



Arizona Coalition for Victim Services (ACVS)

Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2019

2120 N Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ

- I. **Call to Order:** Amy Bocks, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
- II. **Welcome and Introductions:** Amy Bocks welcomed everyone and reminded them to please sign the sign-in sheet.

Amy Bocks, AZ Attorney General	Kiley Schneider, MADD
Amy Palmisano, EMPACT-Suicide Prevention	Marcy Morales, Department of Child Safety
Ashleigh Canfield, LaFrontera - EMPACT	Lois Rees, Yavapai County Attorney
Beckie Miller, POMC	Mimi Kaplan, JFCS Shelter
Brooke Fulton, NACASA	Natalie Gruner, Phoenix City Prosecutor
Cari Garrison, AZ Department of Corrections	Renee' Werner, MCSO
Carolee Holbrook, POMC Volunteer	Tony Bidonde, Adult Probation
Dan Levy, AZ Crime Victim Rights Law Group	Tracey Wilkinson, Scottsdale Police Dept
Danielle Langel, ACASI	Katie Osselaer, Phoenix FAC
Dorinda Johns, ACJC	Rebecca Begay, Mesa Prosecutor's Office
Gina Winn, Glendale Police Department	Jen Ringe, Victim Witness
Jaquel Moody, AZ Department of Corrections	Toria Gahring, Chrysalis
Kennesha Jackson, AZ Attorney General	Randy Koeppen, Chrysalis

III. **Approval of November Minutes:** Kennesha Jackson made a Motion to approve the November 28, 2018 Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Jaquel Moody. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. **Voting on 2019/2020 Membership Fee Structure** – Current fees are \$150/agency and \$50/individual. Discussion ensued. Kennesha Jackson made a Motion to keep the current fee structure of \$150/\$50 in place. Motion seconded by Dan Levey. Motion passed unanimously.

V. **Voting on ACVS Vice Chair:** Amy Bocks advised that Marcy Morales from the Department of Child Safety, is interested in the Vice Chair position. Amy asked if anyone present was also interested; no one responded. Marcy informed the group about her professional career and community involvement.

Voting was done by ballot and Marcy Morales was unanimously selected as Vice Chair. Marcy will be finishing out the current Vice Chair term which ends December 31, 2019.

VI. Chrysalis Mobile Victim Advocate Team – Randy Koeppen, Manager. Randy Koeppen provided the following information regarding the services offered by Chrysalis Mobile Victim Advocate Team:

- The first non-profit domestic violence agency to become a trauma informed care organization.
- In 2017, Chrysalis served about 1,400 individuals and about 86% of client's safety was improved.
- Services Offered:
 - Emergency Shelter
 - Emergency Housing
 - Counseling Services for Adults and Children
 - On-site Child Care
 - Education and support groups
 - Transportation Services
 - Case Management
 - Safety Planning
 - Basic Needs Assistance
 - Outpatient Counseling
 - Counseling for children ages 3 – 17
 - On-site child care while adults receive counseling
 - Safety Planning
 - Counseling for adults using trauma-informed approach
 - Offender Treatment
 - Treatment provided through psycho-educational groups
 - Offender treatment groups range from 26 – 52 weeks for court-ordered or self-referred domestic violence offenders
 - Mobile Victim Advocacy
 - Free services for victims of domestic abuse
 - In existence for 14 years
 - Highly trained and trauma sensitive advocates
 - Services delivered throughout Maricopa County
 - Lay Legal Services
 - Information about criminal and family court procedures
 - Assistance with compiling documentation
 - Orders of Protection
 - Court Accompaniment
 - Information on Victim Rights
 - Ongoing Case management
 - Advocacy and planning
 - Basic needs assistance and resources
 - Application assistance for the Arizona Address Confidentiality Program
 - Validation and Support

- Safety Planning
- Community Education
 - Educational presentations about domestic violence
 - Presentations for civic groups, schools, clubs, small businesses and corporations
 - Provides representatives for health and resource fairs.
 - Training for salon professionals using the Cut It Out curriculum
 - Training for teens on dating violence using Their Shoes curriculum
- Transitional Housing
 - Locations throughout the valley
 - Housing up to two years
 - Case Management
 - Safety Planning
 - Economic Advocacy
 - Basic Needs Assistance
- Contact Information
 - <https://noabuse.org/>
 - Referrals for victim advocate services call: (602)955-9059 or by email at: advocatereferral@noabuse.org
 - For counseling, offender treatment, volunteer opportunities, transitional housing information, and community outreach call (602)955-9059
 - For emergency shelter call: (480)890-3039

VII. Legislative Priorities

- a. **Arizona Attorney General's Office:** Kennesha Jackson announced that anyone who has legislation they would like reviewed and supported by the Attorney General's Office should contact Kennesha Jackson (Kennesha.jackson@azag.gov) or Kirstin Flores (Kirsten.flores@azag.gov).
- b. **Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence:** Ruby Barraza was not present.

VIII. Updates from ACESDV: Ruby Barraza was not present

IX. State Agency Coordinating Team (SACT) – Funders' Report:

- a. **VRP:** Kennesha Jackson reported the following:
 - FY 2019/20 Funding Update: Agencies will receive their FY 19 second installment end of January/beginning of February. FY 20 Performance reviews have been issued in GMAN and are due **February 8, 2019**. If your agency is in the VRP program and anticipates vacancy savings for FY 19, please submit a budget modification request form. We encourage agencies to spend all VRP monies.
 - The Attorney General's Office is soliciting nominations for the 2019 Distinguished Service Awards. Nominations are due January 18, 2019 and winners will be recognized during National Crime Victims' Rights Week April 7-13, 2019. The celebration is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10. Kennesha provided a Nomination Form.
 - Kennesha advised that the Victims' Rights Training schedule is available online at <https://www.azag.gov/victim-services/victims-rights-training-schedule>. Additionally, victims' rights trainings will be held monthly in Maricopa County at

the Attorney General's Office. Trainings are also offered statewide.

- b. **ACJC:** Dorinda Johns reported that the Crime Victims Committee meeting will be held January 17, 2019.
- ACJC staff are making a recommendation to the Crime Victim Committee that the FY20 Victim Assistance grant funding levels remain at the same level at FY2019.
 - ACJC Commission meeting will be held January 24, 2019. The full Commission will review the Crime Victim Committee's recommendation and set FY 2020 Victim Assistance Grant Funding levels.
 - The FY 2020 budget will be posted on January 25, 2019.
 - ACJC FY2020 Victim Assistance Grant orientation will be held via conference call on January 29, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. There is no limit to the number of participants.
 - ACJC Victim Assistance Grant Application will open on February 4. No questions will be taken after this date.

c. **DPS VOCA:** Carla Uyeda was not present.

X. **Arizona Victim Assistance Academy (AVAA).** Amy Bocks reported the following information from Connie Chapman:

- Basic Academy is in progress and has 47 attendees.
- Neurobiology of Trauma training is February 28, 2019. There are only about 16 tickets left. There is a \$75.00 registration fee.
- APAAC has contacted us and wants us to do training. Send any training topics to Connie Chapman. Dates are unknown at this time but should be out by the end of the month.
- The next Basic Academy is scheduled for August. Location and price are dependent on ACJC funding.
- Please send any ideas for Advanced training next year to Connie Chapman.

XI. **Continuing to Move ACVS Forward**

- Amy Bocks invited open discussion on how to move ACVS forward. Discussion ensued. Ideas presented:
 - This is the 20th anniversary of ACVS. It was suggested that someone consider nominating ACVS for a distinguished service award to commemorate the 20 years of service.
 - Members stated that they like to hear from other agencies that provide services.
 - Suggested that when we see a gap in services we develop a task force, check with other states to see what programs they have available.
 - Put a trouble shooting topic on the agenda for each meeting and invite a guest to speak on the topic.
 - Have members present on what their agency offers or have a day where each agency puts on a display of services offered to increase information sharing.

- Have ACVS present to other committees/agencies on what our organization provides.
- Update the membership list with hyperlinks to the agency's website or an informational bio/brochure.
- Put together a brochure on ACVS. Amy reported that we have a brochure, but it has not been widely circulated. We can explore printing costs.

XII. Committee Reports:

- a. Executive Board Report.** Amy Bocks reported the following:
 - Amy asked the members to let her know of any ideas for speakers. She has ASASFF scheduled for March.
- b. Treasurer's Report:** Gina Winn reported the following account balances:
 - ACVS, \$17,474.60 (decreased due to subscription dues)
 - AVAA, \$32,179.18 (significant balance increase due to the deposit of the VOCA Grant, RICO funds and Academy registration fees)
 - Relocation, \$1,421.83 (no change)
 - We are in the process of finding a new tax preparer/accountant. Gina reported that she spoke with a non-profit firm that quoted us \$1,000 for the EZ form or \$1500 for the long form. The accountant looked at past returns and recommended filing the EZ return. She also noted that there were some issues with past years returns that will need to be corrected. Discussion ensued. Gina will talk with the accountant and obtain details of what types of errors were found and how much it will cost to correct the tax returns.
- c. Membership Committee:** Amy Bocks reported that 45 membership renewals have been received. Please make sure you designate your agency on your payment.
- d. Relocation Committee:** Tracy Wilkinson reported that there have been no new requests since the last meeting. She reminded members that the bulk of the funding for this program comes from cell phone recycling and asked each agency to set up a donation center for used cell phones. This program provides:
 - \$350 for transportation/travel costs such as bus or plane fare, gas, hotel, etc. to get victims to a safe place. This program pays the vendor directly and is not a reimbursement program.
 - Applications are reviewed by the relocation committee for approval or denial.
 - Amy asked the Relocation Committee to review the website for possible updates on this program.
 - Tracy will send a packet of information to Lois to send to membership.
- e. Website Committee:** Amy Bocks reported that the website is up-to-date.

XIII. New Business/Open Forum:

- Dan Levey announced that he has a client that needs counseling services at little

or no cost. Discussion ensued regarding possible resources.

- Amy Palmisano reported that La Frontera EMPACT will be holding their Take Back the Night event April 5, 2019 from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm at Civic Space Park. Contact Amy if you are interested in setting up an information table. There is no charge to set up a table but space is limited.
- Tracy Wilkinson announced that Scottsdale Police Crisis Intervention is recruiting for an Advocate position. The position requires a Master's Degree and is 40 hours/week plus on-call hours. This position works 4/10s. Talk to Tracy if you would like more information.
- Jaquel Moody announced that she attended the Arizona Citizens Academy. She found it to be very beneficial and recommends attending. Information is available on the MCAO website.
- Dan Levey reported that he attended the Arizona Town Hall on Criminal Justice. This is a two-and-a-half-day program that discusses sentencing reform in the legislature. Victims need to be aware of legislation to ensure they have a voice.

XII. Next Meeting: March 20, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. at the Phoenix Family Advocacy Center, 2120 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ.

XIII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.