

**MODEL COURT WORKING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
DATE APRIL 10, 2012**

Call to order: 12:15pm

Attendance:

Deborah Abbey, Ramona Panas, Karen Adam, Francie Julien-Chinn, Susana Samborsky, Sandy Guizzetti, Carol Punske, Kim Rainey, Pat Canterbury, Anne Chamberlin, John Jackson, Annette Church, Laurie San Angelo, Chris Mautner, Anizza Scott, Sue Brandt, Nick Knauer, Terry Dalke, Dean Coates, Tonya Lee, John Schow, Marqueta Bledsoe, Rick Nunez, Ann Meyer, Chris Swenson-Smith, Sue Cuneo, Toni Marongelli, Sandi MacDonald, Roxanna Matiella, Joellen Brown, Beverly Tobiason, Sahar Gipson, Karen Abman, Geri Yrigolla, Haley Horton, Jane Butler, Kathleen Quigley, Wayne Yehling, Gary Alvarez, Stephen Rubin, Dodie Ledbetter, Joanne Karolzak, Catherine Hicks, Susan Towne, Elaine Wilder, Edie Croxen, Cathy Linn, Roxanna Matiella, John Gauger.

Announcements:

- Judge Adam attended a conference in New York, NY on Education & Juvenile Justice where forty-nine states were represented addressing education and trauma.
- In two weeks, a group will be attending a JDAL conference in Houston, Texas addressing the work and collaboration being done at PCJCC and in other jurisdictions.
- Judge Quigley is attending the Child Abuse and Neglect conference in D.C. next week and is part of a panel who will be presenting at the conference. The conference will address Project One - combining family and dependency courts.
- A recent agreement between Presiding Judges of Superior and Juvenile Court will involve Commissioners rotating between courts.
- Stephen Rubin commented that the website for National Council has restructured their website to the Project One philosophy: www.ncjfcj.org

New Business: Chris Swenson-Smith commented on "A Home Within" handouts. This is a non-profit program based in San Francisco, CA and there is a representative in Tucson. They ask therapists to volunteer their time to work with children/youth who are currently in dependency cases or aged out of the system for as long as the child/youth needs it. - www.ahomewithin.org

Chris attended a national conference in Las Vegas addressing Juvenile and Family Law. Three counties in Illinois have implemented an intervention matrix, using a differential response to children/youth involved in adolescent battery.

Collaborator Reports:

- ❖ CPS – Francie Julien-Chinn reported there have been new positions filled at the administrative level in Phoenix. Vacancies continue to be filled in Pima County. The merge between Cobblestone and Country Club offices is complete. New address is 800 East Wetmore.
- ❖ CPSA – Haley Horton introduced Annette Church, new Children's Services Manager. There is continued progress in the record sharing process with the courts and getting this information within three business days. New on the SAMHSA website is the Treatment Locator by Zip Code. The Providers are responsible to register their link and update their information.
- ❖ CASA – Ramona Panas announced that Caryn Strober filled a Coordinator position. Jill LaBrie is the new CASA Recruiter and will start on 4/23/12. On Thursday, April 19, Ramona is attending the Annual CASA Recognition Luncheon. They will celebrate Pima County CASA's 30-year anniversary and honor Judge Lillian Fisher who appointed the first CASA in Arizona. The Advocacy Academy is April 19 & 20 and 5 CASAs are attending. The March for Children Event was a success and this year's theme was "Keep Your Cool."

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- ❖ **DEPENDENCY UNIT** – Anizza Scott reported the petitions continue to increase as much as 50% in the first quarter. 35 petitions have been filed so far this month. A professional video is in the making to assist clients involved in dependency cases to understand the dependency process. The video will be linked on the PCJCC website. Judge Adam added that on the juvenile justice side, there are arrangements being made for students enrolled at the U of A English Class, Business and Professional Writing, to come to PCJCC and would be writing some of the PCJCC publications.
- ❖ **FAMILY DRUG COURT** – Anne Chamberlin reported that a contract was finalized with AVIVA Children's Services for an Alumni Coordinator. Kim Campbell, graduate of FDC was hired for this position. The National Association of Drug Court Professionals are looking for success stories of candidates who graduated from FDC to invite them to the 18th Annual Training Conference in Nashville, TN, May 30 to June 2, 2012. Yesenia Campos, Support Specialist in FDC and her husband are possible candidates.
- ❖ **MEDIATION** – Rick Nunez reported mediation continues to be very busy. Each mediator has 13 to 15 cases per week and is scheduled out three weeks in advance. Terry Dalke commented that the booklet "What is a Dependency?" is being updated to address cultural and legal language issues for refugee families entering the dependency system.
- ❖ **FCRB** – Sandy Guizzetti reported office is very busy and is having to pull staff from Pima County to accommodate other county boards. Graham, Gila, Maricopa, and Yuma are showing a tremendous increase in cases. The Foster Care Review Board is now handling some cases with administrative reviews due to staff reduction.

Current Goals:

- ❖ **Domestic Violence** – Judge Adam commented on having the DV sub-committees minutes and logic models available in an electronic folder where they can be accessed to avoid duplication of work. She will be collaborating with Jacob in IT to make this possible.
 - **Education** – John Jackson reported group is busy working on a logic model, defining terms and looking at what the education field is doing to address domestic violence with youth and families. Training on DV is being evaluated for staff to implement best practice. Next meeting is April 24, 2012.
 - **Assessment** – Judge Butler reported logic model is complete and focusing on what tools are available for parents/youth and working on definitions. Next meeting is Thursday, April 12, 2012.
 - **Intervention** – Joanne Karolzak reported group is working on a logic Model and is working on refining definitions. Next meeting is April 23, 2012.
- ❖ **Back to Basics** – Chris Swenson-Smith reported sub-committee is continuing to work on pulling data on reactivated and disrupted adoption cases. Next quarterly meeting is Tuesday, June 5, 2012.

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Standing Committees and Continuing Goals:

- ❖ Courts Catalyzing Change – Judge Quigley reported committee met last week and reviewed updated data on disproportionality and outcomes. Some of the Judges, CPS case managers, and a representative from National Council will be visiting the Pascua Yaqui Tribal Court on April 20, 2012. Judge Quigley will be attending a conference in DC on April 14-18, 2012.
 - Engaging Refugees – Terry Dalke commented on a brown bag at the training center on April 25, 2012. Part of the panel will be refugees who will speak on their experiences and outcomes.
- ❖ Education – Judge Cuneo reported sub-committee is busy. She along with Cathleen Fitzgerald will be in training in Phoenix focusing on stability in education. Cathleen is working with the training center on a general education training earning COJET credit for PCJCC staff. A transitioning project packet is in the early states to assist youth transitioning from detention to the next steps as they age out. Judge Cuneo added there are funds available for youth needing tutoring during the summer. Contact Cathleen Fitzgerald as soon as possible.
- ❖ Case Processing – No report

For the Good of the Order:

- Elaine Wilder commented on the YMCA and the “Saving Lives” project for children involved in dependency cases. The children will learn how to swim during the summer and the fee is being covered by the Juvenile Court Judges
- Judge Adam announced that by June 1, 2012, all judges would be doing their own trial reviews and detentions along with dependency and delinquency cases.

Adjournment: 1:05pm

Next Meeting on May 8, 2012
12:15pm to 1:30pm
PCJCC Training Center

