1. **Call to Order – Amy Bocks**
	1. Meeting was conducted virtually via Zoom and called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Amy Bocks.

**Attendees**

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| Adam Gendreau, AZ DCS | Johanna Fierstein, Defenders of Children |
| Amy Bocks, Attorney General’s Office | Karina Aragon, Mesa PD Victim Services |
| Amy Palmisano, EMPACT | Kaytie Sherman, AVCV |
| Brooke Fulton, NACASA | Kennesha Jackson, VRP AGO |
| Carla Uyeda, DPS VOCA | Kevin Mattingly, City of Phoenix FAC |
| Colleen Clase, AVCV | Laura Mandt, PVPD |
| Daed Ayala, Defenders of Children | Melinda Cadena, Angels on Patrol |
| Dorinda Johns, ACJC | Michelle Linski, USAO |
| Erin Bobo, City of Phoenix Prosecutor's Office | Narda Rivera, Homicide Survivors Inc |
| Heather Harpest, Defenders of Children | Nicole Houpt, DCS |
| Holly Stokes, LSCVA | Rachel Acevedo, Pima Co Juvenile Probation |
| Jamie Balson, LSCVA | Tracey Wilkinson, Scottsdale PD |
| Jenna Paras, ACESDV | Virginia Rodriguez, Pima Co Attorney Victim Services |
| Joe Sullivan, MADD |  |

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
2. **Approval of January Meeting Minutes**
	1. No comments or corrections.
	2. Motion to approve by Kennesha Jackson, 2nd by Kevin Mattingly
	3. Minutes were approved via hand raise reaction function
3. **Melinda Cadena, Angels on Patrol**
	1. AoP was founded in 2009 by former Phoenix Police Lt. Jacqui MacConnell as a direct means of law enforcement providing families in crisis with immediate assistance before the next call. The mission of AoP is **To provide officer-initiated support to community members in times of crisis**. Officer place a request to AoP for unique situations when no other resources are available to them and it means either the officer reaches into his or her own pocket or just has to walk away. AoP acts as a bridge to services, offering short-term, immediate stabilization and then connections to long-term, local resources.
	2. AoP does not help the community at large. The goal is to help law enforcement officers (LEOs) reduce the times they are reaching into their own pockets to offer assistance. There are over 21,000 registered non-profits in Arizona for community members in crisis to turn to, not including governmental services. AoP will not honor request from anyone other than AZPOST certified peace officers directly working with a family or t-risk youth. Requests are automatically denied when an officer is asked to place a request for someone or 911 is called.
	3. AoP currently has 3 programs
		1. Crisis Response – moves families from crisis to stability and then empowerment by ensuring they’re safe, basic needs are met, and are connected to community support services.
			1. The most common situation officers request assistance for are families involved in assault/DV.
		2. After Hours Angels – offers 24/7 assistance to LEOs when AoP is closed in order to reduce barriers officers face in the middle of the night, holidays and weekend. 25% of requests to AoP do come when AoP is closed. Officers still submit a request and then, at all departments AoP serves, there is a prepaid VISA card the officers can use to immediately stabilize the family/person in crisis. AoP follows up and contacts the individual to connect with resources.
			1. Ex. Nearly nude young woman alone on the streets – officer can submit a request and then use the card to buy her some clothes and food and pay for a hotel room until AoP can connect her with long-term services.
		3. Youth Enrichment – supports officers who re running anti-bullying, empowerment, leadership and athletic programs/activities. SROs often ID youth and the need for programming or ID youth leaders and help provide life changing opportunities. Patrol officers desiring to hold a community event involving youth can request assistance.
	4. Currently partner with: Phx, Glendale, Surprise, Tempe, Mesa, Peoria, Paradise Valley, Avondale, Goodyear, Scottsdale, and Buckeye Police Departments and MCSO. Coming soon: Chandler and Apache Junction
	5. 18,871 individuals served through LEOs, 100% vetted by the officers on the streets
		1. 255 requests in 2019, 234 in 2020, 324 in 2021 (remained open throughout pandemic)
	6. Goals – expand statewide and then nationally and never decline a request due to insufficient funds or a LEO not being with an “officially” funded department.
	7. Contact Information: Melinda@angelsonpatrol.org; <https://angelsonpatrol.org>; Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/angelsonpatrol>; Twitter: <https://twitter.com/PhoenixAOP>; Instagram: @AngelsonPatrol.
4. **Executive Committee Elections, 2022-2023 term**
	1. Treasurer –
		1. Karina Aragon for the Mesa Family Advocacy Center is the candidate for treasurer and introduced herself to the membership at the January meeting.
		2. Amy conducted a vote for Karina as Treasurer using the hand-raise feature. A majority of those eligible to vote elected Karina Aragon as Treasurer. (11 votes / 14 eligible voting members) Karina.Aragon@MesaAZ.gov
5. **Legislative Priorities**
	1. Kennesha Jackson, AZ Attorney General’s Office – Kennesha reviewed the bills the AGO is tracking. She will provide the tracking document to Amy to send to the membership. If anyone has any victims’ rights legislation for the legislative session that they would like supported or tracked by the AGO, please contact Kirstin Flores at Kirstin.Flores@azag.gov or Kennesha Jackson at Kennesha.Jackson@azag.gov.
	2. Janna Panas, ACESDV – ACESDV is supporting or monitoring several bills this session. S1593, to prohibit medical facilities from charging for forensic exams for sex assaults and child sex offenses, passed the Senate and will be heard in the House. ACESDV is supporting HB2132 (see VII.b.) HB2735 to establish a sexual assault study committee appears stuck. S1626 to establish a committee with the AZ Board of Regents around sexual violence on campuses passed and is moving forward. The Sexual Assault Survivor Rights Bill is stalled and Janna considers it dead. Janna provided ACESDV’s bill tracker for anyone who wants to follow a bill.

<https://track.govhawk.com/reports3/mgLqjGaR28NG>

1. **Updates from ACESDV, Janna Panas**
	1. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month in addition to Victims’ Rights Week. ACESDV is holding a kickoff event March 26 & 27 to raise funds for sexual assault service providers not the coalition. If anyone has sexual assault awareness events scheduled you can forward those to Jenna at Jenna@acesdv.org.
	2. President Biden is signing the VAWA reauthorization today
2. **State Agency Coordinating Team (SACT) – Funders Reports**
3. VRP – Kennesha Jackson, Arizona Attorney General’s Office:
4. FY 2022/23 Funding Update – Agencies should have received their FY22 VRP second installment in the last few weeks. Contact Kennesha if your agency has not received the second installment. The VRP FY23 Performance Reviews are currently being reviewed. If your agency is in the VRP Program and anticipates vacancy savings for FY22, we recommend submitting a budget modification request form, if applicable.
5. Victim Request/Waiver forms: Order forms for the Request/Waiver form booklets, which are issued by law enforcement, are available for order. A link to the online order form was distributed this month to all law enforcement agencies. Please complete the form electronically by April 15, 2022 at https://www.azag.gov/criminal/victim-services/victims-rights-program/rw-order.
6. PCNR/PANR forms: There will not be any updates made to the PCNR/PANR forms this year unless your agency requires an address change. Please email OVSVRP@azag.gov should you need to update your agency information.
7. Victims’ Rights Education: Please refer to the AGO website for a list of upcoming trainings at [www.azag.gov](http://www.azag.gov). Outreach and education presentations will be conducted via webinar. Please note that the Basic as well as new Advanced training curriculum is available for registration. For more information on the schedule, to register, or to request a private presentation for your office please contact OVSTraining@azag.gov.
8. The annual state Victims’ Rights Week Event will be virtual again this year and details on the event and registration will be out shortly.
9. ACJC – Dorinda Johns:
	* 1. The FY2023 Victim Assistance grant is open. The solicitation period closes Friday, March 18, 2022 at 3pm. Dorinda recommends submitting early as the system will shut applicants out at exactly 3pm.
		2. Dorinda advised that HB2132, the funding bill for the ACJC Victim Compensation & Victim Assistance fund, passed the House and has moved to the Senate. The bill, with an amendment, would give ACJC a onetime $10M appropriation followed by $2.5M annually for the health of the funds.
10. VOCA – Carla Uyeda:
	* 1. The end of the March marks the halfway point for FFY22 and Carla encourages agencies to evaluate budgets and determine if amendments are needed to reallocate monies.
			1. June 30th is the deadline to reallocate. Speak with your coordinators if you have questions or need to make amendments.
		2. VOCA is continuing site visits via a virtual platform. Carla advised recipients that they may be contacted for an audit from a grant coordinator other than their assigned coordinator.
		3. VOCA is reinitiating civil rights compliance reviews so agencies may be contacted and need to upload policy documents to SAGE.
11. DES – Not Present
12. DHS – Not Present
13. **Arizona Victim Assistance Academy (AVAA) – Amy Bocks**
	1. The January AVAA Basic Academy had 27 attendees. The next AVAA will be in August in Flagstaff but Connie doesn’t have firm dates yet.
	2. The Arizona Prosecuting Attorney Advisory Council (APAAC) Victim Advocate Conference is May 6th and AVAA is providing content.
		1. Amy and Gretchen are presenting on post-conviction issues.
		2. Kim Ortiz, Pima County Juvenile Court, is presenting on restitution.
		3. Dr. Shefali Ghandhi will present in the afternoon on vicarious trauma and ACES.
		4. Annual advocate awards will be presented during the luncheon.
	3. There are MAP (Mobile Advocacy Program) training opportunities available. AVAA brings training to you (urban/rural areas) and have a variety of topics available with a list on the AVAA website <http://www.azcvs.net/trainings/mobile-advocacy-training-program/>.
	4. Connie is currently working on the ACJC grant application.
14. **Committee Reports**
	1. Executive Board Report – Amy Bocks
		1. Amy advised that Sylvia Conchos, retired FBI advocate and former Relocation Committee member, donated $500 to the Relocation Committee. The Executive Committee sent a thank you on behalf of ACVS.
	2. Treasurer’s Report – Adam Gendreau as of January 31, 2022
		1. ACVS: $19,929.92 - ACVS had a slight decrease due to administrative fees
		2. AVAA: $7,578.90 - AVAA had decrease due to training expenses and waiting on grant reimbursement
		3. Relocation: $180.79 – Relocation will increase with the next report after Sylvia Conchos donation.
		4. TOTAL: $12,531.81
		5. The tax organizer for 2021 is complete and so is the annual ACC report.
	3. Vice Chair – Adam Gendreau
		1. Adam will be updating the ACVS website. If you have anything for the website or listserv please email it to Adam adam.gendreau@azdcs.gov.
	4. Relocation Committee – Tracey Wilkinson
		1. Tracey will get with Adam for website updates to reflect changes to the Relocation Committee members and contact information.
		2. Holly Stokes has provided a new application format and the committee will review and accept changes.
		3. Tracey has cell phones collected during AVAA and will submit for processing.
		4. The Relocation fund is now in a positive balance but it is still low. Tracey encouraged agencies to hold cell phone drives and she is available to answer any questions on those if needed twilkinson@scottsdaleaz.gov.
	5. Website Committee – Adam Gendreau
		1. No updates
15. **New Business/Open Forum**
	1. Amy Palmisano announced that the Annual Take Back the Night event will be held virtually on Thursday, April 7, 2022 from 5pm-7pm. A second, in-person event has been scheduled that same day. The in-person event, in partnership with the ASU Women’s Coalition, will be April 7th from 8-10pm at the ASU-Tempe Campus. Amy provided updated flyers to Adam. The events will be on the ACVS website and events calendar.
	2. Amy Palmisano also advised that Trauma Healing Services at Empact has a new grant to serve victims of sex trafficking ages 18 and older. The grant is for 6 months but it is renewable. There’s no waitlist at this time to see the new therapist. The hotline number for services is 480-736-4949
16. **Next Meeting**
	1. May 18, 2022 at 10:00 am, TBD if it will be held via Zoom or in person at the FAC with a virtual option.
17. **Adjournment –** Meeting was adjourned by Amy Bocks at 11:11 a.m.