



**Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission
DMC/Compliance Committee
Meeting Minutes**

**April 1, 2016
9:00 a.m.
Executive Tower
1700 West Washington Street, Suite 230
Phoenix, Arizona 85007**

A meeting of the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission (AJJC) DMC/Compliance Committee convened on April 1, 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	
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Helen Gandara, Chair	Joseph Kelroy
Alice Levesque	
Don Walker	

Staff/Guests Present	Members Absent
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Steve Selover, GOYFF	Dennis Pickering Robert Thomas
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A. Call to Order

Ms. Helen Gandara called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

B. Welcome/Introductions

Ms. Gandara requested introductions by all present.

C. Minutes Approval

Ms. Gandara requested a motion to approve minutes from the previous meeting. Ms. Alice Levesque moved to approve the minutes as stated. Mr. Joseph Kelroy seconded. Motion carried.

D. Committee Objectives – Next Steps

Ms. Gandara opened the discussion of the Committee's objectives with a discussion of the Commission's role in addressing disproportionate minority contact (DMC). Members conceded that there are various efforts taking place to address DMC, especially in Pima County. In addition, the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) is addressing procedures that impact DMC, e.g., utilizing best practice standards for screening at detention intake. Ms. Gandara noted that while county-level DMC data is available, local data (i.e., city, town, community) would allow stakeholders to take ownership and may be more likely to devote more resources to address the problem. Mr. Kelroy stated that a lack of available resources makes it more difficult for decision makers (i.e., judges, police, probation) to utilize an alternative to detention. Mr. Kelroy advised that this committee

should present to the JDAI advisory group to solicit input from county representatives on how the DMC/Compliance Committee can obtain local data. Committee members agreed that this is a good first step in researching how this committee can move forward in determining what interventions and strategies are needed to reduce DMC around the state.

Ms. Gandara asked Mr. Steve Selover when he recommended the Committee focus on the development of a training video for police officers. Mr. Selover advised the Committee put this project off until after June 30 due to the upcoming data reports that will be due to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Ms. Gandara asked the Committee to consider how it will work with AZPOST to update juvenile operations training for new law enforcement officers. Mr. Kelroy and Mr. Selover referred to a Tucson police officer who supports updating the new officer training. Mr. Selover will contact the officer and gather more information on the type of training that is needed and whether training that takes place in Tucson could be used as a template for AZPOST. Ms. Gandara will research what AZPOST currently teaches to evaluate what, if any, revisions should be made.

E. Technical Assistance and Membership Recruitment

Mr. Kelroy stated that staff from AOC may be available to join as official members of the DMC/Compliance Committee pending the GOYFF director. Members agreed that as more information is gained on how to address the Committee's initiatives, it will be more easily understood what type of technical assistance is needed.

F. Future Meeting Dates

Ms. Gandara advised that this body should reconvene soon after the JDAI advisory meeting to discuss information gathered at the advisory committee meeting and to plan next steps prior to the AJJC meeting taking place June 2.

G. Adjournment

Ms. Gandara adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.