

Committee on Juvenile Courts

Committee Minutes

Meeting Date: February 12, 2015

The meeting was called to order by
Judge Cahill at 10:02 am

Minutes taken by: Natalie Foster

Roll Call

Present: Cahill, Honorable Peter (Chair); Corsaro, Honorable Kimberly (phone); Elledge, Honorable Karl; Jantzen, Honorable Lee; Kelroy, Joe; Koch, Connie; Latham, Honorable Mike; Lutt, Caroline; Mabery, Scott; McCullough, Honorable Margaret; McNally, Honorable Colleen; Meaux, Eric; Oldham, Honorable Brenda; Overholt, Ron (proxy for John Schow); Quigley, Honorable Kathleen; Reeves, Honorable Mark Wayne; Ruechel, Honorable Michala; Ruegg, Dr. Kevin; Sanders, Honorable Corey (phone); Stauffer, Honorable Monica (phone); Tickle, Sheila; Young, Honorable Anna (phone).

Excused/Absent: Schow, John; Vederman, Honorable Samuel

Guests/Staff Present: Dingle, Dr. Steven; Jacober, Kris; Koch, Mark; Love, Amy; Norris, Benjamin; Preston, Nina.

Introductions were made around the room.

Adoption of Minutes:

Correction to November 13, 2014 minutes: Dr. Kevin Ruegg attended the meeting in person, not via phone as the minutes stated.

Motion: To accept and adopt minutes from November 13, 2014 meeting. **Action:** Approve; **Moved by:** Judge Margaret McCoullough; **Seconded by:** Judge Kathleen Quigley. Motion passed unanimously.

Topic: AZDHS – Behavioral Health Services Update

Speaker: Dr. Steven Dingle, Chief Medical Officer

Summary of Discussion:

Updates

- Contracts outside of Maricopa County have been awarded.
 - Cenpatico in south; known as Cenpatico Integrated Care
 - NARBA in north; known as Health Choice Integrated Care.

- Cenpatico added Pima County.
- NARBA added Gila County.
- If anyone wants to read the responses to case scenarios-send Dr. Dingle an email and he will send the link or pdf.
- The children's system is expected to remain the same, except for a few exceptions:
 - Health Choice has guaranteed that children who are involved in the corrections system will be assigned intensive care coordinating case management and case managers.
- In Maricopa County, the work with Mercy Maricopa continues. It is a work in progress. If anyone is experiencing issues, contact Dr. Dingle directly.
- DBHS is partnering with AHCCCS to look carefully at major initiatives over the next few months.
 - Initiative 1: Develop very clear expectations in the form of contract and regulation language to amplify the services; the assessment of children in the foster care system.
 - Initiative 2: Committed to developing a comprehensive approach to children with autism.

Q & A followed.

Topic: Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation (AFFCF)

Speaker: Judge Ben Norris (ret.) & Kris Jacober, AFFCF Executive Director

Summary of Discussion:

Handout provided

Ben Norris

- AFFCF is a 501(c)(3) that tries to fill the funding/allowance gaps for children in foster care.
- AFFCF provides funding for social, athletic and educational activities and items that provide children in foster care with quality experiences while they live through very difficult circumstances.
- Tax credit: Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation will accept donations in any amount. State tax credit allowances are as follows:
 - \$400 – Single Filer
 - \$800 – Married Filer
- AFFCF funds awards for items and activities such as apartment set ups for youth aging out of foster care, bicycles, summer camp, class photos, gymnastics, karate, music or swimming lessons, special event clothing, graduation expenses, instrument rentals, optical expenses, school field trips, sports registration, tutoring services and post-secondary scholarships.
- AFFCF's goal is to expand. Right now they serve about 12% of kids in foster care; they want to grow that number to 30% in the next three years.

- AFFCF is looking for feedback from judges and other members in the community on what children in foster care need that AFFCF is not currently providing.

Kris Jacober

- AFFCF is 30 years old.
- Briefly covered the application process.
- If requests fall within guidelines, the request will not be denied.
- AFFCF is equipped to serve all foster children in all counties; however, there are still some counties that do not take advantage of AFFCF's service. They encouraged all to help spread the word about AFFCF.

Discussion followed

Topic: Department of Child Services Overview/Update - **CANCELLED**

Topic: Parent Representation Standards (Action item)

Speaker: Hon. Brenda Oldham, Pinal County Juvenile Judge

Summary of Discussion:

Handout distributed

Judge Oldham explained the process the Parent Representation Standards has gone through.

Discussion followed

Motion: For COJC to approve the Parent Representation Standards as best practices guidelines to be used in attorney training and forward them to the AJC to consider supporting their implementation as Standards through an Administrative Order by the Chief Justice and support filing a rule petition to have them subsequently implemented through Court Rule. **Action:** Approve; **Moved by:** Judge Brenda Oldham; **Seconded by:** Judge Lee Jantzen. The motion received a majority vote, so the motion passes. (1 abstained)

Topic: Legislative Update

Speaker: Amy Love, AOC Legislative Liaison

Summary of Discussion:

Two handouts were distributed and discussed.

Topic: Detention Standards

Speaker: Mark Koch, JJSD Detention Specialist & Nina Preston, AOC Legal Counsel

Summary of Discussion:

Presenting on the report from the Detention Advisory Committee on the Juvenile Detention Standards.

Mark Koch provided update-

- Assigned in 2012 authorizing the Advisory Committee to look at the Juvenile Detention Standards.
- The directive outlines seven basic objectives that they need to achieve.
- The committee looked at and established a record retention schedule for detention records.
- A section on law enforcement access to juveniles while detained and a glossary was developed and will be added to the detention standards.
- The committee also revised the strip search policies to provide the counties more direction.
- The committee also looked at integrating PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act), which was a time consuming effort. It effected many sections in the standards.
- Staffing ratio and academic and health services were also reviewed, based on responses they were getting during the ops review while in the field.
- The committee first met November 2012. They then broke into work groups and reported back to the committee. The committee finished their work about July 2014 and approved the report being issued. The report was first submitted in JAM, in August 2014. In October, they asked for feedback and comments from the directors. They are now presenting the report to COJC for review and comments. It will then go to Dave Byers.

Nina Preston provided update:

- Nina served as legal staff to the committee. She also worked closely with several of the workgroups.
- The education standards, for the most part, have been removed. The Juvenile Justice Services Division discovered, during operational reviews, that many of the requirements were the responsibility of the county school superintendent as opposed to the detention school. The requirements that were in the standards were put into the intergovernmental agreements for education.

Discussion followed

Topic: Governor's Budget Proposal ADJC Information and Discussion

Speaker: Joe Kelroy, Director, Juvenile Justice Services Division

Summary of Discussion:

Three handouts were distributed and discussed.

Topic: Transferred Youth Housing-Jail versus Detention

Speaker: Judge Cahill, Joe Kelroy, & David Withey

Summary of Discussion:

One handout was distributed and discussed

Topic: New/Old Business

Speaker: Members

Summary of Discussion:

Judge Peter Cahill (Gila) – Provided Gault Plus 50 program update.

Judge Colleen McNally (Maricopa) - Discussed partnership with ASU Law School. Expanding to a domestic violence clinic onsite at juvenile. Working with DCS to help parents who need to get orders of protection to avoid dependency.

Judge Kathleen Quigley (Pima) – Pima is working on their empty bed space issue within their juvenile detention center. They have a capacity of 300 beds and a census today of 44. They worked out an intergovernmental agreement with the sheriff. The county administrator decided it should become a bond issue (\$5 million to convert the space for sight/sound separation). Ron Overholt being replaced by Tina Madison.

Next COJC Meeting:

The next COJC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 14, 2015 at the Arizona Courts Building, Rooms 119A/B.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

