



Arizona Coalition for Victim Services (ACVS)

Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2018

2120 N Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ

- I. **Call to Order:** Debbie Olsen, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.
- II. **Welcome and Introductions:** Debbie Olsen welcomed everyone and reminded them to please sign the sign-in sheet.

Amy Bocks, AZ Attorney General	Denise Lundin, AZ Supreme Court
Amy Palmisano, EMPACT	Gina Winn, Glendale Police Dept.
Anne Ngamsombat, ChildHelp	Isela Devore, Mesa City Prosecutor
Ashleigh Canfield, EMPACT	Jackie Allen, AZ Dept. of Public Safety
Beckie Miller, POMC	Jaquel Moody, AZ Dept. of Corrections
Candice Hewitt, Phoenix FAC	Kennesha Jackson, AZ Attorney General
Carla Uyeda, AZ Dept. of Public Safety	Kiley Schneider, MADD
Carolee Holbrook, POMC	Marcy Morales, AZ DCS
Connie Chapman, AVAA	Melissa Brickhouse-Thomas, Glendale Police
Daniel Torrez, AZ Dept. of Corrections	Ruby Barraza, ACESDV
Debbie Olsen, Yavapai County Attorney	Stephanie Smith, Peoria Police Dept.

III. **Approval of July Minutes:** Kennesha Jackson made a Motion to approve the July 18, 2018 Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Beckie Miller. Motion passed unanimously.

- IV. **Arizona Children’s Association:** Ina Hilgers, Clinical Supervisor of Trauma Specialty Services, provided the following information regarding the program:
- The Arizona Children’s Association was founded in 1912 and provides a myriad of programs across the state, each tailored to the needs of the particular child, individual or family.
 - All programs are family focused, strength based, culturally sensitive and outcome driven.
 - Trauma Specialty Services are for children and adults who have experienced sexual trauma in their lives.
 - Services are funded by a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant and provided at no cost. However, they cannot accept adults who are on AHCCCS. Children may be on AHCCCS.
 - The following evidenced based, individual therapy practices are utilized:
 - Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EDMR)

- Sand-Tray Therapy
- Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT)
- Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics (NMT)
- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)
- HeartMath – Biofeedback Therapy
- Solution Focused Brief Therapy (SFBT)
- Play Therapy
- There are three locations across the Valley (two in Phoenix and one in Gilbert). There is capacity at each location; no waiting lists.
- They have a bilingual therapist and interns and can treat undocumented individuals.
- Individuals/families seeking assistance should call for an Intake appointment (602-234-3733 x2843).

V. Update on ACVS Secretary & Chair: Debbie Olsen advised that ACVS is still in need of a Secretary. Debbie encouraged the membership to consider this opportunity and to contact anyone of the Executive Committee members if interested. Regular voting for this position is to take place at the November 2018 meeting, with the two-year term beginning in January 2019.

Debbie also advised that she will complete her current term as Chair (ends December 2018) and will not be seeking reelection as she will be leaving Victim Services and assuming another position within the Yavapai County Attorney's Office. Anyone interested in being considered for the Chair position is encouraged to contact any Executive Committee member. Voting for this position is to take place at the November 2018 meeting with the two-year term beginning in January 2019.

While there has been some interest in the positions, no one has confirmed that they want to be considered for the positions.

VI. Legislative Priorities

- a. Arizona Attorney General's Office:** Kennesha Jackson announced that anyone having 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 highlighted the following:
- ACESDV received reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).
 - The Policy Team has also been working on the changes to federal immigration policy and how it impacts sexual and domestic violence survivors.
 - Contact Whitney Walker, whitney@acesdv.org, Domestic Violence Policy Coordinator, if you have any suggestions for new legislation.

VII. Updates from ACESDV: Ruby Barraza provided the following update:

- Sexual Violence training November 5 – 9 is full, but will likely be offered again in the Spring.

- A flyer was provided announcing webinars on the 2018 Arizona Guidelines for a Coordinated Community Response to Adult Sexual Assault. It is a six-part webinar series. Questions should be directed to Lindsay Ashworth, lindsay@acesdv.org.
- Topics for judicial training should be provided to Ruby (ruby@acesdv.org) or Doreen Nicholas (doreen@acesdv.org).

VIII. Grant Sources Updates:

- a. **VRP:** Kennesha Jackson reported the following:
 - FY2019 Award Agreements have been issued and funding will be distributed upon receipt of the signed Award Agreement. The second installment will be distributed in January 2019.
 - Revenues into the Victims' Rights Fund have been experiencing significant reductions, which will be reflected in award amounts. The reductions are expected to stabilize after this year.
 - Updated Request/Waiver booklets were distributed in August. Many changes were made to the form, especially the information and resource sheet. Law enforcement agencies are encouraged to utilize the electronic form. The Attorney General's Office is currently working on developing Best Practices. The first draft has been completed and the final document is expected to be released in the coming months.
 - Kennesha provided a handout of the upcoming dates/locations of Victims' Rights training. She encouraged everyone to attend the Advanced training as it has an exciting new format. The schedule can also be found online at <https://www.azag.gov/victim-services/victims-rights-training-schedule>.
- b. **ACJC:** No one from the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission was present.
- c. **DPS VOCA:** Carla Uyeda reported the following:
 - Information regarding the Year 1 close out process was send to all sub-grantees 9/13/2018. Information regarding the transition to Year 2 was also included.
 - The Office of Victims of Crime (OVC) Performance Management Tool (PMT) is now working, but sub-grantees will be entering data directly into the PMT during Year 2 (the Excel spreadsheet will no longer be used.)
 - DPS has begun monitoring site-visits based upon a risk assessment. Sub-grantees will be contacted approximately six weeks prior to their scheduled visit.

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

- Leadership/Management Training is being considered for June 2019. A limited number of hotel rooms will be available. Ideas for content should be provided to Connie at avaacademy@gmail.com.
- The Basic Academy in Flagstaff August 6 – 10, 2018 was attended by 42 individuals. Thanks to VOCA funding, hotel rooms were paid for.
- The Basic Academy in January 2019 is full and there are 70 people on the waiting list. Those on the waiting list will be given preference for the next Basic Academy, which will be held in July/August 2019.

- Dr. Wilson's Neurobiology of Trauma training will be held February 28, 2019. The training has been moved to a larger room to accommodate additional attendees. Cost is \$75.00 and a limited number of hotel rooms are available free of charge. Law Enforcement Officers and prosecutors are encouraged to attend. The Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys Advisory Council (APAAC) is holding a similar training in October 2018. Connie will create a flyer regarding this training so that members can provide it to Law Enforcement in their area.
- NOVA is holding a conference in Phoenix in July 2019 and is interested in partnering with ACVS.

X. Committee Reports:

- a. Executive Board Report.** Debbie Olsen reported the following:
 - Elections/voting on the Chair and Secretary positions will be held at the November Meeting.
- b. Treasurer's Report:** Gina Winn reported the following account balances:
 - ACVS, \$17,451.79 (increased due to member dues)
 - AVAA, \$33,253.68
 - Relocation, \$1,621.83
- c. Membership Committee:** Amy Bocks reported that 37 membership renewals have been received. Amy encouraged agencies/individuals to renew their membership as soon as possible. Agencies/individuals needing an invoice/receipt should contact Amy at amy.bocks@azag.gov or 520-628-6977. Also, it is helpful if agencies include a completed membership application with their check. Keep in mind that the membership year ended June 30, 2018 and that you cannot vote until membership is renewed for the current year. Contact Amy if you know of any agencies who might be interested in joining ACVS.
- d. Relocation Committee:** One application for relocation was funded (\$320). Several other applications were just retrieved from the mailbox and will be reviewed by the Relocation Committee. Flyers were provided regarding the collection of cell phones, smartphones and tablets during October (Domestic Violence Awareness Month), which support the ACVS Relocation Project.
- e. Website Committee:** If you would like events added to the calendar on the ACVS website, they can be submitted on-line at the bottom of the calendar, or you can contact Amy at amy.bocks@azag.gov. Also contact Amy with any job posting you want included (or removed) on the website.

XI. New Business/Open Forum:

- Daniel Torrez provided updated brochures regarding the Department of Corrections' Office of Victim Services. He also provided brochures regarding their Victim Offender Dialogue Program; he will be making a presentation about the Program at the November ACVS Meeting.

- Beckie Miller advised that Parents of Murdered Children (POMC) will be holding a fundraiser at Encanto Park on Thursday, September 27, 2018 from 4:30pm – 7:30pm. Children will be able to have unlimited rides for \$6.00 cash.
- Beckie Miller also reported that POMC will be holding a National Day of Remembrance September 29, 2018 at 4:30pm at Encanto Park. RSVP to 602-254-8818.
- Kiley Schneider advised that MADD will be holding Walk Like MADD in Tucson September 22, 2018 and at the Phoenix Zoo October 20, 2018. A candlelight vigil will be held November 7, 2018 at Encanto Park.
- Stephanie Smith reported that on October 13, 2018 from 5:30pm – 8:30-m Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (GAIN) will be held at Pioneer Park in Peoria. Stephanie will provide a flyer on the event to Amy Bocks so that it can be included on the ACVS website.
- Jaquel Moody announced that the Executive Director position for the Board of Executive Clemency will be open soon.
- A flyer announcing Missing In Arizona, an event to be held Saturday, October 27, 2018 at ASU West Campus from 10:00am – 4:00pm. This event is designed to connect people with resources to find their long-term missing loved ones.

XII. Next Meeting: November 28, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at the Phoenix Family Advocacy Center, 2120 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ. The meeting will be held in the Family Investigations Bureau Conference Room.

XIII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.