



Council on Child  
Safety and  
Family Empowerment

**GOVERNOR DUCEY'S OFFICE OF YOUTH, FAITH AND FAMILY**  
*COUNCIL ON CHILD SAFETY AND FAMILY EMPOWERMENT*

**Meeting Minutes DRAFT**

**January 10, 2019**

**10:00 AM**

**Governor's 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room**

1700 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007

A general meeting of the Council on Child Safety and Family Empowerment was convened on January 10, 2019 at the Governor's 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, 1700 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, notice having been duly given.

<b>Members Present (21)</b>	
<b>Angela Ducey</b> , Chair, First Lady of Arizona	
<b>Berisha Black</b> , Director, Arizona Foster Care Initiatives	
<b>Colleen McNally</b> , Presiding Juvenile Court Judge Maricopa County, Retired	
<b>Greg McKay</b> , Director, AZ Department of Child Safety	
<b>James D. Molina</b> , Director, Step up Arizona	
<b>George Michael Khalaf</b> , President, Data Orbital	
<b>Jeffrey James Taylor</b> , Chair, Salvation Army Advisory Board	
<b>Jay A. Cory</b> , President and CEO, Phoenix Rescue Mission	
<b>Roy T. Dawson</b> , Director, Arizona Center for African American Resources	
<b>Mark Upton</b> , President and CEO, Christian Family Care	
<b>Warren H. Stewart Jr.</b> , Pastor, Church of the Remnant	
<b>Marcia Stanton</b> , Senior Injury Prevention Specialist, PCH	
<b>Obed Escobar</b> , Regional Director, Alliance Defending Freedom	
<b>Torrie Taj</b> , CEO, Child Crisis Arizona	
<b>Molly Dunn</b> , Director, FosterEd Arizona	
<b>Richard Yarbough</b> , Executive Director, Pilgrim Rest Foundation	
<b>Darlene Newsom</b> , CEO, UMOM New Day Centers	
<b>Zora Manjencich</b> , Assistant Chief Counsel, Attorney General	
<b>Katie O'Dell</b> , City Care Pastor, Hillsong Phoenix	
<b>Leslie Y. Reprogle</b> , Founder, Agape Adoption Agency Arizona (on phone)	
<b>Members Absent (8)</b>	<b>Staff/Guest Present (12)</b>
<b>Kathryn A. Pidgeon</b> , Co-Chair, Adoption Attorney	<b>Maria Fuentes</b> , Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family
<b>Janet Garcia</b> , Arizona Senior Director, Casey Family Programs	<b>Malcolm Hightower</b> , Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family
<b>Julie K. O'Dell</b> , Statewide Adoption Director, DCS	<b>Terrilyn Miller</b> , Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family
<b>Lorrie Henderson</b> , State Director, AZ 1.27	<b>Livia Finman</b> , Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family
<b>Kate Brophy McGee</b> , Arizona State Senator	<b>Raquel Perez</b> , Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family
<b>Paul S. Mulligan</b> , President and CEO, Catholic Charities	<b>Joanna Jauregui</b> , Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family
<b>Terry M. Crist</b> , Pastor, Hillsong Phoenix	<b>Denise Bressette</b> , Guest
<b>Vicki Mayo</b> , Founder and CEO, The Touchpoint Solution	<b>Jonathan Sanborn</b> , CarePortal
	<b>Adrian Jamieson</b> , Guest
	<b>Kim Vehon</b> , Guest
	<b>Sue Baird</b> , Guest
	<b>Kecia Myers</b> , Guest

	<b>Michael Faust</b> , Department of Child Safety
	<b>Emily Jenkins</b> , Guest
	<b>Rebecca Chesley</b> , Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family

**1. Call to Order**

Mrs. Angela Ducey, Chair, called the Council on Child Safety and Family Empowerment meeting to order at 10:09 AM with twenty members present and eight members absent..

**2. Opening Remarks by Chair**

Mrs. Angela Ducey, Chair, welcomed all and shared that the ACEs Summit was a success with over 400 attendees and is a testament to the passion of the Council. She thanked Director Maria Fuentes and her team at the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family, Marcia Stanton from the ACEs Consortium and, Claire Louge with Prevent Child Abuse Arizona.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Mrs. Ducey requested a motion to approve the minutes from the November 8th, 2018 Council meeting. Ms. Torrie Taj moved to approve the minutes as drafted and Mr. Mark Upton seconded. The motion passed with unanimous vote.

**4. Introduction of Council Members**

Mrs. Ducey asked members to introduce themselves. Each member of the Council introduced themselves.

**5. Special Recognition**

Mrs. Ducey recognized community member, Ms. Denise for her service to foster children. Mrs. Ducey highlighted her accomplishments and presented her with a certificate of appreciation.

**6. CarePortal Update**

Mr. Jonathan Sanborn provided the Council with a CarePortal update. In the United States, 4 million children are touched by child welfare systems, and within those communities 40 million adults regularly attend church. CarePortal is something tangible that provides churches with an opportunity to meet the needs of children and families directly. The vision is to place the child and their family at the center of the circle of care, supported by the church and community to radically affect the outcome. The purpose is to ensure that they are providing the right support for the child and that the church becomes a vehicle for change rather than just a resource. Through November 1st, in Arizona, 114 churches have been engaged, 4,500 children have been served and the economic impact is \$1.6 million. CarePortal launched in Yuma County in May 2018 and now partners with 21 churches and has served 100 children. They have also entered into a partnership with 4Tucson in Pima County and AZ127 to launch in Yavapai and Coconino Counties in January 2019

- Mr. Jeff Taylor stated that when the Council first met, CarePortal needed storage, and he asked if this was still a need. Mr. Sanborn stated that the need had been remedied and that the cost for storage units have been covered by the church
- Mr. Greg McKay shared that he believed there was an opportunity to improve the execution phase of the program, as it tends to be inconsistent. He asked if it goes nationwide, will there be a standard process for executing the program and coordinating resources? Mr. Sanborn stated that they are making improvements to process

**7. Integration of Child Welfare and Behavioral Health**

Mr. Mike Faust presented to the Council on the integration of child welfare and behavioral health that started with Senate Bill 1275 to review the healthcare needs of children in foster care, both physical and behavioral. A summary document was released and required structured monthly engagement to discuss services delivery challenges, and a quarterly collaborative team review. The focus is to transition from a segmented

model to an integrated comprehensive medical and dental plan (CMDP) and integrated behavioral health. The report provided 160 recommendations to evaluate, operationalize, and implement the integrated health delivery system. The Department of Child Safety (DCS) has designed a delivery system mindful of the strengths and is partnering with a private entity to develop and oversee a network that will complement their advocacy. DCS has contracted with someone to develop the RFP, with a draft document set for mid-February, and a solicitation opening in March or April. DCS expects to award a contract by January 1, 2020, and provide 10 months of preparation before going live in October 2020. Integrated health care will be one entity responsible for delivering all services including health plans, medical, dental, and behavioral health. Mr. Faust stated that it is difficult to develop integrated delivery at the physical level, especially in terms of understanding how well equipped they are to understand the needs of foster children, and how behavioral health influences physical health. The new health plan integration will have clear objectives, measurable outcomes, and will provide timely, high-quality services based on need. Director McKay stated that the consequences of lower standards of care are massive on society and in government response. The new system will provide better control in delivering what is needed. The current system contributes to placement disruption, loss of foster care providers, permanency potential, continuing the pain and suffering, and contributing to long term negative outcomes. Mr. Faust stated that DCS is looking at ways to bring partners together, to create the capacity to work together as systems.

- Mrs. Ducey shared a personal experience in which a friend was fostering to adopt a boy in Pima County, but she was in Maricopa County. It was 4 to 5 months until he could receive behavioral health services because of the regional behavioral health authorities (RBHA) in different counties. She asked how this system will help in such a situation. Mr. Faust stated that since there were two different RBHAs involved, there would be different service providers responsible for care. With an integrated health system, there would be one health plan and transition between Provider A and Provider B would be the same. One entity would ensure a seamless transition of service providers. Mr. Jeff Taylor stated that he imagines it is a challenge in rural communities when trying to deliver services. Mr. Faust stated that it is challenging in rural Arizona, especially for specialty services and authorizing criteria, an example being therapeutic foster homes. RBHA authorizing criteria does not match what has been developed for therapeutic homes. The hope is that the new system will close these gaps, and DCS can better support foster families that have been doing this for a long time.
- Ms. Colleen McNally stated the New Jersey system of care also incorporates juvenile justice treatment, and if that will be integrated into this system of care? Mr. Faust stated that DCS provides services for children on probation, and there will be opportunities to look at creating a delivery system that matches dollars from different funding sources, but the delivery system would remain the same.
- Ms. Leslie Repogle asked if the system could include technical assistance, to train clinicians in rural areas around the specific needs of children in foster care. Mr. Faust stated that it is important to create mechanisms where expanding professional skillsets becomes the natural thing.
- Mrs. Ducey asked if the system will still serve a child and family after adoption. Mr. Faust stated that the system will only represent children while in DCS care. About 50% of the children served are on Medicaid plans, and once they are adopted they will move back to that plan.

#### **8. Neurosequential Model for Foster Adoptive and Kinship Families and the staff**

Ms. Emily Jenkins presented on the Neurosequential Model in Therapeutics (NMT) developed by Dr. Bruce Perry. NMT led to the development of the Neurosequential Model in Caregiving. By teaching caregivers facts about brain development, they can learn ways to help children whose brains have been impacted by trauma, maltreatment, abuse, and other ACEs. The Arizona Council on Human Service Providers (ACHSP) consists of 109 members representing behavioral health, child welfare, and juvenile justice. They found that many of the kids in care were with parents who were ineffective at parenting them and the behavioral health system was failing at supporting parents. ACHSP worked with Dr. Perry to provide instruction for foster and kinship families, adoption and supporting biological families. The three-year project is aimed at training caregivers and creating sustainability by training 40 facilitators who will be trainers. There are 23 archived

training videos which are available for viewing by topic and there are tip sheets for the behaviors addressed in the videos. The goal of the neurosequential model approach is to help foster parents with children who are difficult to manage or keep in placement. The model supports bonding/attachment to better help the children be more successful in a home. Every six months an evaluation is sent out to anyone who has watched one or more videos. The evaluation will measure if the number of placement disruptions was reduced and if there was an increase in the retention of foster parents. Both behavioral health and welfare are being trained on the model with a future goal of connecting with children at school, childcare, sports, churches and faith community, in order to foster social connections in various areas.

- Ms. Molly Dunn asked if this training serious would be appropriate for a team of education liaisons that work in schools, and DCS. Ms. Jenkins stated that she believes it is helpful and the webinars are available to anyone who wants to watch.
- Mrs. Ducey asked if this training is being pushed out to licensing agencies as part of their training. Ms. Jenkins responded that the agency must have a membership. Mrs. Ducey asked if it translates to their training. Ms. Jenkins stated that most agencies are hosting their own webinar sites, and letting people watch on their own? Mrs. Ducey asked if this was

#### **9. Update on Recent and Upcoming Events**

Director Maria Fuentes shared that January is Human Trafficking Prevention Month. During the month, the executive tower and the Capitol dome will be lit blue. The Arizona Human Trafficking Council, co-chaired by Mrs. Cindy McCain and Mr. Gil Orrantia, will embark on several events the will bring awareness, promote prevention and grow Arizona's intervention efforts as a national model. Governor Ducey and Mrs. McCain will hold a press conference; the Council will host a symposium for statewide task forces, as well as training for legislators.

Some members of the Council attended the faith-based roundtable on substance abuse, and with the success of the event, GOYFF will be developing more topical faith-based roundtables through the year. Directot Fuentes stated that Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect Month is approaching, and asked Council members to think about ways to develop outreach and awareness opportunities.

#### **10. Subcommittee Reports**

##### **Partnerships Subcommittee**

Ms. Janet Garcia, Subcommittee Chair, was absent; the Partnerships subcommittee declined an update

##### **Outreach Subcommittee**

Ms. Katie O'Dell, Subcommittee Chair, reported that the subcommittee was unavailable to give comments on the video due to the holidays. The subcommittee is working on the development of a roundtable, likely to be scheduled around April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>, and they will be reaching out to Council members soon on how to engage.

##### **African American Children and Families Subcommittee**

Mr. Roy Dawson, Subcommittee Chair, reported that the subcommittee was meeting regularly to plan a community discussion around African Americans and the welfare system with an opportunity to develop recommendations for the subcommittee. The discussion will be hosted by a church in South Phoenix. February is an African American conference on disabilities, in which Ms. Fuentes will be the keynote speaker. In July, ASU will host a conference on community development with a large focus on African American children and families in South Phoenix, there will be an opportunity to integrate the work of the subcommittee and community programs, to share partnerships and resources. A full report will be provided to the Council next year,

##### **Prevention Subcommittee**

Ms. Vicki Mayo, Subcommittee Chair, was absent; the Prevention subcommittee declined an update.

### **Support Subcommittee**

Ms. Black, Subcommittee Chair, reported that the subcommittee was continuing to gather trauma-informed training and information to embark on piloting an ACEs support group in February. Ms. Black invited Ms. Leslie Repogle to provide more information. Ms. Repogle shared that they were providing an opportunity for parents to recognize the ways that their ACEs impact their parenting, and providing them a safe place to talk about their experiences and build a sense of community. The ACEs support group will be modeled similarly to Celebrate Recover or Alcoholics Anonymous, in order to have more long-standing success. Ms. Black reported that the next subcommittee meeting will be January 15, 2019.

### **11. Call to the Public**

Mrs. Ducey conducted a call to the public. There were no requests to speak by the public.

### **12. Future Meeting Dates and Adjournment**

Mrs. Ducey noted the following dates:

- March 14, 2019
- May 9, 2019
- September 12, 2019
- November 14, 2019

Mrs. Ducey requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. James Molina motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jay Cory. The meeting adjourned at 11:38 AM.