



**Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission  
Systems Improvement Committee  
Meeting Notes**

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**August 14, 2014**

**9:30 a.m.**

**1700 West Washington Street, Suite 230**

**Phoenix, Arizona 85007**

**Members Present**

Chad Campbell, Committee Chair  
Cindi Nannetti  
Nancy Landry (via phone)  
Marilyn Seymann

**Staff/Guests Present**

Tammy Paz-Combs  
Sonya Pierce-Johnson  
John Raeder  
Steve Selover

**Members Absent**

Alice Bustillo  
Joseph Grossman  
Dennis Pickering  
Chris Schopen

**A. Welcome/Introductions**

Ms. Cindi Nannetti requested introductions by all present.

**B. Arizona Child and Family Advocacy Network (ACFAN) Project Update**

Ms. Tammy Paz-Combs provided an update on the Children's Justice technical assistance contract with the Arizona Child and Family Advocacy Network (ACFAN). She reported that the hiring process for the Coordinator position had been slower than anticipated but that a second set of interviews were held the first week of August and she was waiting to hear from Kathy McLaughlin with ACFAN on the status of a potential hire. Ms. Paz-Combs indicated that she would provide an update at the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission (Commission) meeting on August 21, 2014.

**C. Children's Justice Act Request for Grant Applications (RFGA)**

Ms. Paz-Combs provided an overview of the soon to be released Children's Justice Act Grant Request for Grant Application (RFGA). The RFGA is scheduled to be released on August 21, 2014 with a due date of October 2, 2014. Available funding is approximately \$274,000 with a funding range per application of \$15,000 to \$70,000. Through discussion, it was established that the RFGA would support training for professionals involved in the investigation and prosecution of child abuse and child exploitation cases; the development and on-going operations of child and family advocacy centers in responding to child victims of abuse (case handling, processes for the investigation and prosecution of child abuse); and/or increasing county protocol awareness and strengthening team responsibility for coordinating efforts and best practices through Interagency Councils (IACs) and Multidisciplinary Teams (MDTs). Ms. Paz-Combs indicated that a minimum of two commissioners will be needed for the review process and asked committee members to consider volunteering. Committee Chair Chad Campbell will report on the RFGA at the Commission meeting on August 21, 2014.