



Arizona Coalition for Victim Services (ACVS)

Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2017

2120 N Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ

- I. **Call to Order:** Debbie Olsen, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.
- II. **Welcome and Introductions:** Debbie Olsen welcomed everyone and reminded them to please sign the sign-in sheet and utilize the tent cards. She also reminded everyone to leave the tent cards after the meeting so that they can be reused.

Present

Amy Bocks, AZ Attorney General	Jamie Shapiro, AZ-PSRB
Amy Palmisano, EMPACT	Jenny Fasbinder, Phoenix FAC
Angela Rose, City of Scottsdale	Jerron Grimm, DPS-VOCA
Beckie Miller, POMC	Julie Williams, Maricopa County Attorney
Brian Bylbie, AZ Dept. of Corrections	Melissa Brickhouse-Thomas, Glendale PD
Carla Schultz, DPS-VOCA	Mimi Kaplan, JFCS Shelter
Carolee Holbrook, POMC	Nancy Larsen, Pinal County Attorney
Connie Chapman, AVAA	Patty Abeyta-Young, MADD
Danielle Langel, FVI-ACASI, NAU	Stephanie Smith, Peoria PD
Debbie Olsen, Yavapai County Attorney	Thea Walsh, ACESDV
Denise Lundin, AZ Supreme Court	Tony Bidonde, Adult Probation
Donna Moulton, ChildHelp	Vanessa Helms, Homicide Survivors, Inc.

- III. **Approval of May Minutes:** Beckie Miller made a Motion to approve the May Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Amy Bocks. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **Jamie Shapiro the Executive Director with the Arizona State Psychiatric Security Review Board (PSRB):** Jamie asked everyone around the room to state their name and the agency for whom they work. Jamie went over her PowerPoint presentation with the group discussing the following: Board Members; overview of the Psychiatric Security Review process; Symptoms of Psychosis; PSRB Stakeholders; Hearings; Conditional Release; 2016 Annual Report; Commitment's by History; Current Snapshot of Guilty Except Insane (GEI) Patients; Current Crime Data; Post-Conviction Notification; and Contact information. The PowerPoint presentation is available on the ACVS website. Jamie can be reached at 602-220-6037 or Jaime.Shapiro@azdhs.gov if additional information is needed or if you have questions.

V. 2017 Legislation Priorities:

a. Arizona Attorney General's Office: Kennesha Jackson was unable to attend the meeting. Amy Bocks advised that the Attorney General's Office (AG) is just beginning to gear up for the legislative session and asked that if anyone has any suggested legislation that may be supported by the AGs Office, they should contact Kennesha Jackson or Kirstin Flores.

b. Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence: Thea Walsh reported that they are monitoring the Better Care Reconciliation Act (BCRA) due to the potential impact on AZ with Medicaid expansion and protections for victims - DV/SV mental health provisions are currently in the Affordable Care Act. The BCRA would exclude pre-existing conditions as a result of abuse/trauma and increase in costs of insurance/healthcare costs which could reduce survivors' economic self-sufficiency.

VI. Updates from ACESDV: Thea Walsh informed group of the following:

- On June 28th the House Commerce, Justice, Science (CJS) Appropriations Subcommittee released its Appropriations bill, in advance of its mark up. It includes level funding for VAWA and a significant increase in VOCA funds. This is the first step in a long Appropriations process. The bill provides level funding for VAWA programs including \$215 million for STOP; \$35 million for SASP; and \$20 million for campus grant programs. The bill also significantly increases the VOCA cap to \$4.6 billion (from \$2.57 billion in FY 17) with no transfers to other programs and initially included a state-based approach to tribal funding, but an amendment to include VOCA funding specifically for tribes was added. This is the first step on the House side. The Senate has not yet released a bill.
- VAWA grants remain level funded from the FY17 levels, except for a small increase in the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) funding of an \$0.50 million.
- Despite the significant increase in VOCA funds, the CJS committee did not initially allocate a specific Tribal funding stream. Instead, they instructed States with Tribal populations allocate a proportionate amount to Tribal programs. However, an amendment sponsored by Reps. Betty McCollum (D-MN) and Tom Cole (R-OK) providing 5% of VOCA to tribes passed unanimously in the House Appropriations Committee CJS mark up. Rep. McCollum referenced the National Task Force to End DV letter in her remarks. Reps. Kilmer (D-WA) and Wasserman-Schultz (D-FL) spoke in support. ACESDV is in full support of this and will continue to monitor the Federal budget proposals for FY18.

VII. Grant Sources Updates:

a. VOCA: Carla Schultz advised that:

- VOCA Competitive Application Process is underway. Pre-Application Conferences were conducted July 10 & 11, 2017. VOCA Grant Applications are due August 7, 2017 at 3:00pm. DPS hopes to have funding announcements made by end of September.

- The new SAGE system is live, things are going well. DPS has received positive feedback from users. If you experience problems or have questions on the system, contact Carla at cschultz@azdps.gov or Sheri Doll at sdoll@azdps.gov.
- Grant Peer Reviewers are needed. If interested, call or email Kate Lyon (klion@azdps.gov; 602-223-2661).
- VOCA anticipates opening the RFGA for the Victims' Rights Enforcement Fund (VREF) funding, most likely in August.

b. **ACJC:** There were no representatives from the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission in attendance.

- c. **VRP:** Amy Bocks presented the following report for Kennesha Jackson:
- FY 2017/18 Funding Update – Budget proposals have been issued via the GMAN system and are due July 21, 2017. Award agreements will be issued upon completion and approval of the budget proposal. Funding will then be distributed upon receipt of signed award agreements. Funding will be distributed in two payments throughout the fiscal year.
 - FY17 Annual Report Webinar – The webinars were recorded and can be viewed on the Attorney General's Office file share. Contact Kennesha (kennesha.jackson@azag.gov) or Amy (amy.bocks@azag.gov) if you would like the link forwarded to you.
 - Trainings – Please refer to the Attorney General's Office website for a list of upcoming trainings at www.azag.gov. Regional Trainings for the next training period should start in September.

VIII. Arizona Victim Assistance Academy (AVAA). Connie Chapman reported the following:

- The Basic Academy I Flagstaff August 7 0 11, 2017 is full; however, you can get on the waiting list. Hotel rooms are free of charge.
- An Advanced Academy will be held November 6, 2017 in Phoenix and will address Human Trafficking. Jessa Dillow-Crisp, a survivor, will be the speaker and she will address such topics as signs of human trafficking; understanding relapse; creating a response protocol; understanding complex trauma; and how your organization can meet the needs of human trafficking victims. Registration will be \$150 for ACVS members and \$175 for non-members.
- An Advanced Academy will also be held February 13 – 14, 2017 in Phoenix on the Neurobiology of Trauma. Dr. Christopher Wilson will be the featured speaker. Presentation topics include how trauma affects the brain, vicarious trauma, and how supervisors can identify and respond to vicarious trauma in their staff. Registration will be \$150.00 for ACVS members and \$175.00 for non-members.
- Another Basic Academy is being planned for August 2018.

IX. Committee Reports:

- a. Executive Board Report.** Debbie Olsen advised that at the September meeting we will be seeking individuals who are interested in running for the positions of Treasurer and Vice Chair; voting will be at the November meeting.

- b. Treasurer's Report.** Angela Rose reported the following account balances:
 - ACVS, \$18,090.67
 - AVAA, \$38,113.78
 - Relocation, \$452.11

- c. Membership Committee.** Amy Bocks will be sending out reminders and will be reaching out to agencies who were members in the past, but who did not renew their membership last year. Amy asked that agencies/individuals include a Membership Form along with their check. Remember, agency memberships are now \$150. Let Amy know if your agency needs an invoice.

- d. Relocation Committee.** One relocation request was approved for funding.

- e. Website Committee.** Amy Bocks will be working on updating the website to remove all outdated items. Agencies that filled their vacant positions should notify Amy so that the job postings can be removed.

X. New Business/Open Forum: No new business.

XIII. Next Meeting: September 13, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. at the Phoenix Family Advocacy Center, 2120 N. Central Avenue, #250, Phoenix, AZ.

XIV. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 a.m.