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10:00 AM

Governor's 2nd Floor Conference Room
1700 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007

A general meeting of the Council on Child Safety and Family Empowerment (CSFE) was convened on May 10, 2018 at the Governor's 2nd Floor Conference Room, 1700 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, notice having been duly given.

Members Present (18)	
Angela Ducey , Chair, First Lady of Arizona	
Kathryn A. Pidgeon , Co-Chair, Adoption Attorney	
Maria Cristina Fuentes , Director, Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family	
Berisha Black , Director, Arizona Foster Care Initiatives	
Janet L. Garcia , Arizona Senior Director, Casey Family Programs	
Jay A. Cory , President and CEO, Phoenix Rescue Mission	
Greg McKay , Director, AZ Department of Child Safety	
Zora Manjencich , Assistant Chief Counsel, Attorney General's Office	
Vicki Mayo , Founder and CEO, The Touchpoint Solution	
Colleen McNally , Presiding Juvenile Court Judge Maricopa County, Retired	
Terry M. Christ , Pastor, Hillsong Phoenix	
Roy T. Dawson , Director, AZCAAR	
Mark Upton , President and CEO, Christian Family Care	
Richard Yarbough , Executive Director, Pilgrim Rest Foundation	
Andrea Stuart , Executive V.P. Staff Services & Care, Arizona Baptist Children's Association	
George Michael Khalaf , President, Data Orbital	
Lorrie Henderson , CEO, Jewish Family Services	
Torrie Taj , CEO, Child Crisis Arizona	
Members Absent (9)	Staff Present (4)
Leslie Y. Repogle , Founder, Agape Adoption Agency Arizona	Malcolm Hightower , Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family
Darlene Newsom , CEO, UMOM New Day Centers	Terrilyn Miller , Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family
Katie O'Dell , State Director, AZ 1.27	Sam Burba , Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family
Marcia N. Stanton , Senior Injury Prevention Specialist, PCH	John Raeder , Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family
Warren H. Stewart , Pastor, Church of the Remnant	
James D. Molina , Director, Step up Arizona	
Paul S. Mulligan , President and CEO, Catholic Charities	
Julie K. O'Dell , Statewide Adoption Director, DCS	
Jeffrey James Taylor , Chair, Salvation Army Advisory Board	

1. Call to Order

Ms. Kathryn Pidgeon, Co-Chair, called the Council on Child Safety and Family Empowerment meeting to order at 10:05 AM with eighteen members present and nine members absent.

2. Opening Remarks by Chair

Mrs. Angela Ducey, Chair, welcomed all in attendance and opened the meeting reminding Council members that this is the last meeting before the summer break. Mrs. Ducey shared a story about foster care and informed the group that today marks thirty years since President Ronald Reagan declared May 10th to be National Foster Care Day. Mrs. Ducey concluded by saluting foster parents.

3. Introduction of Council Members

Mrs. Ducey asked members to introduce themselves. Each member of the Council introduced themselves. Mrs. Ducey also recognized Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS), Director Greg McKay, for receiving Child Help's prestigious and national Voice of Children Award for his extensive work in protecting Arizona's children from abuse and neglect.

4. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Pidgeon requested a motion to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2018 Council meeting. Mr. Mark Upton moved to approve the minutes as drafted. Mrs. Vicki Mayo seconded. The motion passed with unanimous vote.

5. Special Recognition - Lindsey Shine

Mrs. Ducey read a brief bio about Lindsey Shine and recognized her for successfully being reunited with her children and making remarkable lifestyle changes. Mrs. Ducey and Ms. Pidgeon presented her with the Special Recognition Certificate and took a picture with Ms. Shine and her children.

6. Reducing Recidivism

Mr. Tim Roemer shared a presentation on the Governor's initiative to provide "A Real Second Chance" to prevent recidivism for previously incarcerated individuals and to prepare inmates to obtain employment upon release. The program is dedicated to improving public safety, reducing tax payer liability, and doing the right thing. Arizona has a 39% recidivism rate and the Second Chance program is seeking to reduce the rate and work with faith-based and non-profit organizations in order to provide ongoing support for former inmates. The Maricopa County Re-Entry Center is an alternative to individuals who otherwise would be returning to jail or prison. There are Second Chance Centers at the Lewis, Perryville, and Tucson corrections facilities. Inmates are chosen based on risk to return. The inmates who present with the highest risks are targeted. The program is voluntary and there is a high demand from inmates wanting to participate in the program. The Lewis facility has 275 beds while Perryville has 60, and Tucson has 50. The program begins 90 days prior to release and includes job skill training, hands on trade training, and Medicaid enrollment. The program partners with Uber and Lyft to provide transportation to individuals for work and probation related activities. The program has served over 900 individuals, and 528 have been employed as a result. Outcomes of the program are a reduction in prison population and re-entry due to technical violations, as well zero demand for new beds in prison facility. Governor Ducey is leading the effort to delay questions of criminal background for job applicants in order to allow for a more unbiased hiring process.

- Mrs. Ducey asked how the program can help with or address individuals who are denied fingerprint clearance cards due to past charges. Mr. Roemer stated that he plans to work with the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) to address specific issues with the criminal background checks and will look into doing screening for clearance prior to inmates being released.
- Mrs. Janet Garcia asked about the efforts currently in place to keep inmates connected with their children and facilitate a successful reunification with their families upon release. Mr. Roemer deferred to Director Maria Cristina Fuentes. Director Fuentes offered that it would be beneficial to research and look into current efforts and discuss as a Council ways in which to collaborate efforts in reducing recidivism and reunifying families of inmates, because children and families are impacted by recidivism. Mr. Roemer added that the Governor's initiative is just the beginning and future opportunities to expand and focus on keeping families together will require intentionally breaking down state silos and interagency teaming.

- Mrs. Ducey asked if the current centers are at capacity and for more information about the selection process. Mr. Roemer stated that the program's current capacity is 385 beds and lasts for about 90 days for each inmate. There is a demand for the program as inmates are starting to inquire about participation. The program is expanding its options for job training in the construction field. The Arizona Department of Corrections (DOC) Case Managers begin looking at individuals prior to release. Risk of re-entry and behavior while incarcerated has bearing on induction into program. The inmates who are a higher risk for reoffend are targeted, but the program is voluntary.
- Mrs. Vicki Mayor asked whether Arizona has a program where children are able to visit their parents in prison and child care is provided. Mr. Roemer stated that DOC does not have such a program, but it may be available in jails.
- Ms. Pidgeon thanked Mr. Roemer for his presentation.

7. Family First Act

Mrs. Garcia shared a presentation on the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA). FFPSA was signed into law as part of the Bipartisan Budget Act on February 9, 2018. FFPSA provides new options for states and tribes to claim Title IV-E funds for prevention activities, ensures appropriate placement for children in foster care, reauthorizes several child welfare funding streams, etc. States can receive open-ended funding through IV-E for evidenced-based prevention services. Children at imminent risk of foster care placement and their parents/caregivers, pregnant and parenting youth in foster care are eligible to benefit from funding afforded through FFPSA. Funding will cover prevention services that include mental health, substance abuse treatment, and in-home parenting skills. Services can last up to twelve months with no limit on how many times the child and family can receive services if risk is still present. Services must be evidenced-based and trauma informed. Title IV-E reimbursements will begin October 1, 2019. Federal funds for prevention services are intended to augment, not supplant, state funding for prevention services. FFPSA provides \$8 million in FY2018 for grants to states and tribes to support the recruitment and retention of high quality foster families and makes changes for what types of out-of-home placements would be eligible for Title IV-E reimbursement beginning October 1, 2019. States have the option to delay this provision for two years, however delays will impact prevention provision as well. Federal support will go to the following placements: foster family home, facility for pregnant and parenting youth, supervised independent living for youth 18 and older, specialized placements for youth at risk of sex trafficking, family-based residential treatment facility for substance abuse, and qualified residential treatment programs (QRTP-clinically recognized). QRTP must have a trauma informed model, registered nurse or licensed clinical staff onsite, be consistent with QRTP treatment model, facilitate outreach and engagement of the child's family in treatment plan, provide discharge planning and family-based aftercare supports for at least 6 months, and be licensed and accredited. FFPSA provides \$5 million in new grants to states to expand the development of the electronic system to expedite placement across state lines of children in foster care, guardianship, or adoption. Challenges: many shelter and group homes are not eligible for funding due to new requirements, which will result in a loss of funding for the children in their care; inventory of evidenced-based programs is not adequate and implementing such programs will take money, time, and considerable effort; time for implementation is short. Opportunities: children remain at home and receive help needed; removed children more likely to be placed with kin; kin caregivers will be better supported; youth not in kinship care will be placed in family settings with proven outcomes.

- Ms. Pidgeon asked about FFPSA eliminating the time limit for reunification services. Mrs. Garcia replied that AZ time limit for reunification is 15 months and then explained that the policy removes the time limit for post placement care services the child may need while in foster care.
- Mrs. Ducey inquired about the 1700 children that could potentially be without funding and if other sources of funding is available. Mrs. Garcia replied that federal dollars will not be allocated to any care setting that does not meet the requirements outline in FFPSA. Director Fuentes asked if group homes and shelters become QRTP then will funding be available to children. Mrs. Garcia replied yes. Director. Fuentes added that the initiative seeks to provide incentives for quality foster care. Ms. Garcia added that most high needs children are in congregate care and foster care needs to look different.
- Ms. Berisha Black asked about the state's position on receiving provisions from FFPSA. Director McKay responded that the state is ready for change and supports FFPSA, however financially responsibility

requires that provisions be delayed in order to meet eligibility requirements and take advantage of provisions offered in FFPSA. Director McKay added that many business models will need to change and there needs to be consideration of current practices and how extensive the FFPSA impact will be on the whole child welfare system, especially group and shelter care. Director Fuentes added that many states will need to delay provisions due to financial preparation necessary for the changes that must be implemented. Director McKay explained that the state will need to spend considerable financial resources to improve quality and become evidenced-based in order to be eligible for Title IV-E funding through FFPSA.

- Mrs. Garcia concluded with a story about five siblings who were adopted by their aunt and uncle
- Mrs. Ducey thanked Ms. Garcia for her presentation.

8. Triple P Parenting Program

Ms. Cricket Mitchell, PhD, a Triple P Coordinator for Maricopa County, opened her presentation by providing an overview of Triple P program and positive impact on parenting and mitigating ACEs. Triple P enables parents to make small changes in their parenting practices that then make a big difference in outcomes for both parents and children. Triple P is supported by the Steele Foundation and has been used and recommended by First Things First, Healthy Start and prison populations. Triple P is currently offered in 28 countries and in 20 languages. Outcomes: decreased parent stress, anxiety, depression, and child behavior problems; improved parenting competencies, family communication, and family relationships. Every dollar invested saves \$7.48 on the back-end. Triple P offers 5 levels of intervention to meet each family's needs. The lowest level of intervention produces positive outcomes for children and parents. Triple P partners with many leading providers in Maricopa, Pima, and Pinal counties to support prevention and intervention programs that seek positive outcomes for families. Participants in Triple P have reported a reduction in the need for clinical interventions and necessity for medication.

- Director McKay noted his satisfaction of the Triple P program and its potential for statewide expansion. Director McKay asked if Triple P would meet FFPSA requirements for eligibility. Ms. Mitchell stated that further research of Family First is needed; however, Triple P is a Level 1 Category for scientific rigor, which qualifies it for the highest of acknowledgment and should meet FFPSA eligibility requirements. Director McKay asked if the program could be facilitated to a group. Ms. Mitchell replied yes and that both the 8 and 10 week programs can be offered in group settings. She explained that there is a follow-up after completion of the program as well as a graduation for the participants. Director McKay followed up with asking about Triple P's ability to replace current practices in parent-aid and family preservation programs as a primary prevention modality for the state. Director McKay further commented that untapped resources and infrastructures are in the communities that would allow for mass education in Triple P and one time funding is available to support such an effort. Director McKay recommended offering child care and food to parents.
- Director Fuentes asked for elaboration on Triple P Online. Ms. Mitchell commented that Triple P Online is revolutionizing parenting by offering online, self-guided parenting skills modules along with a weekly check in with a practitioner. The online modules are equivalent to the 8 week Level 4 intervention. Ms. Mitchell added that the Tempe City Council has allocated \$3.2 million to utilize Triple P in early childhood education and child care settings. Phoenix Children's Hospital also has funding available to provide Triple P to community and organizations. Director McKay asked how can online completion be verified. Ms. Mitchell replied that module completion and time tracking is available.
- Mrs. Vicki Mayo asked if there was a train-the-trainer model in place. Ms. Mitchell replied that such model is not available and added that training is a resource investment where the outcomes provide ethical, moral, and financial returns.

9. Reunification Day

Retired Judge Colleen McNally briefly shared how Reunification Day began in Arizona and its committee's vision to see the message of reunification spread and the celebration of families who successfully reunite to be a shared experience of all stakeholders. Judge McNally introduced Reunification Day committee chair, Brooke Daunt. Ms. Daunt shared that 24 families will be honored at this year's event on June 2, 2018 at 10:00 AM. A slideshow of last year's event was presented.

10. Subcommittee Reports

African American Children and Families Subcommittee

Mr. Roy Dawson, Subcommittee Chair, stated that he has traveled across state and spoken with several leaders in African-American communities and was distraught to find that many are unaware of crisis and needs. These leaders and organizations have the desire and resources to help. He added, they are doing great work, but in isolation and without adequate support. Mr. Dawson proposes using June 19th (Juneteenth) as a day of recognition and an opportunity to reach the community and to share information and resources. Mr. Dawson made the recommendation to move subcommittee meetings to the community.

Outreach Subcommittee

Mr. Richard Yarbough, Subcommittee Member, stated the Committee is currently working on preparing media presentation and video to create awareness about the foster care crisis, inform the community and needs and educate on ways to get involved

Partnerships Subcommittee

Mrs. Garcia, Subcommittee Chair, gave an update on the Child Abuse License Plate Program process of going electronic and that there are over 30 applications being processed for this year's grant. Mrs. Garcia mentioned that Director Fuentes will be joining the Collective Impact on Child Safety and Well-being as Co-Chair. Mrs. Garcia stated that the subcommittee is focused on trying to finalize the main agenda for the year and on figuring out the best way to be a resource for Mrs. Ducey's initiative on trauma-informed care. She noted there was a new subcommittee member, Torrie Taj.

Prevention Subcommittee

Mrs. Mayo, Subcommittee Chair, reported that the Angel Initiative is thriving and on the path to scaling. She stated that they will be looking for new initiative opportunities involving child care and early childhood education.

Support Subcommittee

Ms. Black, Subcommittee Chair, informed the Council that the subcommittee's main focus is identifying trauma informed training. She stated that the Survey Report will be provided at the next Council meeting.

10. Call to the Public

Mrs. Ducey conducted a call to the public. Spike and Mr. Grumpy from Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA) briefly explained their organization. The organization has been active for 23 years, is 100% volunteer operated, and is active in 19 countries, and all 50 states. They require 18 months of training and NICS screening (National Instant Criminal Background Check System). Their goal is to help abused children feel safe, be kids, and tell their stories in court.

11. Future Meeting Dates and Adjournment

Ms. Pidgeon noted the following meeting dates:

- September 13, 2018
- November 8, 2018 (TBD)

Ms. Pidgeon requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director McKay moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Ms. Torrie Taj. The meeting adjourned at 12:08 PM.