

**MODEL COURT WORKING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
DATE OCTOBER 11, 2011**

Call to order: 12:15pm

Attendance:

Edith Croxen, Cathleen Linn, Rebecca Manoleas, Kim Rainey, Carol Punskey, Joellen Brown, June Wilson, Karen Adam, Beverly Tobiason, Julie Treinen, Terry Dalke, Jane Butler, Susana Samborsky, Wendy Million, Kathleen Quigley, Sahar Gipson, Gus Aragon, Ramona Panas, Tamara Sargus Sue Brandt, Sandi MacDonald, Toni Marongelli, Chris Mautner, Bob Heslinga, Haley Horton, Joanne M. Karolzak, Rik Schmidt, Richard Nunez, Pat Canterbury, Anne Chamberlin, Chris Swenson-Smith, Anizza Scott

Announcements:

Judge Adam announced a historic event took place this day of October 11, 2011: Justice Scott Bales and his two clerks from the Arizona Supreme Court visited Pima County Juvenile Court Center. They toured the Detention Center and looked in on Dependency and Delinquency Hearings in the morning. Justice Bales was amazed and impressed with the work being done at the Juvenile Court and ended his visit at noon. Judge Adam added on November 7th, Judge Kathy Woods would join the bench at the Juvenile Court and will be trained on Dependency/Delinquency Cases on the 7th and 8th of November.

New Business:

- Setting new goals for Model Court. Those sub-committees not considered as goals will continue to meet as a group either monthly or quarterly.
- Judge Adam addressed Domestic Violence as a goal. Tamara commented that this was addressed as a Model Court goal back in 2003-2004 but did not go further. Judge Adam commented outside agencies are devoting time and effort on this subject than before. There is a possibility of workgroups from this one goal since information on this is great. Judge Cuneo commented we should be looking into trauma based treatment as the effects from domestic violence are seen later in life. Julie from KARE reported that La Canada Residential Treatment Center is now certified as a trauma informed unit to help victims of domestic violence. Judge Adam commented future trainings should be considered on this subject.
- Engaging Fathers will continue as part of the work that is done at Juvenile Court and not as a goal.
- There is much work to be done with Back to Basics and this will continue as a goal. Disrupted Adoptions is being considered as work group to address concerns of finalized adoptions coming back as dependency cases.
- Passport to Adulthood will continue as part of the work that is done at Juvenile Court and not as continuing goal. Calendaring and Case Processing is close to not being a goal but how we do business.
- Judge Cuneo reported on the Standing Committee Education is at a crossroads and is waiting on a grant. More information will be available at next meeting. Judge Cuneo would like Education to continue as a Standing Goal.
- Under Courts Catalyzing Change, three committees will continue: Native American Committee, Engaging Refugees, and African American Committee. Family Supports is progressing well and not be considered a goal.
- Terry reported for Engaging Refugees the sub-committee is working on several things among them data collection and a brown bag in February 2012. The Juvenile Court website will soon have a link to La Frontera's website to access information on this subject.

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Collaborator Reports:

CPS – Lillian Downing

No Report. Chris suggested to those staff present that the new caseworkers be trained on the process of submitting reports for the PPH. Also, for the case manager to wear their ID badges when entering the CFS Unit.

CPSA – Haley Horton

Haley reminded committee a year ago, urgent response changed from 24 hours to 72 hours. Assessments can be done within 24 hours, but legally have up to 72 hours. Haley has had calls on this from probation. In addition, SAMHC have been given the go ahead to decline urgent response applicants, although the crisis line response and the walk-in crisis Centre is available. The Provider Manual is available on-line and has updated revisions on kids in detention. (www.cpsa-rbha.org) Haley handed out Summary Report on Children in Disrupted Adoptions who had Behavioral Health Services before or continue to do so between February 2011 and August 2011. Chris commented on the growing concern in this area and will be collaborating with Haley and Anizza.

Haley has appreciated feedback from stakeholders.

CASA – Ramona Panas

Ramona reported Rachael Long resigned from her position as a CASA Coordinator. She accepted a position in the Detention Unit which leaves one vacancy within CASA. There has not been a trainer at the State CASA for the last few months and the CASA Coordinators stepped in to do the training at the PCJCC training center. A new trainer has been hired in the meantime and training will resume on schedule for the CASA volunteers.

There is an on-going need for CASA volunteers. Most recently there were 18 inquires after The Black Women's Conference held at the Westin La Paloma in Tucson, Arizona

Chris reported that CASA had an Operational Review Report from AOC and is 99% compliant.

DEPENDENCY UNIT – Anizza Scott

Anizza reported a new Intake Specialist was hired, Kare Barney. Kare had most previously been working in the finance department at PCJCC.

September proved to be a very busy month for petitions. Filing is similar to the record breaking in September of 2008.

The issue of Disrupted Adoptions continues to be tacked/monitored.

FAMILY DRUG COURT – Anne Chamberlin

Anne reported FDC has been updating forms, which are handed out to clients. FDC will be advocating that drug testing be done in one place. Testing for Meth, Cocaine, and Alcohol will be done at the beginning of case plan for some clients.

As part of the Comprehensive Recovery Plan, clients will need written statements as they are phasing out and include who are supporting them as client is progressing and after finishing Family Drug Court.

Clients are encouraged to go to a Planned Parenthood Orientation. If client accepts, then that client will receive a Judicial Award of Excellence for display of good character.

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MEDIATION – Rebecca Manoleas

The mediators continue to be very busy. The quarterly report that includes the mediation data will be available at the next meeting.

FCRB – Sandy Guizzetti

No report.

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Adjournment: Judge Adam thanked everyone's work and efforts this past year. Committee adjourned at 1:25 pm

Next Meeting on November 8, 2011

12:15pm to 1:30pm

PCJCC Training Center

