

**Juvenile Court Improvement Program Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2019**

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS			
√	Hon. Stephen Forte, Chair, Deschutes County Circuit Court	√	Hon. Lindsay Partridge, Vice Chair, Marion County Circuit Court
	Hon. Don Costello, Chief Judge, Coquille Indian Tribe	√	Hon. Amy Holmes Hehn, Multnomah County Circuit Court
√	Hon. Norm Hill, Polk County Circuit Court		Hon. Karen Ostrye, Hood River County Circuit Court
	Lacey Andresen, Permanency Program Manager, DHS		Mandy Augsburger, President, Marion Polk Foster Parent Association, Foster Parent
√	Mark Hardin		Lauren Kemp, Multnomah County DA's Office
√	Darin Mancuso, Foster Care Ombudsman, Governor's Advocacy Office		Laurie Price, Deputy Director, Child Welfare, DHS
√	Gail Schelle, Adoptions Program Manager, DHS		Karyn Schimmels, Child Welfare Training Manager, DHS
	Daniel Schneider, Training Specialist, Child Welfare Partnership, Center for Improvement of Child & Family Services		Nathan Schwab, Oregon Foster Youth Connection, Former Foster Youth
√	Joanne Southey, Deputy Chief Counsel, Civil Enforcement Division, DOJ		Shaney Starr, Oregon Casa Network & Casa of Marion County
	Liz Wakefield, Deputy General Counsel, Office of Public Defense Services		
INTERESTED PARTIES			
√	Shannon Biteng, DHS		
JFCPD STAFF			
√	Leola McKenzie, Director, JFCPD	√	Kristen Farnworth, Juvenile Law & Policy Counsel, JFCPD
√	Shary Mason, Model Court & Training Analyst, JFCPD/CRB	√	Yousef Allouzi, Data Analyst, JFCPD
√	Conor Wall, Data Analyst, JFCPD	√	Michelle Markson, Management Assistant, JFCPD

I. Welcome & Introductions – Hon. Stephen Forte

Justice Rebecca Duncan, CJO
Kristen Farnworth, Senior Juvenile Law Analyst
Michelle Markson, JFCPD/JCIP Management Assistant

II. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting – Hon. Stephen Forte

Approved.

III. Reports:

a. ICWA Compliance – Shary

Shary reported that the ICWA Compliance Workgroup, initiated by the ICWA Advisory Council, is looking at ways to integrate compliance with the ICWA both into existing child welfare program improvement and judicial requirements such as the ICWA, the federal BIA regulations, ICWA related ORS, etc. Shary represents JCIP on the workgroup. The workgroup has three subgroups: The ICWA State Statute Committee, ICWA Stand Alone Trainings Committee, and the ICWA Field Work / Case Mapping Committee.

JCIP Staff and a Multnomah County Referee participate on the ICWA State Statute Workgroup. Concerned about legal challenges to the Federal ICWA, advocates in Oregon plan to introduce its own ICWA Code during the next full legislative session. There have been several drafts of the legislation. The group has reviewed several other state ICWA statutes. Also advising the workgroup are David Simmons, NICWA, Craig Dorsay, Siletz Tribal Attorneys, Kate Forte, Turtle Talk, Fred Fisher, and Casey Family Programs.

b. OJD Business Process for Assigning Case Numbers

Leola reported that JCIP convened an Assignment of Case Numbers Work Group that is a multidisciplinary group of 36 people. To date, the group has meet twice. There is widespread (but not total) agreement that the current business process is not meeting our values and objectives and some level of intervention is needed. Some courts, including Washington and Josephine Counties, have found the current business process unworkable and have already moved away from it and created their own one case number per wardship event system. The OJD will implement Odyssey 2018 in November 2019. The new version of Odyssey will have increased functionality, however we are waiting to find out what new functionality Odyssey 2018 will be able to provide for juvenile cases

A subgroup met in an effort to develop standard nomenclature that can be used statewide for petitions and judgments filed post jurisdiction. The proposal would allow for amendments to the initial petition until a jurisdictional judgment is entered. After that time, additional allegations would be filed as a supplemental petition and judgments would be labeled as supplemental judgments of jurisdiction. Supplemental petitions and judgments would be sequentially numbered if more than one is filed post jurisdiction.

Given the concerns about the timing of Odyssey 2018, JCIP will conduct a survey of work group members to get feedback from the workgroup about next steps.

c. Quarterly Statistical Reports

Yousef reported on the JCIP published the Q4 and year end stats for 2018. The year-end numbers do not show a lot of major changes from 2017. There are a couple exceptions which should be noted. First, dependency petitions were down about 17% from 2017. The 4399 total

petitions filed in 2018 was the lowest number of dependency petitions filed since OJD began collecting statistics in 2003. It also reverses an upward trend in dependency petitions filed over the past 3 years. (2015-4692, 2016-4808, 2017-5281). The top five counties to drop in the total number of dependency petitions filed for 2018 were: Lane-210, Jackson-125, Multnomah-120, Klamath-103, and Clackamas-49.

d. Juvenile Dependency System Efficiencies Budget Note

Leola reported that all courts have implemented one of the four statewide strategies. JCIP will be checking in with courts to determine what assistance if any is needed for further efforts. This committee will discuss future potential strategies at an upcoming meeting.

IV. Discussion Topics:

Juvenile Dependency Differentiated Case Management Pilot Evaluation Results

JCIP contracted with the National Center for State Courts to conduct a process evaluation of the DCM Pilot in order to answer questions around six key issues. These included: track assignment, track implementation fidelity, stakeholder opinions about the DCM pilot, changes in court time, tool validation, and preliminary outcome evaluations. Dr. Alicia Summers, an independent evaluator conducted focus groups with stakeholders in each of the project sites, met with project staff, reviewed survey findings, and analyzed and integrated into findings where appropriate data provided by JCIP. Dr. Summers presented and discussed the findings of the process evaluation with the Advisory Committee.



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OJD Online Dashboard – Jessica Roeser, BFS

Jessica Roeser, Revenue and Research Manager from BFS, presented the draft OJD Online statistics dashboard. Conor and Yousef are working to add the juvenile reports to the dashboard. This will eventually automate the reporting process, and courts will be able to drill down to individual cases. It is anticipated that the data reports will be available online so the public can access county or state data.

V. Upcoming Events – All:

- JELI Spring Convening – April 5, 2019
- Through the Eyes of a Child – August 11-12, 2019
- Model Court Summit – August 13, 2019

VI. Next Meeting: Monday, June 10, 2019, 1:30-4:00 p.m.