



Arizona Coalition for Victim Services (ACVS)
Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2024
 Virtual Meeting –via Zoom

I. Call to Order – Amy Bocks

a. Meeting was conducted virtually on July 17th via Zoom and called to order 10:02am.

Attendees

Amy Bocks, AGO OVS, Assistant Director & Advocate Program Manager, ACVS Chair	Mariá Fernanda Arreguín, General Consulate of Mexico in Phoenix, Consul de Protection
Arreguin – Consulate General of Mexico, Consul de Protection	Jacqueline Lopez, Pinal County Attorney’s Offices, Victim Services
Samantha Weiss, ADES, Office of Interpersonal Violence	Carla Uyeda, DPS VOCA Administration, Administrative Supervisor
Erica Williams, LSCVA, Program Coordinator, ACVS Secretary	Eva Salazar, Yuma County Attorney’s Office, Victim Services
Amy Fillingim, Prescott PD, Victim Advocate	Ryan Clark, AGO OVS, Victim Rights Administrator
Andrea Gomez, ACESDV, Domestic Violence Response Coordinator	Kendall Maier, AGO OVS, State Victims’ Rights Funding Administrator
Tina Ashelford, Mohave County Attorney, Victim Witness Program	Renee Werner, MCSO, Victim Notification Unit
Veronica Driz, AGO OVS, State Victims’ Rights Education Administrator	David Tascoe, AZ Supreme Court Administrative Office, Commission on Victims in the Courts
Jamie Balson, LSCVA, Founding Attorney & Executive Director	David Newstone, Defenders of Children, Executive Director
Connie Chapman, AVAA, Project Director	Amy Palisano, La Frontera/EMPACT, Trauma Healing Services
Merri Tiseth, Secretary of State, Address Confidentiality Program	Nick Pawlowski, DCS Victim Services, Program Manager
Amy Reddy, Mesa Prosecutor’s Office, Victim Services Unit	Emily Caron, Gilbert PD, Victim Advocate
Tracey Wilkinson, Scottsdale PD, Relocation Committee	Alice Ghareib, Area Agency on Aging, DOVES
Jaquel Moody, ADCRR, Victim Services	Dan Levey, Arizona Crime Victim Rights Law Group
Patricia Abayta-Young, Avondale PD, Victim Advocate	Kevin Mattingly, Phoenix Family Advocacy Center, Director
Cisco Garcia, USAO, Victim Witness Specialist	Fawn Jardee, Surprise PD, Victim Advocate

II. Welcome and Introductions, 10:02am

III. Presentation – General Consulate of Mexico in Phoenix, Mariá Fernanda Arreguín, Consul de Protection

- a. Functions of the Consulate:
- i. Furthering the development of commercial, economic, cultural, and scientific relations between the sending State and the receiving State



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- ii. Helping, assisting, and safeguarding the interests of Mexican nationals, both individuals and corporate bodies
- b. Consular departments:
 - i. General Office
 - 1. Political affairs
 - 2. Legislative and executive liaison
 - ii. Documentation
 - iii. Community Engagement
 - iv. Department of Protection
 - 1. Come to Consulate for assistance with:
 - a. DV victims get T-, U-, or VAWA Visas for DV victims
 - b. Apply for divorce
 - c. Help to get national's records from Mexico
 - d. Financial aid available - can sometimes help nationals pay rent, utilities, bill, etc.
 - e. They also interview all of the kids that come across the US border and can talk to other consulates in the US
 - 2. If a person cannot come to the Consulate themselves, a direct next of kin (spouse, children 18 years or older, parent) can come in or call on their behalf.
 - 3. Reach out to Mariá for questions or information about the Department of Protection or to streamline passport or ID process.
 - v. Free legal advice and representation
 - 1. Free legal consults daily at the Consulate, 10am-12noon
 - 2. No appointment necessary, just bring Mexican ID, calendar available at <https://www.instagram.com/consulmexphoenix/> (calendar released weekly)
 - a. Mariá can arrange a phone call regarding any legal field if referred by a victim services professional.
 - 3. Can arrange for people in jail or prison to have a free legal meeting. with one of the attorneys over phone or video
 - 4. PALE (Program of free legal advice and representation)
 - a. Immigration, civil, family, criminal, labor
- c. Other help from Consulate includes helping nationals:
 - i. Send money to their loved ones in jail or prison.
 - ii. Understand the US Criminal Justice System.
 - iii. Obtain records, transcripts, and important documents useful for legal procedures.
- d. Contact information for Consulate General of Mexico in Phoenix:
 - i. 320 E. McDowell Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85004, (602) 330-3642
 - ii. In email, include name, DOB, birth certificate if they have it, and their contact information and they will call the directly
 - iii. Consul General: Jorge Mendoza Yescas, jmendozay@sre.gob.mx.
[@jorgem_yescas](https://www.instagram.com/jorgem_yescas)
 - iv. Criminal matters: Adilene Lopez, penalespho@sre.gob.mx



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- v. Immigration matters i.e., U-, T-, and VAWA Visas: Miguel Lamadrid, mlamadrid@sre.gob.mx
- vi. Program for Defense of Mexican Nationals in Criminal Matters: Mariá Fernanda Arreguín, marreguin@sre.gob.mx, @mariferarresguin

IV. Approval of May 2024 Meeting Minutes

- a. No corrections, no opposition, May minutes approved

V. Vice Chair vote – Amy Bocks

- a. Candidates
 - i. Emily Caron, Victim Advocate with Gilbert PD
 - ii. Sonia Salcido, Amberly's Place (not present)
- b. Provided link to vote
- c. Emily Caron elected, 19-1

VI. Legislative Priorities

- a. AGO - Ryan Clark, ryan.clark@azag.gov
 - i. No updates
 - ii. Send inquiries to Ryan Clark.
- b. ACESDV – Andraeh Gomez
 - i. No update
- c. LSCVA – Jamie Balson, jamie@lscva.org
 - i. Deepfakes
 - 1. Met with legislators today regarding possible legislation around this issue for next year. Will keep the group updated and will possibly have a fact sheet to send to legislators. Send anyone who would like to support or be involved to Jamie.
 - ii. Lifetime Injunction Expansion
 - 1. Enhancements (strangulation, stalking, and voyeurism) starting on Sept. 14th. Please send newly eligible victims to LSCVA at <https://lscva.org/contact-us> or (623) 471-6401
 - 2. LSCVA will develop flyer or informational piece for AGO's Victims' Rights Brief.
- d. ACVRLG – Dan Levey, dlevey@azvictimrights.org
 - i. ACVRLG is working on possible legislation to enhance charging for the death of a law enforcement K9 (currently a Class 6 Felony).

VII. ACESDV

- a. Andraeh Gomez, andraeh@acesdv.org
 - i. ACESDV Learning Conference A Future Without Fear, August 14th and 15th, <https://acesdv.org/conference/>, sent out thru listserv email



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VIII. State Agency Coordinating Team (SACT) – Funders Reports

a. AGO - Kendall Maier, kendall.maier@azag.gov

i. VRP agencies

1. All agencies: FY24 Annual Reports are currently open and are due August 9th. AGO conducted webinars the week of July 8th on how to complete the Annual Reports. If you missed through or have questions as you complete the report, please reach out to Kendall.
2. The AGO's appropriate for FY25 has been announced and we are waiting for the VRP budget to be approved through our chain of command. Once that is complete, Kendall will begin opening agencies' budget proposals for FY25, where VRP agencies will begin working on their proposal and funding agreements. An email blast will go out with this information.

ii. Education/Training

1. Basic and Advanced Victims' Rights presentation dates listed through August have been posted on the AGO website and are for open registration.
2. Please be mindful that the August dates are the last of the fiscal calendar until the next federal fiscal year. If you are required to take Basic/Advanced please make sure to register.
3. Make sure to pay attention to the time of AGO Advanced trainings as the remaining trainings will be offered in the afternoon.
4. AGO is offering one weekend Basic training.
5. Remember, you are responsible for maintaining and providing your certificates. VOCA requires these. Don't wait to print them and make sure to store them somewhere where you will remember where they are.

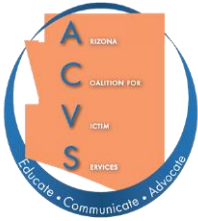
iii. Forms

1. The AGO maintains the Victims' Rights/Waiver Form (VRFW) and distributes them every August. Reminder: all law enforcement agencies using the statewide multi-copy VRFW, this is the last year the AGO will be providing curtesy printed booklets. The FY24 VRFW orders are closed and are currently being printed by the AGO's vendor. This 2024-2025 version will be distributed via email and regular mail in mid- to late-August. Use of this updated version of the form can officially begin September 1st, 2024. Any problem or questions can be directed to OVSVRP@azag.gov.

b. AGO – Veronica Driz, veronica.driz@azag.gov

i. Scheduled Victims' Rights trainings:

1. Basic
 - a. August 7th, 9:00am-3:00pm
 - b. (Saturday) August 17th, 9:00am-3:00pm
2. Advanced



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- a. August 8th, 1:00pm-4:00pm
- ii. Please send Veronica any feedback on scheduling future dates (e.g., afternoon sessions work better for attendees).
- iii. AGO will be taking a break from training to update materials and picking up on FY25 curriculum in October.
- iv. Reminder: please keep track of attendees' certificates of completion for their grant coordinators, as AGO cannot guarantee maintenance of records.
- c. DPS-VOCA - Carla Uyeda, cuyeda@azdps.gov, (602) 819-1209
 - i. On July 11th, DPS-VOCA invited current subrecipients to renew current projects for FY24. Due to receipt of additional ARPA funding, DPS was able to offer renewal amounts at the same levels as FY24. To renew, subrecipients must complete the renewal application process in DPS's grants management system, SAGE. Renewal applications are open and must be submitted by 3:00pm (MST) on August 8th.
 - ii. For current FY24 projects, the deadline to reprogram unutilized funds was June 30th.
 - iii. Site visits and monitoring activities are ongoing.
 - iv. Civil Rights Compliance reviews are ongoing.
- a. GOYFF - not present
- b. DES - Samanth Weiss, sweiss@azdes.gov
 - i. No updates
- c. DHS – not present

IX. Arizona Victim Assistance Academy (AVAA)

- a. Connie Chapman, avaacademy@gmail.com or info@azcvcs.net
- b. Upcoming trainings:
 - i. Basic Victim Assistance Academy
 1. next week, register as soon as you can
 2. Tucson, December 2nd – 6th, \$125
 - ii. Essential Skills in Victim Advocacy
 1. Snowflake, August 8th, free
 - iii. Neurobiology of Trauma
 1. Phoenix, September 11th, \$25
 2. Tucson (only 40 spots), December 4th, \$25
 - iv. Working with Children Exposed to Trauma
 1. Glendale, October 2, free
- c. Please send requests for Advanced/Leadership topics to Connie.

X. Committee Reports

- a. Amy Bocks, Chair
 - i. Continuing work on updating ACVS website. We hope to have a mock-up to present at the September meeting. The main focus will be to benefit ACVS members.



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- ii. Membership: Amy can see the submitted membership form and confirmation of payment received from PayPal. This is caught up through today (28 member renewals, could have potentially 63 more). Please submit your renewal (\$50 for individual, \$150 for agency).
- iii. Send recommendations for future presentations/presenters to the committee.
- b. Treasurer's report - Connie Chapman for Karina Aragon
 - i. ACVS: \$2,812.71
 - ii. AVAA: \$6,802.52
 - iii. Relocation: \$701.05
 - iv. Bank Balance: \$33,501.91
 - v. The report is run in QuickBooks, which is only updated from the end of the previous month, which explains the difference in the balances.
- c. Amy – Membership. She sees form you fill out and confirmation of payment rec'd from PayPal. Caught up through today. Currently 28 member renewals, could have potentially 63 more. Please submit (\$50 for individual, \$150 for agency)
- d. Relocation Committee
 - i. Tracey Wilkinson, twilkinson@scottsdaleaz.gov
 - ii. Has 4 boxes of phones to send out.
 - iii. Laura from Prescott PD is no longer on committee.
 - iv. They are looking for new funding opportunities.
 - v. Contact Tracey if interested in joining committee or have fundraising ideas.

XI. New Business/Open Forum

- a. Dany Levey, dlevel@azvictimrights.org
 - i. ACVRLG received funds from ACJC to provide a 1.5- or 3-hour restitution training to Criminal Justice System agencies and non-profit organizations across the state to include a mock restitution hearing. Contact Dan to schedule.
- b. Cisco Garcia, francisco.garcia2@usdoj.gov
 - i. 31st Annual Four Corners Indian Country Conference in Colorado, Aug 26-28 at Sky Ute Casino Resort in southern CO, lodging scholarships available.
- c. Merri Tiseth, mtiseth@azsos.gov
 - i. Reminder that ACP training is next week. All trainings available on website, [ACP Training | Arizona Secretary of State \(azsos.gov\)](https://www.azsos.gov/Training)
- d. Amy
 - i. Reminder that ASU's Family Violence National Conference on fatality review process is in September (look for flyer and link).
 - ii. Amy will send out training email today.

XII. Next Meeting

- a. September 18th, 2024, 10:00am via Zoom.

XIII. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned by Amy Bocks at 11:24am.