

**MODEL COURT WORKING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
DATE MAY 8, 2012**

Call to order: 12:15pm

Attendance:

Rick Nunez, Ramona Panas, Jill LaBrie, Susana Samborsky, Catherine Hicks, Caryn Strober, Lillian Downing, Rebecca Manoleas, Tonya Lee, Sara Wisdom, Kathleen Quigley, Karen Adam, Karen Abman, Sandy Guizzetti, Cathleen Fitzgerald, Jane Butler, Bob Heslinga, Laurie SanAngelo, Stephen Rubin, Anizza Scott, Francie Julie-Chin, Sahar Gibson, Joan Karolzak, John Schow, Maria Felix, John Jackson, John Gauger, Toni Marongelli, Cathleen Linn, Ann Meyer, Dodie Ledbetter, Terry Dalke, Gary Alvarez, Chris Mautner

Collaborator Reports:

- CPS – Lillian Downing reported that the Parent-Aide contract was awarded. The increase of providers to 11 will help meet the demands of clients; there will be hands on mentoring and participation in incentives.
- CPSA – No report
- CASA – Ramona Panas introduced Jill LaBrie, as the new CASA Recruiter. Last weekend, May 5, 2012, Thoroughbred Nissan had an event called Tucson Blue Ribbon Event. There was food, games and this was in honor of children in foster care. About a hundred people attended. On May 18, 2012, CASA is having a cookout in the courtyard near the training center to encourage men to be a CASA.
- DEPENDENCY UNIT – Anizza Scott reported petitions are up 53% from last year. The unit is taking an average of six intakes per day. The new JOLTSAZ is scheduled to roll out on May 21, 2012. Anizza commented that the first viewing of the dependency video looks great if it has been completed it will be shown at the next meeting.
- FAMILY DRUG COURT – Judge Adam reported that the Family Drug Court staff is attending a conference held at the ASU West Campus on May 15 & 16, 2012. The title of the conference is Arizona problem solving courts, collaborating for positive change. Judge Adam added that May is National Drug month and on May 23, 2012, a graduation and celebration with lunch will be held at the training center.
- MEDIATION – Rebecca Manoleas reported no updates and mediation continues to be well utilized. There is an open recruitment process to hire two support staff. FCRB – Sandy Guizzetti reported positions have been eliminated, though the agency continues to be busy. Staff continues to be outsourced to Maricopa County. They may roll-out paper reviews for stable cases. The statute does not require in person reviews for all cases.

Current Goals:

- Domestic Violence – Judge Adam, Brenda Flynn, and Lillian Downing met with the co-chairs to discuss potential pitfalls, keep focus on the court and its procedures, and maintain good communication with outside agencies.
  - Education – John Jackson reported that the sub-committee is pinpointing definitions and continues to work on the logic model.
  - Assessment – Jane Butler reported that the sub-committee researched the number of assessment tools that are used at PCJCC and found eight but none addressed DV. They are almost finished with their first goal on the logic model.
  - Intervention – Joanne Karolzak reported that the sub-committee is working on the logic model and is contacting providers on their intervention methods. Next meeting is June 11, 2012.

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- Back to Basics – Cathy Linn reported that the sub-committee has gone through Safety and Permanency and is now working on Due Process and Timeliness. Next meeting is June 5, 2012 at 12:15pm in conference room 3.

*Standing Committees and Continuing Goals:*

- Courts Catalyzing Change – Judge Quigley reported according to the data of disproportionate children, the committee feels there is not enough being done. There is much work to be done and the committee is reassessing their work. Judge Quigley is inviting CASA and staff from the Juvenile Justice side to come to the meetings to address issues. Representatives from foster care and other agencies are welcomed to come.  
The African American Study is not complete at this time.  
Judges from PCJCC attended the cross-site visit to the Pascua Yaqui Tribal Court, social workers, attorneys, and case managers from CPS. They have an array of services available to address clients' needs. Access to records is difficult to obtain and the Tribal Court is working on resolving these issues. Terry Dalke reported all who attended enjoyed the brown bag on refugees. The personal experiences of two former refugees gave insight to the challenges they faced. A link to the web for professionals to find what resources are available is available on the Intranet. Next meeting is May 14, 2012 in her office.
- Education – Cathleen Fitzgerald reported that monies continue to be available for the summer tutoring program for the youth and later in the fall the training for Trauma Informed Care for educators is moving forward.
- Case Processing – Laurie SanAngelo reported no updates. Next meeting is Thursday, May 10, 2012.

*For the Good of the Order:*

Bob Heslinga is part of the Engaging Fathers workgroup and spoke on the open house for Fathers held at AVIVA Children's Services. Eight Dads attended along with their children. AVIVA is working on identifying and training Dad mentors on a volunteer basis to assist other dads involved with CPS and the courts.

*Adjournment:* 1:10pm

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

