



Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2015

9:00

Department of Health State Laboratory
250 N. 17th Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

A meeting of the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission (Commission) convened on February 26, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at 1700 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. Present and absent were the following members of the Commission.

Members Present

Cindi Nannetti, Vice-Chair
Robert Brutinel
Alice Bustillo
Helen Gándara
Dan Goldfine
Joseph Grossman
Jane Kallal

Joseph Kelroy
Nancy Landry
James Molina
Leslie Quinn
Dennis Pickering
Robert Thomas
Myrtle Young

Members Absent

Heather Carter
Rob Lubitz
Vada Jo Phelps
Shaun Rieve

Christina Schopen
Marilyn Seymann

Staff and Guests Present

Debbie Moak
Sonya Pierce-Johnson
John Raeder
Steve Selover

Celena Angstead
John Crabtree
Dany Hernandez
Angie Lopez
Dona Marie Markley
Jennifer Ortiz
Bob Shogren
Dorothy Wodraska

A. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Cindi Nannetti called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

B. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Nannetti requested introductions by all present. She introduced, Debbie Moak, the new director of the Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families (GOCYF).

Ms. Nannetti also announced several commissioners have resigned during the time since the last Commission meeting, including Chair, Judge Cecil Patterson, Tom Pickrell, Nancy Landry, Charles Flanagan and Chad Campbell. Ms. Nannetti recognized the former members for their years of service and dedication to the Commission.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Joseph Grossman moved to approve the November 20, 2014 minutes. Mr. James Molina seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

D. PLANNING MEETING INTRODUCTION

Mr. John Raeder announced that this meeting will represent the Commission's annual planning meeting, required by federal regulations. Mr. Raeder acknowledged that this is a time of transition for the Commission, with upcoming changes in membership, GOCYF mission and vision and potentially the Core Requirements. Mr. Raeder advised the goal of this meeting is to reaffirm and, if necessary, prioritize key focus areas to serve as a framework in which to input specific strategies and measureable objectives in the near future.

E. JUVENILE DETENTION ALTERNATIVES INITIATIVE

Ms. Angie Lopez and Ms. Jennifer Ortiz from the Administrative Office of Courts presented on the progress of the Juvenile Detentions Alternative Initiative (JDAI) in Arizona. Ms. Lopez advised seven counties are now designated as JDAI sites, including the recent induction of Yuma and Santa Cruz counties. The presenters provided an update on the implementation progress of the program, which can take many months or longer due to the dependence on cultural shifts and complete buy-in from local leadership.

JDAI utilizes data-driven information to expedite reform with localities monitoring effectiveness on a routine basis. Ms. Lopez, Ms. Ortiz and her fellow presenters, including Ms. Celena Angstead from Pinal County and Ms. Dany Hernandez from Cochise County, pointed to the successes of JDAI efforts to reduce youth involvement in the juvenile justice system, which included a 32% reduction in admissions to confinement and a 36% decrease in commitments to juvenile corrections compared to a 17% reduction in both categories for non-JDAI counties. In addition, some sites have opened reception centers and alternative placements, including a facility in Pinal County that houses low-level offending youth temporarily, while support staff provides services and family outreach rather than utilizing detention as a staging area pending parent contact.

Priorities for the upcoming year include receiving validation for the Statewide Detention Admission Tool, hosting the 2015 national conference, planning 2016 statewide conference and to continue sustainability through promoting expansion and alternatives.

F. ARIZONA COMPLIANCE DATA REPORT

Mr. Steve Selover provided a presentation on the Arizona Compliance Data for 2014. Mr. Selover advised that compliance violations of the core requirements have remained close to the previous year's totals. The state incurred one Separation violation; however, this was an isolated incident, which will be addressed in the upcoming Annual Compliance Report. Mr. Selover also provided recommended strategies for further decreasing compliance violations that he and the commission will address in the upcoming months.

G. 2015 ARIZONA JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION PLANNING SESSION

Mr. Bob Shogren facilitated the annual planning exercise to continue the work conducted during the previous year's strategic planning session. The objective of this session was to further select and establish the Commission's vision and priorities, created in 2014. Mr. Shogren led the commissioners through a discussion of the Commission's mission statement and focus areas, prompting input from members to modify them as needed.

Throughout the exercise, commissioners discussed their role to assist the state's efforts to support positive outcomes for youth. This feedback was documented and will be revisited during the next meeting in a comprehensive report. The report will outline the goals of the Commission moving forward and provide recommendations for committees and their assigned tasks. It is expected the following meeting will be devoted to producing concrete action steps that will guide the Commission's work moving forward.

H. CLOSING REMARKS

Mr. Raeder thanked the commissioners and the presenters for their participation. Mr. Raeder stated that he believes today's activity was conducive in moving the Commission to a more active and prominent statewide role in addressing juvenile justice and child abuse.

I. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

The public did not respond to the call.

J. ADJOURN

Ms. Nannetti adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m.