

ARIZONA PARENTS COMMISSION ON DRUG EDUCATION AND PREVENTION
MARCH 19, 2025 | 10:00 AM
Virtual

A general meeting of the Arizona Parents Commission on Drug Education and Prevention convened on March 19, 2025, via Zoom, notice duly given.

MEMBERS PRESENT (05)	MEMBERS ABSENT (01)
Denise Beagley, Chair	Marian Lantsman-Waugh
Deputy Chief of Staff Tracy Lopes	
Nicholas Stavros (Proxy: Tina Braham)	
Ariadne Weber	
Delvyn Crawford	
STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT (04)	
Tori Osmundson, GOYFF	Bridget Werchan, Presenter
Chantel Hutchinson, GOYFF	Laura Magruder, Presenter

CALL TO ORDER

- **Denise Beagley, Chair**, called the Arizona Parents Commission on Drug Education and Prevention meeting to order at **10:03 AM** with **five** members and **four** staff/guests present.

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

- **Denise Beagley, Chair**, welcomed everyone and asked members to introduce themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- With the quorum met, **Denise Beagley, Chair**, requested a review of the **January 15, 2025**, meeting minutes before requesting a motion to approve them as drafted.
 - **Delvyn Crawford** moved to approve the meeting minutes as drafted.
 - **Ariadne Weber** seconded the motion.
- **Denise Beagley, Chair**, asked for a discussion of the minutes, and no members requested amendments.
- **Denise Beagley, Chair**, called a vote, and at **10:07 AM**, the motion to approve the meeting minutes as drafted passed with no dissenting votes.

SUPPORT FOR PREGNANT WOMEN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS | MAGGIE'S PLACE, PHOENIX, AZ

- **Denise Beagley, Chair**, welcomed and introduced **Laura Magruder**, chief executive officer of [Maggie's Place](#).
- **Ms. Magruder** highlighted the wide range of services available to participants, including housing, direct support services, parenting and child enrichment programs, health and wellness initiatives, and educational programming.

- **Ms. Magruder** detailed how staff support women through motivational interviewing, goal setting, attending Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS) court hearings, organizing birthday celebrations for their children, and providing essential items like clothing and food. She also noted that over 30 monthly classes cover financial literacy and parenting topics.
- **Ms. Magruder** emphasized that Maggie's Place is a certified Trauma-Informed Care organization. She explained that many of the women they serve face ongoing challenges such as substance use disorders, trafficking, violence, and homelessness.
- **Ms. Magruder** added that Maggie's Place is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by trained AmeriCorps members, ensuring women have continuous, around-the-clock support.
- **Denise Beagley, Chair**, thanked **Ms. Magruder** for the presentation and asked commission members if they had any questions or comments.
- **Mr. Crawford** asked what violations could prevent women from continuing in the program.
 - **Ms. Magruder** clarified that violations will result in a woman being unable to live in Maggie's Place housing; however, this will not exclude her from participating in other programs or events. Examples of violations include drug use, possession of a weapon, or acts of violence.
- **Mr. Crawford** inquired about how Maggie's Place triages potential clients and supports those not admitted.
 - **Ms. Magruder** explained that Maggie's Place has an intake process to evaluate the needs of each potential client. If they cannot accommodate someone, they provide referrals to other agencies. She mentioned that the facility offers 34 available beds.
- **Ms. Weber** asked whether clients receive case management to support long-term goals and how long they can stay in the apartments.
 - **Ms. Magruder** stated that women can start the program and stay in housing until their child turns one year old. After clients transition to an apartment, they may remain for up to one year following reunification with their child.
- **Ms. Werchan** asked if clients were allowed to keep their cell phones.
 - **Ms. Magruder** confirmed that clients are permitted to have and keep their phones.
- **Ms. Braham** expressed gratitude for the strong partnership between Maggie's Place and Community Medical Services.
- To view the presentation, [click here](#).

NURSE-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM | CASA DE LOS NIÑOS, TUCSON, AZ

- **Denise Beagley, Chair**, welcomed and introduced **Bridget Werchan**, Nurse Home Visitor at [Casa de los Niños](#).
- **Ms. Werchan** presented an overview of Casa de los Niños' 52-year history, emphasizing the agency's mission to prevent child abuse and neglect. She highlighted the diverse range of services and programs offered, noting the significant success of The Kelly Early Education Center in reducing barriers for parents. Additionally, she outlined services available for youth and young adults, including home visitation, parenting programs, and behavioral health services.
- **Ms. Werchan** explained that the Nurse-Family Partnership program, established in 2011, aims to improve prenatal care, enhance child health and development education, and provide system support to strengthen family economic stability. She emphasized that the Nurse-Family Partnership is an internationally recognized, evidence-based program. All staff members hold Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees and are trained in the Nurse-Family Partnership model.
- **Denise Beagley, Chair**, thanked **Ms. Werchan** for the presentation and asked commission members if they had any questions or comments.
- **Mr. Crawford** asked whether individuals or families share their stories.

- **Ms. Werchan** shared that many clients have spoken at various events, including addressing the state legislature at the Capitol. She also mentioned that a recent [news article](#) about Casa de los Niños expanding its Nurse-Family Partnership program highlighted client testimonials. The expansion now supports mothers at any stage of pregnancy, lifting previous restrictions that limited services to first-time mothers before their 28th week.
- **Deputy Chief of Staff Lopes** asked how Casa de los Niños adapts to meet culturally specific needs, particularly for Indigenous populations.
 - **Ms. Werchan** emphasized the organization's commitment to cultural sensitivity and competency. She described how staff thoughtfully converse about beliefs and customs, particularly regarding pregnancy and motherhood, to ensure respectful and supportive care.
- To view the presentation, [click here](#).

PARENTS COMMISSION GRANT UPDATES

- **Denise Beagley, Chair**, 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.
- **Ms. Osmundson** announced that the Request for Grant Application (RFGA) for the State Fiscal Year 2026 Arizona Parents Commission on Drug Education and Prevention is now open and will close on April 4, 2025. She encouraged the commissioners to share the RFGA [application link](#) with their networks.
- **Ms. Osmundson** also mentioned that there are three vacancies on the Parents Commission. She asked the commissioners to distribute the Governor's Office of Boards and Commission [application link](#) to any contacts interested in serving on the commission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Denise Beagley, Chair**, asked if commissioners had announcements to share.
- **Denise Beagley, Chair**, informed the commission about two upcoming events in Tucson:
 - [Public Safety Peer "Pop-Up" Event](#) - April 29, 2025
 - [First Responders Health and Wellness Day](#) - April 30, 2025

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- **Denise Beagley, Chair**, stated that the next meeting would be held in person on May 21, 2025, at 10:00 AM.

ADJOURN

- **Denise Beagley, Chair**, thanked everyone for being part of the meeting and asked for a motion to adjourn.
 - **Delvyn Crawford** moved to adjourn the meeting.
 - **Deputy Chief of Staff Tracy Lopes** seconded the motion.
- **Denise Beagley, Chair**, asked if further discussion was needed; no members did.
- **Denise Beagley, Chair**, called for a vote, and at **11:09 AM**, the motion to adjourn the meeting passed with no dissenting votes.

Dated 19th of March 2025
Arizona Parents Commission on Drug Education and Prevention
Respectfully Submitted By:
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