



Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2016

9:30 AM

1700 West Washington Street, Suite 200
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

A meeting of the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission (Commission) convened on March 3, 2016 at 9:33 a.m. at 1700 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. Present and absent were the following members of the Commission:

Members Present

Cindi Nannetti, Chair	Robert Thomas
Marilyn Seymann, Vice-Chair	Vada Phelps
Leslie Quinn	Jane Kallal
Don Walker	Jason Holmberg
Dorothy Wodraska	James Molina
Mindy Flannery	Alice Levesque
Debra Olsen	James Beene
Dennis Pickering	Gregory McKay
Joseph Grossman	Shawn Cox
Christina Schopen	
Helen Gándara	

Members Absent

Heather Carter	Rob Lubitz
Robert Brutinel	Jose Gonzales
Tom Callahan	Myrtle Young
Dan Goldfine	Shaun Rieve
Joseph Kelroy	

Staff and Guests Present

Myriah Mhoon	Kayleigh Larkins
Sonya Pierce-Johnson	Laura Burmeister
Steve Selover	Carol Neylan
Jennifer Luke	Cathleen Penkoff
John Reader	Tonya Brown

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Cindi Nannetti called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

B. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Nannetti requested introductions by all present. New members were introduced: Judge James Beene and Ms. Shawn Cox.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Vada Phelps motioned to approve the minutes as stated. Ms. Christina Schopen seconded. Motion approved.

D. CHILDREN'S JUSTICE ACT GRANT UPDATE

Arizona Child & Family Advocacy Network

Ms. Sonya Pierce-Johnson provided a summary of services the Arizona Child and Family Advocacy Network (ACFAN) coordinator provides in various counties in Arizona. The Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family (GOYFF) has extended their contract with ACFAN to December 31, 2016 to continue working to establish multi-disciplinary teams (MDTs) in each county and to establish or update child abuse investigative protocols.

Prevent Child Abuse Arizona

Mr. Steve Selover advised that Prevent Child Abuse Arizona (PCAAZ) will be adding a Basic Forensic Interview Training component in their Children's Justice Training catalog targeted to Department of Child Safety (DCS) workers as part of their initial training. The training will also be available to law enforcement and other agencies to encourage greater collaboration and reporting between entities.

E. JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANT

Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections

Ms. Pierce-Johnson advised that the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections (ADJC) has proposed a series of trainings for staff under the available state-retained Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG). Per the Commission's request, Ms. Pierce-Johnson will ensure that any training funded under JABG is certified as evidence based.

Arizona Administrative Office of the Courts

Ms. Pierce-Johnson advised that the Arizona Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) has submitted a proposal for JABG funding to provide trauma informed care training to detention staff and youth service providers. Ms. Pierce-Johnson advised that both potential subgrantees will provide performance measures if awarded and that a ten percent match will be required. It was also suggested by Mr. Joseph Grossman that members of the Commission should be involved in reviewing future JABG funded programs' outcomes to determine whether the funding is used efficiently.

F. AJJC BUDGET

Mr. Selover reported on the current Commission budget, totaling approximately \$53,000. These funds are available for Commission related activities, travel, training and membership dues. Ms. Kayleigh Larkins advised that approximately \$13,000 of these funds will expire on September 30, 2016. Mr. Selover advised the process for accessing these funds will include a vote to approve spending by the Commission, and an approval of a purchase order by the GOYFF director and the Governor's Accounting Office.

G. JUVENILE JUSTICE WEBSITE

Mr. Selover presented a preview of the new juvenile justice website. This website will be maintained by the GOYFF and will be launched sometime during the upcoming weeks. Mr. Sam Burba advised that the GOYFF will have a landing website that will post open funding solicitations from all GOYFF issue areas. However, the juvenile justice website grants page will contain only juvenile justice and children's justice related opportunities.

H. AJJC COMMITTEE PLANNING

The chairs of the Commission's committees reported out on their draft objectives. The Child Welfare Committee objectives included:

- Establish an interagency council (IAC) (in at least one county)
- Expand trauma-informed care training
- Expand first responder training (to allow greater number of workers trained who conduct an initial investigation)

The DMC/Compliance Committee objectives included:

- Promote use of timely and relevant data at local level for juvenile justice requirements
- Identify and work with stakeholders in local jurisdictions to assess initiatives to reduce DMC where it exists
- Develop web-based JJDPa compliance training for law enforcement
- Work with AZPOST to revise and update juvenile training as needed

The Systems Improvement Committee objectives included:

- Update the state Information Sharing Guide
- Issue recommendations for school districts that support best practice student disciplinary procedures
- Support a community behavioral health education event

The Outreach and Awareness Committee did not hold a meeting to discuss objectives. The commissioners provided input to the Committee chair to help guide potential ways this committee could support the other work conducted by the Commission. After ideas were shared, Ms. Phelps stated she has a better understanding of the work appropriate for the Outreach Committee.

The Planning and Grants Committee will participate in the grant review process and recommend sound proposals that are in line with Commission priorities.

I. Call to the Public

Ms. Tonya Brown stated that a high number of children are removed from their homes each month and asked, "where is the voice for those children?". Ms. Nannetti responded with a brief explanation of how grant funding may be utilized to address the stated concerns.

Ms. Cathleen Penkoff from the American Institute for Research informed the commission about the training and technical assistance that the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Center for Coordinated Assistance to States has to offer.

J. Adjournment

Mr. Joseph Grossman motioned for adjournment of the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission meeting. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.