



Arizona Coalition for Victim Services (ACVS)

Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2017

2120 N Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ

- I. Call to Order:** Debbie Olsen, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:04 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	Jenna Cano, Phoenix FAC
Amy Palmisano, EMPACT	Kennesha Jackson, AZ Attorney General
Angela Rose, City of Scottsdale	Kyle Poindexter, AZ Dept. of Corrections
Beckie Miller, POMC	Marc Tetzlaff, Homeland Security
Brian Bylbie, AZ Dept. of Corrections	Melissa Brickhouse-Thomas, Glendale PD
Carolee Holbrook, POMC	Nancy Larsen, Pinal County Attorney
Connie Chapman, AVAA	Nathan Blair, AZ Dept. of Corrections
Danielle Langel, FVI-ACASI, NAU	Renee Werner, MCSO
Debbie Olsen, Yavapai County Attorney	Stephanie Smith, Peoria PD
Denise Lundin, AZ Supreme Court	Tony Bidonde, Adult Probation
Dorinda Johns, ACJC	
Gina Winn, Glendale Police Dept.	

- III. Approval of July Minutes:** Kennesha Jackson made a Motion to approve the July Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Beckie Miller. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. VOICE Program, Marc Tetzlaff, Victim Specialist, Homeland Security:** Marc provided a handout on the Victims of Immigration Crime Engagement (VOICE) program. The program was rolled out in April 2017 and is intended to serve the needs of crime victims and their families who have been impacted by crimes committed by removable criminal aliens. Marc shared the following:
- The system will provide victims accurate and timely notification of the custody status of alien offenders.
 - The victim's status in the United States is irrelevant.
 - Victims need to register for the program by calling 1-855-488-6423 or by logging on to www.ice.gov/voice. The victim needs to have the offender's full name and date of birth when registering. If they have it, the offender's Alien file number and country of citizenship are helpful.

- Victims can receive notifications regarding the offender's ICE custody status via telephone, text or email.

Kennesha Jackson inquired whether VOICE information should be included on PCNR Forms. Renee Werner advised that when an offender is being released, the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office provides VOICE information to victims.

Tony Bidonde with Maricopa County Adult Probation asked if the probation department is notified when the offender is released. Marc is not sure, but stated that he can be contacted if there are questions/issues regarding an alien offender.

Stephanie Smith with the Peoria Police Department asked if the Victim Impact Statement (VIS) or any input from the victim is considered by ICE in making a deportation decision. Marc advised that that information is generally not provided and that the fact that the offender is in the country illegally and has committed a crime is generally all that is needed.

Marc further advised that there are two main divisions within Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE):

- Enforcement Removal Operations (ERO), which is responsible for taking into custody removable aliens with a valid deportation order. They run two detention facilities; Eloy and Florence.
- Homeland Security Investigations, which is responsible for a number of things including human trafficking (sex and labor); human smuggling; child pornography; intellectual property; war crimes; identity theft.

Marc provided some basic information regarding U and T Visa's.

- U Visa's are intended for victims of 28 qualifying criminal offenses, the most common being domestic violence.
- The victim must cooperate with law enforcement.
- Nationally, approximately 35,000 applications for U Visa's are submitted each month, but only 10,000 are issued each year; thus an 11 year back-log.
- T Visa's are intended for victims of human trafficking.
- Only 5,000 are issued each year.
- Marc offered to provide more in-depth information/training at a future ACVS meeting.

V. 2017 Legislative Priorities:

a. Arizona Attorney General's Office: Kennesha Jackson asked those present to contact her if there is any legislation that they want the Attorney General's Office to support.

b. Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence: Thea Walsh was unable to be present.

VI. Updates from ACESDV: Thea Walsh was unable to be present, but Debbie Olsen advised that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and as a part of that, the Governor's Office will be hosting the 3rd annual Lighting Arizona Purple event on

Monday, October 2, 2017 from 6:00pm – 7:00pm at the Arizona State Capitol, House Lawn.

VII. Grant Sources Updates:

- a. **VOCA:** A representative from the Department of Public Safety was unable to attend as they are very busy reviewing VOCA grant applications.
- b. **ACJC:** Dorinda Johns advised that the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission is meeting September 28, 2017 at 1:30pm and will address changes to the Victim Compensation Program Rules. This is an open meeting and is being held at ACJC, 1100 West Washington, Conference Room 250, Phoenix. Debbie Olsen added that either Larry Grubbs or Dorinda will present the Rule changes at the ACVS meeting in January 2018.
- c. **VRP:** Kennesha Jackson reported the following:
 - FY 2018 Funding Update – Award agreements have been issued and will be distributed upon receipt of signed award agreements. Funding will be disbursed in two payments during the fiscal year. Revenues into the Victims' Rights Program Fund have decreased significantly, forcing reductions in FY 2018 awards. Additional reductions are anticipated for FY 2019 and agencies have already been informed of those reductions.
 - FY 2017 Annual Reports are in the review process and any modifications that are required will be requested in October.
 - Victim Request/Waiver Forms have been distributed in both paper and electronic formats. It is recommended that law enforcement agencies use the new forms, as many changes have been made. It is also highly recommended that agencies begin using the electronic form, as the multi-copy form will eventually be discontinued within the next year or two. Questions about the electronic process should be directed to Kennesha at kennesha.jackson@azag.gov. Best Practices for law enforcement is being developed and is planned to be released in 2018. Renee Werner advised that TraCS software is available free of charge to all law enforcement agencies, but they have to be able to support the technology.
 - Trainings – Please refer to the Attorney General's Office website for a list of upcoming trainings at www.azag.gov. For more information on Victims' Rights Training or to request a private training for your agency, contact OVSTraining@azag.gov.

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

- There were 42 attendees at the Basic Academy in Flagstaff in August. Twenty-five hotel rooms were provided 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 is \$150 for ACVS members and \$175 for non-members. Debbie Olsen advised that approval from DPS was received to use current year VOCA funding for the registration fee.

- An Advanced Academy is scheduled for 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. Registration is not open yet.
- Leadership Training is being planned for June 2018. Connie will be sending out a survey to solicit topic ideas. This training is geared towards current supervisors/managers and those who aspire to be supervisors/managers.
- A Basic Academy is being planned for August 2018.

IX. Committee Reports:

a. Executive Board Report. Debbie Olsen reported the following:

- Voting on the positions of Treasurer and Vice Chair will occur at the November meeting. Contact any Executive Committee member if you are interested in either position. Only paid members are eligible to vote, and only one representative from each agency can vote.
- Any ideas for future guest speakers should be directed to any member of the Executive Committee.

b. Treasurer's Report. Angela Rose reported the following account balances:

- ACVS, \$16,203.77
- AVAA, approximately \$2,000. This account was depleted due to the cost of the August Basic Academy; awaiting payment from VOCA of approximately \$34,000.
- Relocation, \$452.11

c. Membership Committee. Amy Bocks sent out renewal reminders. Thus far 31 memberships have been renewed. There are 46 agencies that have renewed in the past, but have not done so yet for 2018. There are three new individual memberships. A list of all agencies that have renewed is available on the table in the front of the room; please check to see if your agency is listed. Amy asked that agencies/individuals include a Membership Form along with their check.

d. Relocation Committee. Some applications were received, but not 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. Let Amy know of any Domestic Violence Awareness events planned so that they can be added to the website.

X. New Business/Open Forum:

- Renee Werner announced that Kathy Checchi, Victim Services Unit Commander with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office has retired. Her replacement should be selected within the next 60 days. Renee is handling Kathy's duties in the interim.
- Gina Winn with the Glendale Police Department advised that on October 4, 2017 at 3:30pm at the Glendale Police Department Barbara Roeder from PSA Worldwide will be presenting on their Hidden in Plain Sight items for victims and survivors of domestic violence. A catalog of their items can be obtained from Barbara at (719) 884-7729 or Barbara@psacorp.com. For more information, contact Gina at gwinn@glendaleaz.com.

XIII. Next Meeting: November 15, 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 11:20 a.m.