



Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission Systems Improvement Committee Meeting Minutes

March 31, 2016
1:00 p.m.
Executive Tower
1700 West Washington Street, Suite 230
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

A meeting of the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission (AJJC) Systems Improvement Committee convened on March 31, 2016 at the Executive Tower, 1700 W. Washington Street, Suite 230, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. Notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members:

Members Present

Christina Schopen, Chair
Joseph Grossman
Alice Levesque
Dottie Wodraska

Staff/Guests Present

Myriah Mhoon, GOYFF
Steve Selover, GOYFF
David Redpath, AOC

Members Absent

Cindy Nannetti
Joseph Kelroy
Jane Kallal
Jason Holmberg
James Beene

A. Call to Order

Ms. Christina Schopen called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

B. Welcome/Introductions

Ms. Schopen requested introductions by all present.

C. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Schopen requested a motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes as stated. Ms. Dottie Wodraska moved to approve. Mr. Joseph Grossman seconded. Motion carried.

D. Review Committee Objectives – Next Steps

Ms. Schopen opened the discussion by addressing the updating of the statewide information sharing guide. After some clarification, it was determined that a revised copy of the guide should be produced to reflect changes in state agencies, statutes, and rules. Committee members will each review the current information sharing guide and determine which other state agencies should provide feedback. In addition, the Committee will attempt solicit assistance from crossover youth expert Shay Bilchek to provide input on federal laws governing information sharing.

Ms. Schopen requested input regarding the support of best practice disciplinary procedures. Ms. Dottie Wodraska provided data that illustrated the increased risk for justice involvement

of children who do not receive a high school diploma, especially for minority youth. Ms. Wodraska also presented handouts developed by the Maricopa County Education Service Agency (MCESA) that outlined a strategic plan for implementing new disciplinary policies and described how these best practices could improve outcomes. Committee members discussed the Commission's role in possibly supporting best practice policies over a zero-tolerance system. The consensus reached was to support a standard model shown to achieve better outcomes for school age youth. While mandating these policies is unrealistic, it was envisioned that an endorsement by the Commission would encourage various school districts' buy-in. Mr. Grossman suggested the Committee produce a similar data sheet illustrating the make-up and outcomes of justice involved students in Arizona. Such information could help explain the issue to stakeholders and policy makers. Ms. Wodraska stated that she would send staff a different data alpha graphic that could be more easily replicated in Arizona.

E. Technical Assistance and Membership Recruitment

Committee members did not identify additional technical assistance needed at this time.

F. Future Meeting Dates

Ms. Schopen advised that the Committee will report progress to date to the AJJC during the next meeting on June 2. The next System Improvement Committee meeting will be held after the Commission meeting.

G. Adjourn

Ms. Schopen adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.