

Model Court Working Committee  
Minutes  
Date September 13, 2011

Call to order: 12:15pm

Attendance:

Cathleen Linn, Cheryl Russell, Susana Samborsky, Haley Horton, Julie Treinen, Carol Punske, Kim Raines, Anizza Scott, Rebecca Manoleas, Joellen Brown, John A. Gauger, Bob Heslingla, Jesus Diaz, Sahar Gipson, Rik Schmidt, Sara S. Wisdom, Susan Parnell, Brenda Ives, Sandi MacDonald, Roxana Matiella, Beverly Tobiason, Pat Canterbury, Joanne Karolzak, Kathleen Quigley, Sandy Guizzetti, Chris Mautner, Connie Beck, Laurie San Angelo.

Collaborator Reports:

- CPS: Cheryl stated department is currently filling vacancies.
- CPSA: Haley did not have much to report this month. There will be more information next meeting on possible budget cuts. There have been more mental health inquiries from the juvenile justice side than from dependency.
- CASA: No report.
- DEPENDENCY UNIT: Anizza together with Joellen and John, data specialists, worked on a chart, which was handed out to committee concerning disrupted adoptions. Anizza pointed out that half are under the age of 12. Kare Varney was hired as the new Intake Specialist replacing Carol Catalan and will start on September 26, 2011.
- FAMILY DRUG COURT: No report.
- MEDIATION: Rebecca reported that as program grows new protocols are being put in place. Recent issues have arisen from Custody of Parent time sessions. A meeting is being planned with the AG's office, OCC, and the Attorneys to discuss and develop protocols.
- FCRB: Sandy reported there will be a training on September 30, 2011 for CASA and FCRB volunteers. On a State and County level, there is discussion of FCRB's role with CPS. Once role is understood and approved it will be implemented statewide.

Current Goals:

- Engaging Fathers: Laurie reported there would be training on October 5, 2011 on Family Law Protocols for attorneys. Next meeting for Engaging Fathers is October 6, 2011.
- Back to Basics, Permanency and Safety Issues: Anizza stated this sub-committee has workgroups working on gathering data and are meeting quarterly. Next meeting is November 9, 2011 at 12:15pm in conference room 3.

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Standing Committees and Continuing Goals:

- Courts Catalyzing Change: Judge Quigley commented that committee is reorganizing for next Model Year. There will be a brown bag in February 2012 for CASAs, Judges and other interested in the legal issues on refugees. One or two refugees will be invited to comment on their experiences. Pat stated data is being collected on African American youth but have dealt with delays. The goal is to find out why African American youth are more likely to age out in the system.
  - Native American Committee
  - Family Supports
  - Engaging Refugees
  - African American Committee
- Education: Carol reported that CPS is continuing to work with the Department of Education and School Districts to broaden the McKinney Vento law. Children will receive bus transportation to their respective schools during first year and remainder of that year. Within the next 60 days, an agreement will be finalized and be implemented statewide.
- Passport to Adulthood: Judge Quigley reported that passport has been implemented across the board. The trigger point for youth to get involved is 16 years of age.
- Calendaring and Case Processing: Laurie reported work is ongoing to keep Contested Hearings over a period of weeks and not be double-booked in a shorter time span. Permanency Hearings will keep to a 6-month period for children 3 years of age and under. Next meeting for committee is September 28, 2011.

Old Business/Announcements: Rik had commented on last week's site visit from Santa Clara, CA and from Reno NV. The visitors inquired on how the courts deal with cross over youth in our system. Santa Clara's system has separate court systems and has to be determined which of those courts the youth will be involved. Rik praised the collaboration of stakeholders involved with Juvenile Court in Pima County.

Adjournment: 12:50pm

Next Meeting on October 11, 2011  
12:15pm to 1:30pm  
PCJCC Training Center

