

**Juvenile Court Improvement Program Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – March 14, 2022
Via WebEx**

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS			
	Hon. Lindsay Partridge, Marion County Circuit Court	X	Hon. Eva Temple, Umatilla and Morrow Counties Circuit Court
	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	X	Jessica Lloyd-Rogers, President, Marion Polk Foster Parent Association, CRB Member
X	Gail Schelle, Adoptions Program Manager, DHS	X	Shaney Starr, Oregon Casa Network & Casa of Marion County
	Greg Montgomery, Lead Data Analyst, BFSD		Rebecca Jones Gaston, ODHS Child Welfare Director
X	Amy Miller, Asst. Deputy Director SCA	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		Kathy Steiner, ODHS Project Management
	Jennifer Holman, Reunification Program Manager, ODHS	X	Maggie Carlson, Staff Counsel, YRJ
X	Whitney Rodgers, PCRCP Case Manager & Former Foster Youth		
INTERESTED PARTIES			
X	Shannon Flowers, Interim Juvenile Chief Trial Counsel, OPDS	X	Radhika Niles, PSU Trainer
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	Yusef Allouzi, Data Analyst, JFCPD
X	Nella Hogberg, Juvenile Delinquency Analyst, JFCPD		Christina Jagernauth, Asst. Director of CRB
X	Nikki Hahn, Management Assistant, JFCPD		

- I. **Welcome & Introductions** – Hon. Amy Holmes Hehn
 Judge Partridge and Judge Love are at the NCJJ Conference.
- a. **New Members:** Whitney Rodgers
 - b. **Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (December 13, 2021)** – Hon. Amy Holmes Hehn

II. **JCIP Staff and Subcommittee Reports**

- a. **Through the Eyes of a Child/Model Court Summit Update**—Jayne Cooper
 Through the Eyes of a Child agenda is just about finalized. Topics are set, working to combine delinquency and dependency sessions on the first day of conference.

 Final stages for Model Court Summit are being worked on. Focusing on supporting Model Court Teams.

 Registration memo will go out in April. Hoping to have a hybrid event.
- b. **Strategic Plan Subcommittees**—Jayne Cooper
 Grant requirements were reviewed, new CIP grant cycle began in September 2021. Big change in the shaping of grant requirements. Requires CIPs to have three distinct projects at minimum in three different areas. JCIP created working subcommittees; quality hearings subcommittee, quality legal representation, joint project between JCIP and ODHS, and JCIP/tribal collaboration. Now in process of planning and developing projects to address improvements through the courts across those four areas.
- c. **Model Court Teams**—Jayne Cooper
 Designed to be a group of stakeholders in Dependency, and some Delinquency, looking at local needs for court improvement.

 JCIP has put together an internal team to work on refreshing how we support teams, especially with how they may implement projects for system improvement.

Joanne Southey: Possibly looking at agendas of Model Court Teams, topics discussed at JCIP AC could be delivered to Model Court Teams to think about bigger picture issues.
- d. **Juvenile Education Team**—Heidi Strauch

Group of staff have been looking at how to make information, training, and resources more accessible. Juvenile court staff lunch and learns have been very successful and great interest shown by court staff.

- e. **Judicial Engagement and Leadership Institute (JELI)**—Judges Temple and Jacquot
Expanded educational outreach to include Juvenile Delinquency.

Heidi Strauch: Looking to Spring Convening 2023.

- f. **Juvenile Data Dashboard**—Yousef Allouzi
Reviews the time to permanency numbers. What improvements can be made to meet the federal standard of 365 days return to parent.

Heidi Strauch: Comments about the annual JCIP conference, children have a different perspective of time than adults, focus on the importance of decreasing the time it takes to return to parent.

It can be challenging to balance how we meet the child’s needs: Bonding between child and biological parents is often a struggle if child is placed with resource parent in a different town, but if that resource parent is a relative that is a priority over placing with a stranger who may live closer. Logistics of travel and visits can become complicated, which adds a challenge for bonding.

Data is tied into the Joint JCIP-ODHS subcommittee.

Jessica Lloyd-Rogers: Suggests change in language of statute to add “reunification”. Fostering relationships between resource parents and biological parents really helps in strengthening the bond between child and biological parents.

Lacey Andresen: ODHS has worked hard in keeping children out of foster care. Prior years have been based on parents completing services. Now focusing on managing safety. Struggles in making that change.

Darin Mancuso: Child attachment to Resource Parents can have a significant impact on the child and other family members. Another perspective when determining “Through the Eyes of a Child.” Utilize the data to perform a clinical autopsy.

Judge Holmes Hehn: Greater success in cases where resource and biological parents can work together. May give parents a lot longer to work reunification plans than statutory timelines suggest. Fear of placing child back in a situation that may not be ready within the statutory timelines.

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

No reports received this quarter.

IV. **Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI)**—Yousef Allouzi

- a. Adoptions data
Shares the first quarter adoption data.

Gail Schelle: Encouraging to see the adoption numbers increase, how can numbers increase for compliance with time to permanency standards?

Judge Holmes Hehn: Culture of courts is changing to expand beyond adoption being the only permanent outcome.

Jayne Cooper: One session of the Eyes Conference is focusing on the change in adoption, including the new permanency plan of tribal customary adoptions.

V. **Discussion Topics:**

- a. **JDIP Update**—Nella Hogberg
First Juvenile Delinquency Improvement Program Advisory Committee met in February, next meeting is end of March. Work is focused on strategic planning, in beginning phases. Looking to incorporate delinquency into the Eyes Conference.
- b. **JCIP funding requests subcommittee**—Amy Benedum
Funding request for a Diversity Conference in Eastern Oregon was approved. JCIP Funding Request Subcommittee has not been revived. Currently, requests go through Amy B. and Jayne C.

Jayne Cooper: Process was followed when approving Eastern Oregon Diversity Conference. Purpose of creating subcommittee would be to determine if there is a further need to bring grant requests to larger group.

Judge Holmes Hehn: Requests volunteers to review grant applications. Joanne Southey and Maggie Carlson will be part of the subcommittee.

- c. **Protective Custody Orders subcommittee**—Megan Hassen
Data was collected for outstanding Protective Custody Orders, sent to DHS for review. Process is being drafted for DOJ to view Protective Custody Orders in e-file. DOJ and DHS in communications. No resolution yet about a statewide process.

Next meeting in April.

Judge Holmes Hehn: List about cases provided was helpful in gauging how many cases had outstanding Protective Custody Orders. More active management for these types of cases would be useful.

Yousef Allouzi: Can add PCO cases to the data dashboard if requested.

Mark Hardin: Maybe have a tickler set up to trigger these case types.

d. **New business**

Megan Hassen's last JCIP AC meeting.

VI. **Upcoming Events –**

- a. **JELI Brown Bags for Judges**—The 4th Thursday of each month

VII. **Next Meeting:** June 13, 2022; 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Hoping to make this meeting hybrid.