FORCE

- **Chairperson Beagley** welcomed and introduced **Sergeant First Class (SFC) Deb Stoks** to share about the Governor’s Office of Youth, Faith and Family (GOYFF) Substance Use Prevention Toolkit.
- **SFC Stoks** provided an overview of the history of the Arizona RX Misuse and Abuse Toolkit, explaining that it originated when former Governor Doug Ducey declared a statewide emergency to address opioid overdoses and fatalities. She noted that the GOYFF Substance Use Toolkit builds upon the foundation of the Arizona RX Misuse and Abuse Toolkit, adapting it to meet the emerging needs of communities and the evolving drug landscape.
- **SFC Stoks** highlighted that one of the primary goals of the GOYFF Substance Use Toolkit is to ensure it is user-friendly, accessible to a broader audience, and tailored to meet the needs of community agencies and coalitions by using consistent language and providing the most accurate, up-to-date information.

- **SFC Stoks** outlined the four core strategies in the toolkit and highlighted the added resources, focusing on mental health, treatment, and communication tools for parents and caregivers. Additionally, the toolkit will feature current social media trends, providing parents and caregivers with insights into how these platforms are used to distribute and purchase substances.
- **Chairperson Beagley** thanked **SFC Stoks** for the presentation and asked commissioners if they had any questions or comments.
- **Chairperson Beagley** inquired about the target date for completing the GOYFF Substance Use Prevention Toolkit.
 - **SFC Stoks** responded that the toolkit is on track to be available on the website by the Arizona Parents Commission on Drug Education and Prevention Request for Grant Application (RFGA) release date. She mentioned sharing the toolkit with potential grantees through a file-sharing platform should the toolkit not be published in time.
- **Mr. Crawford** emphasized that individuals have different literacy levels and highlighted the importance of incorporating visuals or short videos to share information more effectively. He also asked whether the toolkit would be available in other languages and if videos are available as part of the resources.
 - **SFC Stoks** stated that the toolkit is not currently available in other languages and does not include videos. She noted that it could be updated or expanded to include additional resources as part of a GOYFF initiative.
- **Mr. Stravos** expressed enthusiasm for the efforts of the National Guard Counterdrug Task Force team and the GOYFF, stating that seeing their work in action is exciting.
- To view the **National Guard Counterdrug Task Force** presentation, [click here](#).

PAXIS INSTITUTE

- **Chairperson Beagley** welcomed and introduced **Carmen Irving** to share information about the [Paxis Arizona Initiative](#).
- **Ms. Irving** explained that the [Paxis Institute](#) is an international organization headquartered in Tucson, Arizona, and has been active in the state since 2019. She clarified that PAX programming is not a curriculum but a set of evidence-based behavioral strategies designed for trusted adults to use when communicating with children, not only in schools but in any setting where young people are present. Ms. Irving highlighted using PAX tools in everyday environments, mainly where long-term program fidelity may not be achievable. These tools are designed for human service professionals, community educators, youth workers, and caregivers.
- **Ms. Irving** shared that Ohio funded a two-year, population-level implementation of PAX programming, which demonstrated results consistent with those found in randomized controlled studies.
- **Ms. Irving** discussed how the PAX program is implemented statewide, including full participation from teachers, administrators, cafeteria staff, and transportation drivers in the [Chinle Unified School District](#).
- **Chairperson Beagley** thanked **Ms. Irving** for the presentation and asked commission members if they had any questions or comments.
- **Mr. Crawford** asked if there were any future areas or ideas for improvement.
 - **Ms. Irving** responded that she wants stronger relationships with community agencies and coalitions to train more individuals in PAX programming. She also emphasized the need for a more strategic approach to ensure qualified individuals actively implement and carry out the program.
- **Deputy Chief of Staff Lopes** expressed appreciation for the full implementation of PAX in the Chinle Unified School District before inquiring whether other locations have adopted a similar approach and whether the program has a peer-to-peer component.
 - **Ms. Irving** stated that their goal is to strengthen their partnership with the [Arizona Department of Education \(ADE\)](#) to expand PAX training to additional school districts. She also shared that they are finalizing tools for youth-led prevention, and more information is forthcoming.
- **Deputy Chief of Staff Lopes** asked if Paxis Institute has partnerships with community colleges.
 - **Ms. Irving** responded that such a partnership would be ideal, as it would allow future educators to gain these skills early in their careers, potentially extending the average teaching career, which is currently only five years.

- **Chairperson Beagley** suggested connecting with justice programs such as juvenile probation.
 - **Ms. Irving** mentioned that they are currently working with [Adobe Mountain Schools](#) and Arizona prisons before agreeing that establishing a connection with probation services would be a fantastic opportunity.
- To view the **Paxis Institute** 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 GOYFF, to provide grantee updates.
- **Ms. Osmundson** explained that the Parents Commission RFGA is in the review process and on track to be released on time.
- **Ms. Osmundson** thanked the commissioners for completing their Conflict of Interest training and sending their certificates.
- **Ms. Osmundson** stated scheduling individual meetings with each commissioner to discuss 2025 commission meetings and membership renewal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Chairperson Beagley** asked if commissioners had announcements to share.
- **Chairperson Beagley** informed the commission that the [Arizona Summit for Public Safety + Behavioral Health Conference](#) will occur in Tucson on April 30, 2025, and May 1, 2025.
- **Chairperson Beagley** reminded commissioners that they could send future potential presenter information to **Ms. Osmundson**.

FUTURE AGENDA/MEETING SCHEDULE

- **Chairperson Beagley** stated that the next meeting would be held in person on **March 19, 2025, 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.
 - **Deputy Chief of Staff Tracy Lopes** seconded the motion.
- The motion passed with no dissenting votes, and the meeting adjourned at **11:18 AM**.

16th Day of January 2025
Arizona Parents Commission on Drug Education and Prevention
Respectfully Submitted By:
Tori Osmundson
Program Administrator, GOYFF