

Committee on Juvenile Courts

Committee Minutes

Meeting Date: May 12, 2016

The meeting was called to order by
Judge McNally at 10:04 am

Minutes taken by: Natalie Foster

Roll Call

Present: Chambers, Honorable Bryan (proxy for Honorable Timothy Wright); Corsaro, Honorable Kimberly; Grissom, Elaine (proxy for Honorable Lee Jantzen); Kelroy, Joe; Lantt-Owens, Caroline; McCullough, Honorable Margaret (phone); McNally, Honorable Colleen (Chair); Meaux, Eric; Mabery, Scott; Oldham, Honorable Brenda; Perez, Jr., Martin (phone); Perkins, Honorable, C. Allan; Quigley, Honorable Kathleen; Reeves, Honorable Mark Wayne (phone); Ross, Tyson (proxy for Honorable Samuel Vederman; Ruechel, Honorable Michala; Sanders, Honorable Corey (phone);Schow, John;; Tickle, Sheila; Jantzen, Honorable Lee

Excused/Absent: Elledge, Honorable Karl; Jantzen, Honorable Lee; Koch, Connie; Stauffer, Honorable Monica; Vederman, Honorable Samuel; Wright, Honorable Timothy; Young, Honorable Anna

Guests/Staff Present: Arrigo, Meghan; Carpenter, Breanna; Guffey, Katherine; Love, Amy; Park, Dr. Sara; Preston, Nina; Redpath, David; Rosenberg, Beth; Salek, Dr. Sara;

Introductions were made around the room.

Adoption of Minutes:

Motion: To accept and adopt minutes from the February 11, 2016 meeting. **Action:** Approve;
Moved by: Eric Meaux; **Seconded by:** Honorable Kathleen Quigley.
Motion passed unanimously.

Topic: Medicaid Service Delivery Discussion

Speaker: Dr. Sara Park, CMPD Associate Medical Director, DCS; Dr. Sara Salek, Chief Medical Officer, AHCCCS (handout)

Summary of Discussion:

Presented a PowerPoint presentation to the committee and reviewed handout.

AHCCCS Overview

- Largest insurer in the state with 1,833,152 member covered as of 5/1/16.
- \$12.0 billion program.
- Mandatory managed care with few exceptions.

- Covers over 50% of all births
- ~74% federally funded

CMDP Overview

- CMDP is part of the Department of Child Safety.
- To maximize federal funding, CMDP operates as an acute care health plan under contract with AHCCCS, for children who are determined Medicaid eligible.
- Non-Medicaid eligible children are provided the same services by CMDP, with State of Arizona funding.
- CMDP provides full coverage of medical and dental care to children placed in out-of-home care.

KidsCare Update

- System changes already underway.
- Health-e-Arizona Plus (HEAplus) will begin accepting KidsCare applications 7/26 for coverage effective 9/1.
- Families can apply online through HEAplus, with an application assister like Keough, on the phone or through a DES office.
- Families choose a health plan, as usual, and kids will access the full EPSDT benefit.

Q&A opportunity

Topic: Fostering Advocates Arizona

Speaker: Meghan Arrigo, Associate Director of Child Welfare Policy, Children's Action Alliance; Breanna Carpenter, Member, FAAZ Young Adult Leadership Board

Summary of Discussion:

Four handouts distributed and reviewed.

Fostering Advocates Arizona (FAAZ), which is based within Children's Action Alliance, works to connect young adults leaving foster care to vital networks, resources and supports. The work is guided by a Young Adult Leadership Board, which is a group of young people (ages 14 to 26) who have experienced the foster care system. This initiative was launched about 3 ½ years ago in partnership with the national Jim Casey/Annie E Casey Foundation. It is a twenty state initiative. The groups top priority issues are:

- Normal adolescent experiences
- Enhanced screening and matching process for foster care placements
- A strong relationship with Department of Child Safety Case Specialists
- Permanent placements with a family as a case plan priority
- Consistent access and enrollment in health care

Recommendations are listed in the Fostering Advocates Arizona handout.

The following handouts were reviewed with the committee: Aging Out of Foster Care? Now What?, 2015 Year End Review, and Have You Heard?!

All licensed foster parents and group home staff must go through 3.5 hours, in person, Reasonable and Prudent Parenting Training.

Brittany Hunter, a member of the Young Adult Leadership Board was introduced and told her personal story to the committee. She also went into more details about the priorities and recommendations the group developed and that are listed in the handout.

Topic: Juvenile Justice in Arizona: The Fiscal Foundations of Effective Policy

Speaker: Beth Rosenberg, Director of Child Welfare & Juvenile Justice, Children's Action Alliance

Summary of Discussion:

Handout/report distributed to the committee and discussed.

The report presented was released January 2016. Children's Action Alliance partnered with Morrison Institute for Public Policy at ASU to put this report together.

The number kids that have come into Department of Juvenile Corrections (DJC) have gone down year over year. Refer to handout for statistics.

Topic: 6-115 Records Retention (Action Item)

Speaker: David Redpath, JJSD Program Manager, AOC

Summary of Discussion:

Handout distributed and reviewed with the committee. The Committee on Probation approved the schedule, as written, on April 8 and the Committee on Superior Courts approved the schedule, as written, on May 6.

Request for motion was made.

Motion: To approve 6-115: Probation Records Retention Schedule as written. **Action:** Approve;

Moved by: Scott Mabery; **Seconded by:** John Schow.

Motion passed unanimously.

Topic: Overview of DCS Documents and Tools (handouts)

Speaker: Katherine Guffey, Chief Quality Improvement Office, DCS

Summary of Discussion:

Handouts distributed and reviews: Arizona Department of Child Safety Hotline Report Decision Tool, Comprehensive Child Safety and Risk Assessment, Assessing Present and Future Risk of Harm, Practice Guidelines: Drug Testing, Department of Child Safety: Supervisory case

Progress, Review-Investigations, Department of Child Safety: Administrative Case Record Review-Investigations, Department of Child Safety: Supervisory Case Progress Review-Ongoing, Department of Child Safety: Administrative Case Record Review-Ongoing, and Practice Guidelines: Parenting Time (Visitation) – Part 1 Preparations for Success.

Q & A opportunity.

These new tools are being provided to the training manager of the Child Welfare Training Institute. Training to other employees is available by Webinar. More implementation needs to be developed in order to spread the guidelines/tools to all employees.

Topic: Legislative Update

Speaker: Amy Love, Legislative Liaison, AOC

Summary of Discussion:

Handout distributed during meeting and reviewed with the committee.

Note: Once the legislature adjourns for the year, the Governor has 10 days to act on any piece of legislation that is sent to his desk. During the session, he has 5 days to sign.

Budget update

Since 2012, the Juvenile Probation Services Fund has been under attack. This year, \$3.6 million was taken from the fund. The AOC was successful in getting the sweep taken from \$6 million to \$5 million. The CASA was swept \$500,000. Adult Probation got additional money for growth.

Note: Bill 1308 also passed, but wasn't listed on the handout.

Q & A opportunity.

Topic: Status Report regarding R-16-0025, Petition to Amend Rules 19, 30, 45 and 47, Rules of Procedure for the Juvenile Court (handout)

Speaker: Nina Preston, Assistant Counsel, AOC Legal Services

Summary of Discussion:

Handout discussed.

The AOC filed a petition in January 2016 which they hoped would address some issues regarding delinquency and dependency records and some problems that have come to the AOC's attention last year. They requested a modified comment period because they wanted to get input from the field. There were two rounds of comments, which close May 20th. As of today, one comment has come in. Dave Byers' reply is due June 30.

AOC Legal Services is seeking input from the committee for any additional input/comment.

Topic: Safe Reduction Update

Speaker: Judge McNally

Summary of Discussion:

The Stakeholders Workgroup is comprised of behavioral health, providers, community members, education, etc. Currently, each group is developing action plans on what each group is going to do.

The attorneys group has done a pilot mediation, looking at things that have already been done in Pima County.

The judges workgroup has come up with some broad issues to work on like front end improvements. They are looking at how they can do a better job of giving notice to families early on. They currently do not give any notice until the petition is filed. DCS is trying to move towards having team decision making meetings before they make the removal decision. The judge's group is working with DCS on that recommendation. They have also been reviewing the CFSR to look at whether they can use their preliminary protective hearings in a different way.

The group is also looking at the possibility of a secured portal so DCS can provide reports to the court. In order to get information out the group is trying to develop court orders that would be issued from the court room, instead of the orders being contained within the minute entries.

Juvenile probation is working with family involvement centers to work with parents involved in delinquencies. The group is going to see if they can use that same model and resource for parents in dependency.

Another collaborative with DCS is the expansion of Maricopa's treatment court. This is modeled after Pima's program.

The Family Engagement sub group has already helped Maricopa change their description of visitation to parenting time and they are recommending there be training for all the stakeholders on what quality parenting time should look like. The group is also recommending looking at parent partners to help people get through the system.

The Consistent Decision Making sub group has been looking at policies within the Department and trying to help them see whether their policies are consistent internally.

Target Services is a sub group that is focused on improving the assessments so the court doesn't get case plans that all look the same. The DCS Director and Judge McNally recently asked the Target Services group look at the large number of placements that are disrupting and what can be done through behavioral health interventions to support placements.

The Community Engagement subgroup has identified high zip codes in the community that have a high rate of removal. These zip codes also have a high rate of delinquency. The group is engaging with community leaders in the high risk zip codes to see how they can help with prevention and support families and kids within their communities.

Topic: Old Business

- Parent Representation Rule Petition (possible action item) (handouts)

Speaker: Judge McNally

Summary of Discussion:

There may be a need to have a phone meeting with this committee prior to the expiration of the time for comment because there may be some new replies that come out on the Parent Representation Rule Petition.

Topic: Around the State/Upcoming Training

Speaker: Members

Summary of Discussion:

Judge Kim Corsaro (Santa Cruz) -Santa Cruz has been working on resolving some border issues with Mexico.

Director Joe Kelroy (JJSD) -Last week Kids at Hope had a Masters Institute. There were over 140 attendees, with eight states represented. The Detention Standards Workgroup has reconvened. The committee is hoping to move forward and have an aggressive goal to have a document everyone can agree on by the end of summer. They will be presenting to COJC in the fall. JJSD is finishing up 7 or 8 training sessions on trauma informed care, which were well attended.

Director Caroline Lutt (DCSD) - SURGE-\$3 million package was approved. DCSD will get a packet out to all counties next week. The packet will lay out the guidelines and total dollar amount for each county. The \$3 million will be distributed to those counties that decide to opt-in. The money will be based on the number of children you have in your system as of a specific date (January 1, 2016). The counties will then be asked to submit DCSD with a plan on how that county expects to use the money granted. The plan also has to include accountability for how the county will measure success. The Surge is a one-time appropriation, but a two year funding cycle. It is important for each county to use to carefully think through their plan so that the money is used to move cases to permanency. Any money not used after the two year cycle will revert back to the General Fund.

Mr. Scott Mabery (Juv. Court Director, Yavapai) -Yavapai has a Juvenile Court Institute put on once or twice a year. They bring volunteers in and run them through a ten week course. Once they finish, they can volunteer in Yavapai court. Yavapai received additional funding for more alternatives to detention. They will be implementing a home detention program, with dedicated detention officers. They also received funding for the Hope Assessment Center. Yavapai wrapped up the Nursery Rhymes project which raised awareness for human and sex trafficking. Eight police departments around the states are using the video. The governor has put it up on his website and John McCain has been speaking out on social media about it. The Nursery Rhymes and Daddies video can also be found on YouTube.

Mr. Eric Meaux (Juv. Court Director, Maricopa) -Maricopa has had a big push, training wise, to support evidence based best practices training. They had 260 staff over four weeks that received two days of comprehensive training around best practices.

Judge Brenda Oldham (Pinal) – Pinal County had their first screening and they will have their first court session with the families that have been accepted into Pinal’s Best for Babies Court.

Judge Kathleen Quigley (Pima) – Judge Quigley stated that it has been great working with Santa Cruz on transnational families. They had one large training that went well. Judge Quigley is the co-chair for the state ICWA sub-committee. The Casey Foundation attended their last committee meeting and they are going to setup a state and tribal round table for conversations between state and tribal judges, particularly in the dependency area. The ICWA guide from Michigan was redrafted for Arizona to follow. It’s a practice model for DCSD workers, judges, attorneys, CASAs, or anyone involved in ICWA cases. With the permission of AOC, the group bought their own website, AZICWA.com and AZICWA.org, to place the guide there, along with anything else ICWA related. This will be a living document. ICWA training and webinars through Court Improvement projects will also be found on these websites. The Dependency Alternative Program (DAP) program is going well. So far the program has kept 40 families from the dependency system.

Judge Mark Wayne Reeves (Yuma) -Judge Reeves sat on a panel at Kids at Hope Masters Institute. Yuma kicked off Success Court. They started with a pilot program of 15 kids. This is the first phase, which comes from the Kids at Hope model. They will be adding ethics, humanities, art, music, and theater. Judge Reeve’s first appearance will be June 7 from 5:30pm – 7:30pm so they can get parent participation.

Mr. John Schow (Juvenile Court Director, Pima) -Pima is moving forward with their assessment center. DVAC services is moving into the assessment center. They are also serving status offender kids that are being physically referred. Physically referred youth that come into detention intake but don’t meet points will be walked over to the assessment center. They will wait for their parents to pick them up there. If the case is eligible for diversion, they can move forward with their diversion interview right there. In some cases, the child could go home on a diversion contract. The normal process is the kids and family would come back to the court 30 to 45 days later for an interview. Some of those cases still require going to the County Attorney for a petition. Those cases would still be interview within the timeframe. If they are going to have a petition, then it will be filed much sooner. The assessment center update is scheduled to open around August 1. It will have a Kids at Hope type theme. Pima Juvenile Court has also been engaging with Rick Miller for additional trainings. In September, they are bringing Rick Miller back to do the Science, Soul and Culture of Hope. Two hundred fifty people from the community and court will be invited. They are moving forward with CYPM project.

Ms. Sheila Tickle (Public Member, Maricopa) -Expansion of community coordination. Back in 2012, they started the Cradle to Crayons program and implemented community coordinators for cases for children zero to age 3. They have been looking at the cases the coordinators have been involved in and the barriers they have been able to address. They have seen a benefit of the community coordinators in those cases. Due to the success, they are going to be expanding the use of community coordination to children of any age group. They are also thinking of expanding those services to their juvenile delinquency cases. They will start training and look forward to reporting back to the committee those outcomes.

Judge Timothy Wright (Gila) – Judge Chambers (proxy) -They had several different periods whereas within a few days they had no juveniles detained.

Call to Public:

No response

Next COJC Meeting:

The next COJC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 25, 2016 at the Arizona Courts Building, Rooms 119A/B.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 1:42p.m.