

**Juvenile Court Improvement Program Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – December 13, 2021
Via WebEx**

Juvenile & Family Court Programs Division
1133 Chemeketa Street NE, Salem, OR 97301
1:30 PM – 4:00 PM

COMMITTEE MEMBERS			
X	Hon. Lindsay Partridge, Marion County Circuit Court	X	Hon. Eva Temple, Umatilla and Morrow Counties Circuit Court
X	Hon. Rebecca A. Duncan, Oregon Supreme Court	X	Hon. Amy Holmes Hehn, Multnomah County Circuit Court
X	Lacey Andresen, Deputy Director, DHS	X	Kim Keller, Child Permanency Manager, ODHS
X	Mark Hardin, Retired Director, Child Welfare Center on Children & the Law, American Bar Association	X	Daniel Schneider, Training Specialist, Child Welfare Partnership, Center for Improvement of Child & Family Services
X	Darin Mancuso, Foster Care Ombudsman, Governor's Advocacy Office		Jessica Lloyd-Rogers, President, Marion Polk Foster Parent Association, CRB Member
	Gail Schelle, Adoptions Program Manager, DHS	X	Shaney Starr, Oregon Casa Network & Casa of Marion County
X	Greg Montgomery, Lead Data Analyst, BFSD	X	Rebecca Jones Gaston, ODHS Child Welfare Director
X	Amy Miller, Executive Director YRJ	X	Joanne Southey, Deputy Chief Counsel, Civil Enforcement Division, DOJ
X	Tom Maxwell, TCA Douglas County Circuit Court	X	Adam Becenti, Director of the Office of Tribal Affairs, DHS
	Sam Stephens, Former Foster Youth		Timothy Phipps, Morrison Mentor
X	Christine Kamps, ICWA Consultant, Office of Tribal Affairs, DHS	X	Kathy Steiner, ODHS Project Management
X	Jennifer Holman, Reunification Program Manager, ODHS		
INTERESTED PARTIES			
X	Vanessa Timmons, Executive Director, Oregon Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence	X	Shannon Flowers, Interim Juvenile Chief Trial Counsel, OPDS
JFCPD STAFF			
X	Nanci Thaemert, Director, JFCPD	X	Heidi Strauch, Programs Manager, JFCPD
X	Jayne Cooper, ICWA & Model Court Analyst, JFCPD	X	Megan Hassen, Senior Juvenile Law Analyst, JFCPD

X	Amy Benedum, JFCPD Program Analyst	X	Yousef Allouzi, Data Analyst, JFCPD
X	Nikki Hahn, Management Assistant, JFCPD	X	Suzanne Callahan, CRB Field Manager
X	Nella Hogberg, JDIP Analyst		

I. Welcome & Introductions – Hon. Lindsay Partridge

a. **Judge Ostrye leaving the advisory committee**

b. **New Members:**

i. Judge Megan Jacquot, Coos County

ii. Suzanne Callahan, CRB Field Manager

c. **Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (September 13, 2021)** –

Hon. Lindsay Partridge-approved

II. JCIP Staff and Subcommittee Reports

a. **Strategic Plan Subcommittees**

Jayne-Quality of Legal Representation Subcommittee is focusing on four general areas: training education and certification, additional representation resources for attorneys, challenges of applications of attorney standards, ways to improve recruitment and retention.

JCIP-Tribal Collaboration Subcommittee focus is on a range of areas spanning from the need for increased use of trauma informed practices and culturally appropriate practices in court to need for increased training and education across all stakeholders in ICWA cases.

Amy B.-Hearing Quality Workgroup next meeting will be reviewing survey results sent out to courts regarding shelter hearings. Topics have been narrowed down and will be frontloaded, obtain an understanding of court practices and see how it aligns with best practices.

Heidi-Joint JCIP/ODHS Subcommittee general topic area is narrowed down to reducing time to permanency with focus on reunification.

b. **Juvenile Education Team**

Heidi-work on how education and training are presented and made available to judges and court staff. Group consists of JFCPD staff members.

c. **Judicial Engagement and Leadership Initiative (JELI)**

i Expanding JELI’s scope to include delinquency matters

Heidi-JELI Charter has been updated and submitted to Chief for approval.
Judge Holmes Hehn-the need for delinquency matters has been there awhile.
Identifying people who may be a good fit for JDIP.
Nella-spearheading JDIP
Judge Partridge-Legislature funded delinquency portion of JFCPD.

ii JELI Liaison with JCIP Advisory Committee
Judge Holmes Hehn is past chair, Judge Jacquot is chair elect.

d. **Juvenile Data Dashboard**—Yousef Allouzi

Yousef-reviews third quarter stats.

Lacey Andresen-close to being done with improvement plan. Is to write a plan on areas for improvement, one of which is time to perm. Statistics will be helpful.

Judge Holmes Hehn-2020-2021 likely outlier stats, Multnomah didn't hear certain types of cases, which may have impacted stats.

Judge Ostrye-hard to separate out Covid/non-Covid cases

Suzanne Callahan-use data to create polls and was able to improve stats from 2019-2020. Issue for slipping was due to date of recording rather than date of hearing. Has been resolved, stats have improved.

III. Stakeholder Reports (stakeholders who wish to make a report should email Nikki Hahn by one week before the scheduled meeting):

a. CASA—Shaney Starr

Updates CASA statewide, received general fund dollars

b. Foster Care Ombudsman—Darin Mancuso

Sent out a query to resource parents about being heard at court hearings. Received a variety of responses.

Heidi-relationship between resource parent and biological parent have a bearing on the positive outcome of the case.

Judge Partridge-would like Darin to write up summary of messages received from resource parents and will commit to getting that information out to the juvenile judges.

IV. Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) – Yousef Allouzi

a. Adoptions data

Yousef-goal of 59.5% adoptions finalized within 12 months of becoming legally free was surpassed.

Lacey A.-improvement is in part due to recognizing some performance issues and adding two new full-time positions to monitor the data and following cases through.

V. Discussion Topics:

a. Through the Eyes of a Child—Theme for 2022

Amy Miller-support for children returning to school.

Shannon Flowers-discovery management.

Rebecca Jones Gaston-Anything relating to family treatment court. ODHS' efforts around Family First.

Judge Holmes Hehn-challenge is transition from Eyes to MCS. Other jurisdictions who have been successful in progress of child welfare cases.

Shaney Starr-How can CASA best be utilized.

Judge Temple-more effectively engage parents in treatment early on.

Jennifer Holman-leading model court teams.

Joanne Southey-best practice theme, e.g. settlement conferences, domestic violence, culturally appropriate, local model court, family treatment court, emergency removals, and child custodies under ORICWA.

Adam Becenti-tribal subcommittee has been helpful in identifying under-represented groups.

Suzanne Callahan-revitalizing leadership efforts.

Jayne Cooper-reevaluating how risk assessments are made. Improve time to permanency. Family time.

b. JDIP Update—Nella Hogberg

Steering committee meeting on January 11th, may be some changes about which committees direct JDIP. JELI will hopefully be expanding to include delinquency if the amended charter is approved by the Chief. There will be a separate JDIP judges committee, will act as a funnel to the advisory committee. Seeking to add new delinquency judges to committee as well as stakeholders to advisory committee.

Will be adding a delinquency judicial education day at the Through the Eyes of a Child conference in August.

Tentatively planning on holding a multidisciplinary stakeholder education day in September of 2022.

c. JCIP Supplemental Funding (Covid 19) Update—Megan Hassen

Five awards-rural coastal courts, kiosks for remote appearances, improve technical equipment. Next deadline is 1/14/22 for funding applications.

d. JCIP funding requests—Process— Amy Benedum

Gives history of funding applications and guidelines. Recommendations about applications moving forward.

Joanne Southey-would like a subcommittee to determine funding guidelines, which would then be recommended to the advisory committee.

Darin Mancuso-requests that a committee member recuse themselves if their organization stands to benefit from a grant request.

e. Protective Custody Orders—Heidi Strauch

Marion County requested assistance for process in protective custody orders that do not result in petitions being filed.

Judge Ostrye-would rather it be the courts' responsibility to close cases.

Yousef-clarifies the effect on case status of protective custody orders in Odyssey.

Judge Partridge-put together a small group to come up with ideas and solutions to the open protective cases.

f. ODHS status before temporary custody is granted—Heidi Strauch

i Yamhill County

g. New business

VI. Upcoming Events –

- a. **JELI Brown Bags for Judges**—The 3rd Thursday of each month, beginning January 27, 2022 at noon. January's topic: Innovative Strategies and Best Practices for Shelter Hearings, presented by Judge Amy Holmes Hehn

VII. Next Meeting: March 14, 2022; 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.