



**Arizona Coalition for Victim Services (ACVS)**  
Meeting Minutes  
**January 15, 2020**  
2120 N Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ

**I. Call to Order – Amy Bocks**

- a. Meeting was called to order at 10:12 a.m. by Amy Bocks

**Attendees**

Adam Gendreau, AZ DCS	Isela Devora, Mesa City Prosecutor
Alejandro Palacios, AZ DOC	Julia Martin, CARE 7
Amy Bocks, AZ Attorney General's Office	Kate Ares, ACESDV
Amy Palmisano, EMPACT	Kennesha Jackson, AZ Attorney General's Office
Anastasia Stinchfield, CARE 7	Kristen Scharlau, City of Tempe-CARE 7
Beckie Miller, POMC	Lois Rees, Yavapai County Attorney's Office
Brooke Fulton, NACASA	Michelle Linski, US Attorney's Office
Carolee Holbrook, POMC Volunteer	Nathan Milanowski, Victim Services-GCU
Dan Levey, AZ Crime Victim Rights Law Group	Roxanne Pergeson, Navajo County Victim Services
Danielle Langel, ACASI	Sara Patton, Victim Witness Services, Coconino County
Dennisse Ley, Homicide Survivors	Sheri Doll, DPS
Elizabeth Hartley, MADD	Tony Bidonde, Maricopa APD
Heather Bohnet, ACJC	

**II. Welcome and Introductions**

**III. Approval of November Meeting Minutes**

- a. Carolee Holbrook requested a change to section III, changing "May" to "September". Beckie Miller moved to approve the minutes as amended. Adam Gendreau seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**IV. AZPOINT Portal, Heather Bohnet, AZ Criminal Justice Commission**

- a. Heather Bohnet presented a high-level overview of the AZPOINT system and provided a demo of the portal.
- b. Victims can fill out a petition online. The victim has 90 days to file with the court. After 90 days all data will be deleted from the system and the victim will need to complete another application.
- c. If the victim files with the court the OOP, if signed by the court, will go directly from the court to law enforcement for service.
- d. The order is automatically uploaded into NCIC.



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- e. Emergency orders are now valid for 72 hours.
- f. Kennesha Jackson shared that the link to the AZPOINT portal will be on the new Request Waiver Form and will be available in September.

#### V. 2020/2021 Membership Year Vote

- a. Voting Rights and Benefits
  - i. Amy Bocks reminded the group that only members can vote. A list of paid members was passed around and those in attendance were asked to review the list for accuracy. Members were instructed to let Marcy Morales know if any changes needed to be made. Reminded members to please pay if they haven't already done so.
- b. Fee Structure
  - i. The Executive Committee put forward a recommendation that the fee structure, voting rights and benefits remain the same for 2020/2021 membership year. Dan Levey motioned to accept the recommendation. Carolee Holbrook seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### VI. Legislative Updates

- a. Kennesha Jackson, AZ Attorney General's Office
  - i. If anyone has any victims' rights legislation for the upcoming legislative session that they would like supported by the AGO, let Kennesha know in person or by email at [Kennesha.Jackson@azag.gov](mailto:Kennesha.Jackson@azag.gov).
- b. ACESDV – Katie Eres
  - i. Supporting sexual violence specific services administered through DES. Reviewing repeal of parental rights of rapists. ACESDV supports changing the language from 'conviction' to 'clear and convincing evidence' which will be in line with other states.
  - ii. SB1120 – Safe and Healthy Students Act - Support
  - iii. HB2277 - Companion House bill to SB1120 - Support
  - iv. SB1082 – Oppose this bill

Comment [AB1]: I'm not sure what this means and I don't have any clarifying info in my notes. Just remove?

#### VII. State Agency Coordinating Team (SACT) – Funders Reports

- a. VRP – Kennesha Jackson, Arizona Attorney General's Office
  - i. FY 2020/2021 Funding Update - Agencies will receive their FY21 VRP second installment end of January/beginning of February. FY21 Performance reviews have been issued in GMAN and are due February 7, 2020. If your agency is in the VRP Program and anticipates vacancy savings for FY20, please submit a budget modification request form. We encourage agencies to spend all of the VRP monies.



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- ii. Distinguished Service Awards (DSA) – Currently soliciting nominations for 2020 DSA awards. Please share with your agency’s employees and contacts. Nominations are due Friday, January 17, 2020. Awardees will be recognized during the National Crime Victims’ Rights Week event during the week of April 19 – 25, 2020 in Phoenix.
  - iii. Trainings - There is a new advanced training this year that will focus on the appeal process. Please refer to the Victims’ Rights Training schedule online for a list of dates for this winter and spring.
  - iv. VRP is looking at funding for FY 21 but is anticipating a reduction in funding. Agencies will be receiving a letter soon.
- b. ACJC — Heather Bohnet
- i. Victim Assistance Grant Funding
    - 1. ACJC has seen significant declines in funding. The revenue stream changed formulas in January of 2019 and ACJC has not received any funding under the new formula. \$1.25 million decrease in funding. Funding will be voted on at the end of January. The Victim Assistance Grant will either be eliminated or be significantly reduced to \$200,000 and will most likely focus on Tier One projects only. ACJC will conduct a grant orientation webinar February 3 from 1:00 – 2:30 assuming funding is available. Grant will open February 4; closes March 20.
  - ii. Victim Compensation
    - 1. ACJC is developing an online application for compensation and has been working with some operational units for testing; no date on when it may be complete.
  - iii. Other ACJC news
    - 1. ACJC received a federal grant for a statewide victim notification system to start with jail and ADC release notification; ACJC will reach out to partners/stakeholders for a workgroup in the near future.
    - 2. The new Orders of Protection Portal went live January 1, 2020 and individuals will be able to file a petition online; statewide training is available.
- c. DPS - Sheri Doll
- i. SACT grant writing training registration has closed. This grant writing class is not VOCA specific and will be presented by OVC TTAC. Phoenix locations are currently full but there is some space in both Flagstaff and Tucson. The training will be held in Phoenix – BLM Office near Metro



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Center; Flagstaff – Flagstaff Law Enforcement Administrative Facility; and Tucson – Southern Arizona Children’s Advocacy Center. A webinar will be held prior to the training and will be recorded.

- ii. VOCA – DPS will announce the VOCA funding process at the end of February. This will be for a 3-year grant. They are currently unsure of funding availability as the 2020 award has not been announced. Funding is trending downward and the VOCA fund balance is significantly lower. DPS hopes to maintain current funding levels for year one but agencies should expect reductions in years two and three of the grant.
  1. There will be a pre-application conference on March 11 and 12 at the Glendale Regional Public Safety Training Center. Participants should plan to attend one day.
- iii. Any questions regarding the grant need to be presented to your grant coordinator by mid-February. DPS will not be able to answer any questions after the grant is announced. Any questions after the announcement should be directed to Kate Lyon but she will be limited on what she can answer. Registration information will be part of the RFGA.
- iv. Participants can also look at the Q & A and PowerPoint from the last grant period. These are on SAGE.

d. DES – No report

e. DHS – No report

## **VIII. Arizona Victim Assistance Academy (AVAA), Amy Bocks**

- a. Victim Assistance Academy is being held this week and is going well with 32 participants. Thank you to VOCA for providing several hotel rooms for participants.
- b. Connie continues to look at sources of funding for training to keep the academy going.
- c. Mobile Advocacy Training Program.
  - i. Program was designed for outlying areas however a training was recently conducted in the east valley that was very beneficial because attorneys attended.
  - ii. Wide variety of training available

## **IX. Committee Reports**

- a. Executive Board Report, Amy Bocks



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- i. Amy Bocks and Connie Chapman met with Isela Devora to transfer all of the treasurer information. Continue to work with accountant on the transition.
- ii. Upcoming Presenters-
  1. Jamie Balson with LSVCA will speak at our March meeting.
  2. Secretary of State Roads to Rights Program for Trafficking Survivors will speak at the May meeting.

#### b. Treasurer's Report – Isela Devora

- i. Balances as of October 31, 2019:
  1. ACVS: \$20,236.32 – Decrease due to subscription fees.
  2. AVAA: \$21,317.37 – Increase due to academy registration fees.
  3. Relocation: \$671.47 – no change since the last meeting
  4. ACVS is up to date on all insurance.
  5. We will have to file a partial year tax return this year in order to get on the fiscal year calendar.

#### c. Membership/Website Committee, Marcy Morales

- i. Review the membership list and get any changes to Marcy Morales.
- ii. If you have any updates/announcements for the website, please send them to Marcy Morales at [marcela.morales@azdcs.gov](mailto:marcela.morales@azdcs.gov) or Amy Bocks.

#### d. Relocation Committee – No updates

#### e. Please let Lois know if you need a name tent.

## X. New Business/Open Forum

- a. Dan Levey – Working on various legislation:
  - i. ARS 41-1727 – Victim Rights Enforcement Fund. Currently \$2.00 and administered by DPS. Wants to allow technical assistance and training to be covered by the fund. Wants to update ARS 12-116.09 to increase the fee to \$3.00.
  - ii. 13-805 – Clarifying language for the court to retain jurisdiction over restitution.
  - iii. DOJ – GAO report on restitution nationally on how agencies are doing in collecting restitution. Asking that ACJC keep track of collecting restitution statewide. Currently clerk of court tracks this information for each county.
  - iv. 13-4434 – Victim Privacy – Current statute states that identifying information on victims shall be redacted before giving to defendant.



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Wants to amend statute to include defense counsel or representative for the defendant.

- b. Beckie Miller – Parents of Murdered Children is holding their annual fundraiser, February 29. Many great prizes are available for the silent auction.
- c. Amy Palmisano – EMPACT will be holding their annual Take Back the Night event Friday, April 3 from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. Details on the event will be sent to Marcy Morales to be posted on the website.
- d. Amy Bocks reminded the group that there is only one more meeting before Victim Rights Week month and sexual assault awareness month to share information on events.

#### **XI. Next Meeting**

- a. March 18, 2020, 10:00 a.m., Phoenix Family Advocacy Center, 2120 N. Central Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Community Conference Room, Phoenix, AZ

#### **XII. Adjournment**

- a. Beckie Miller motioned to adjourn and Brooke Fulton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.