



**Arizona Parents Commission on Drug Education and Prevention  
Meeting Minutes**

**May 29, 2019  
10:00 AM**

**Arizona State Capitol  
1700 W. Washington St.  
Phoenix, AZ 85007  
Executive Tower, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room**

**A general meeting of the Arizona Parent's Commission on Drug Education and Prevention convened on May 29, 2019. Notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the Parent's Commission.**

**Members Present**

Bryan Cox, Chair  
Raynee Schneider  
Denise Beagley

Bryan Harris  
Kristine FireThunder

Beatriz "Betty" Hurtado  
Laura Ciscomani

**Members Absent**

Raynee Schneider

David Reede

Eric Meaux

**Staff and Guest Present**

Malcolm Hightower, Governor's Office  
Leona Morales, Governor's Office  
David Suda, Governor's Office  
Courtney Kom, PAACE  
Amy Bass, PPEP, Inc. CPC  
Travis Price, Governor's Office  
Tonya Hamilton, Governor's Office  
Emma Torres, Campesinos Sin Frontera (phone)  
Ophelia Goatson, Parenting AZ  
Blanca Acosta, Circles of Peace  
Somia Sanchez, Circles of Peace  
Pridcilla Canez, Touchstone  
Lydia Cossio, Touchstone  
Domingas Cruz, AZYP

Brooke Madden, AZYP  
Jamal Greens, LPKNC  
Claudia Espinoza, Friendly House  
Candelaria Montes, Friendly House  
Wayne Tormala, AZ Dept. of Health Services  
Barb Garden, Terros Health  
Lauren Herchel, Community Bridges  
Erica Mendoza, CPLC Parenting AZ  
Tasha Mendoza, ASU, CABHP  
Kevin Bushaw, ASU, CABHP  
Thalia Williams, Southwest Behavioral Health  
Sarah Grodo, NotMyKid  
Joronda Muntano, NotMyKid

- A. Call to Order**  
**Commissioner Bryan Cox, Chair**, called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.
- B. Welcome/Introductions**  
**Commissioner Cox, Chair**, welcomed everyone and asked all members to introduce themselves.
- C. Approval of Minutes**  
**Commissioner Cox, Chair**, requested a review of the March 20, 2019, meeting minutes.

**Commissioner FireThunder** made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction made to her name. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Bryan Harris** and approved by all.

**D. Executive Session**

**Commissioner Cox, Chair**, announced that the commission would be entering into Executive Session to discuss the budget and proposed awardees for the upcoming grant cycle that will start on July 1. **Commissioner Harris** made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 10:08 a.m. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Beagley** and approved by all.

**E. Public Meeting Reconvene**

**Commissioner Cox, Chair**, announced that the commission would enter their public meeting following the Executive Session. **Commissioner Harris** made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 10:54 a.m. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Hurtado** and approved by all.

**F. Discussion RFGA Budget and Timeline**

**Travis Price** provided an overview of the budget and said that his group would be reaching out to applicants this week for any budget or programmatic clarifications. He added that the goal was to put more money into the communities with this budget and that the application and review process for this grant was very competitive. The goal was to be able to fund as many programs as possible with the funding allowed.

- **Chairman Cox** asked for a motion to approve list of proposed awardees as presented. **Commissioner Hurtado** made a motion to approve. **Commissioner Ciscomani** seconded that motion. **Commissioner Harris** abstained from voting citing a conflict of interest. The motion was approved by all voting commissioners.
- **Chairman Cox** asked for a motion to approve the budget as presented. **Commissioner FireThunder** made a motion to approve. **Commissioner Harris** seconded that motion. **Commissioner Beagley** abstained from voting citing a conflict of interest. The motion was approved by all voting commissioners.

**G. Arizona Department of Health Services Anti-Vaping Campaign**

**Commissioner Cox, Chair**, introduced Wayne Tormala, Chief of the Bureau of Tobacco & Chronic Disease. Mr. Tormala shared that vaping oftentimes will hook teens on Nicotine even though they have never smoked a cigarette. With the recent trending of vaping, it is still too early to know the long-term effects that it has on the young developing brain. Yet, many still believe that it is harmless. He added that the Arizona Attorney General's Office conducts stings to crack down on the sales of vaping products to teens. Of those tested, 97% contain very large amounts of Nicotine. He added that the Centers for Disease Control have listed vaping as a major health concern and has not approved vaping as a tobacco cessation device. He passed around three vaping devices that look like everyday items that one would carry- an asthma inhaler, a lipstick case, and a small discrete cartridge that could easily be hidden. He said that in the recent Arizona Youth Survey, 50% of youth surveyed said that have tried vaping at least once. 20% of the youth surveyed said that they vape daily. Tormala added that males tend to vape more than females. He showcased the Facts Over Flavor Campaign to help curb teen vaping. He showed several clips that are currently running on social media. The agency tracks the analytics of the ads to gauge their reach and to keep the messaging fresh.

- **Commissioner Cox** asked if they also saw THC and CBD oils in the sting tests. **Tormala** said that there have been cases where the vaping devices have been used for other drugs.
- **Commissioner FireThunder** asked about the effects of Vaping and if it can produce "popcorn lung." **Tormala** said that it is quite possible, but vaping is so new; there is not a lot of health data out on it.

**H. Yavapai College Collegiate Recovery Program**

**Commissioner Cox, Chair**, introduced Judy Brennan, Director of Alcohol & Drug Prevention at Yavapai College. Along with her were several students from the College's Recovery Club. The focus of the group has been on helping spread awareness on substance abuse and mental illness and how it does not have to hinder their success in college. Brennan said that they try to limit the stigma by educating those on campus. Throughout the year, the group is oftentimes seen at outreach events and partners with local coalition MATFORCE (also a Parents Commission Subgrantee). Christian, one of the students participating, said that they met peers at Northern Arizona University at a recent Student Health and Wellness Summit and participated in a panel discussion about making better health choices. They also found that talking to students in the classrooms was more effective than being a part of the Club Rush to recruit students.

**I. Subgrantees Update**

**Ms. Morales** shared that on May 7 she and grant auditor David Suda conducted a site visit at Friendly House and on May 23 at Southwest Behavioral Health Services. Three additional site visits will be held in June at Apache County Youth Council (6), Community Bridges (7) and MATFORCE (13). She added that the purpose of the site visits is to ensure that the subgrantees are adhering to their commitments of the grant, but also to open the lines of communication and provide support from the GOYFF administrator. She also added that the next Parents Commission meeting will be held at Summer Institute in Flagstaff and encouraged all commissioners to attend.

**J. Announcements**

**Commissioner Cox, Chair**, opened up the floor for announcements.

**Keven Bushaw from Arizona State University's Center for Applied Behavioral Health Policy** shared about their upcoming Summer Institute in Flagstaff.

**K. Call to the Public**

No public members wished to address the Parents Commission.

**L. Reminder of Next Meeting**

**Commissioner Cox, Chair** stated that the next meeting of the Parents Commission will be held on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at the High Country Conference Center in Flagstaff.

**M. Setting of FY20 Meeting Dates**

**Commissioner Cox, Chair** announced the proposed meeting dates for FY20

- July 16, 2019
- September 18, 2019
- November 20, 2019
- January 22, 2020
- March 18, 2020
- May 20, 2020

**Commissioner Beagley** made a motion to approve. **Commissioner FireThunder** seconded that motion. The motion was approved by all.

**N. Adjourn**

A motion was made to adjourn by **Commissioner FireThunder** at 12:00 PM and seconded by **Commissioner Harris** and approved by all.