

**CHILDREN'S JUSTICE PROJECT
Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date and Time: December 14, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Location: Supreme Court Building, Room 237

Call-In Information: Conference Call-In Information: (307) 316-5574; Conference ID: 72628358

See also Skype Meeting link in calendar appointment (if attending via video)

Invitees: CJP Advisory Council, Ray Macchia, Robin Van Ausdall, Crystal Girolami, and Lisa Finkey

Attendees: Josh Eames, Lily Sharpe, Ray Macchia, Eydie Trautwein, Whitney Agopian, Judge Snyder, Leigh Anne Manlove, Crystal Girolami, Justice Fox, Jill Kucera, Carol Tullio, Robin Van Asudell, Dan Wilde, Debra Hibbard, Marty Nelson, Justice Golden, Michelle Heinen, Lauren Radakovich, Judge Rumpke, Senator Tara Nethercott, Ryan Rhoden, Jeff Lamm, Lisa Finkey, Kerri Wright

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<p>Call to Order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is Justice Golden's last meeting. Thanks for what Justice Golden has done for the courts and CJP and for being a pioneer in this area. • This is Eydie's last meeting as well and her last day will be 1/21/19. Whitney Agopian will be taking over. • Review of order re-appointing members (<i>See Handout – Order filed November 27th, 2018</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to the new members and active members. The participation is critical. • Review and approval of minutes (<i>See Handout – September 14, 2018 minutes</i>) Motion to Approve Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes approved. 	
<p>Grant Activity Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Review with Burn Rate (<i>See Handout – Budget</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The green highlight amounts not yet processed yet. Currently under budget. Whitney does not suggest making any large changes until they can evaluate and determine if additional money should be allocated. • Working on updating the website with new publications and Parents Attorney information (Complete) • Grant Match Tracker – Need to look at this more closely as Whitney's salary is paid out of the grant funds. Propose to get signatures for meeting attendance at the end of the year. No objections. 	
<p>GAL Proposal –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Proposal (<i>See Handout – GAL and PA Proposal</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subcommittee met and developed 4 proposals for GAL and parent attorney program. Goal is to start the conversation and get input. • Justice Fox recommends #3 – GAL program should get out of public defender's office and create a parent attorney office all housed under the Supreme Court. Currently, each county pays parent attorneys and varies across the State. Need better trained Parent Attorneys. Concern brought up about having both under the court due to conflict issues. Suggestion to travel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subcommittee will take 1-2 trips to Colorado to observe. • In March, the Subcommittee will go to the joint appropriations committee and begin to build case. The joint appropriations will then decide whether to accept the topic. • Whitney will follow up with County Commissioner Association and update them

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<p>to Colorado to discuss their model, which includes both programs under the Supreme Court.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senator Nethercott recommended option #3 or #4 to move GAL back under the court. May keep Parent Attorneys under the PD, rather than a standalone. #4 may be easier due to lack of conflict. Senator Nethercott stated this needs to become a topic for the Management Council so it can move to the Judiciary Committee and requested that the CJP Advisory Council be prepared to make a recommendation and present to the Judiciary Committee in May based on the committee's study. The subcommittee should anticipate questions around growing government. • Concern about next round of budget cuts and where they may fall. Would like to get a permanent funding source for GAL and Parent Attorney programs, whether under PD office or Supreme Court. • Demands on court administration must be considered. 	<p>on status. (Initial outreach complete)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subcommittee will fill in the Senator on findings
<p>CQI/Data/CFSR Committee –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Review and Training Plan for 2019. <i>(See Handout – FFY 2018 Data Report and Scorecards)</i> Motion to approve FFY18 report for posting on the website. • Motion approved. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal Fiscal Year 2018 data review is available on the CJP website. Main focus is on permanency (reunification, guardianship, or adoption). • Have reduced time to permanent placement for 2018. There is a need to balance how quickly a child is reunified with possible re-entry. The 267 day mark in 2018 is feeling like a “sweet spot.” Comparison of Wyoming data to nationwide or best practices shows Wyoming does very well when compared to national guidelines, which is under a year for all exit types. Adoption is a over the national baselines. • TPR Audit compares to 2013 baseline, which was the first year of the Audit. The numbers have increased but are not affecting overall permanency numbers. TPR audit only includes the cases that end in termination. We do well on the quality indicators around appointment of GALs, Parents Attorneys, and number of continuances. • Map created to look at Judicial Districts to identify training and resource needs for 2019. Color coding based on over/under 288 days. Efforts are underway to create a feedback loop to Judges based on data. The map also shows county attorney turnover where CJP will train. • 4 judges attended CANI for additional training on juvenile court. CANI graduates can help serve as mentors to new judges who want additional information on abuse and neglect cases. • Council was presented with a dashboard for each Judicial District with time to permanent placement, TPR, IV-E findings, and other demographics. Positive feedback on dashboard because aids in tracking areas for improvement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send dashboard to judges, GALs, County Attorneys, DFS, AG's office for each county. (Complete) • Follow up with offer for training to districts to aid in improvement of times to disposition. (Initial offer complete) • Eydie will double check dates for 2019 CANI and provide dates to Judge Rumpke. (Complete)

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Suggestion to share dashboard to improve collaboration between judges, GALs, county attorneys, DFS, AG's office for each county. Judges would facilitate conversation. • Motion to post data report on website – Approved. • CFSR and Program Improvement Plan (PIP) update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PIP was approved 10/1/18 and implementation began. • Initiatives have started for Q1. Are getting ready for Q2 initiatives. Working to finalize the baseline. CJP is assisting with some DFS initiatives. • Judge mentorship is part of the PIP. Judges Wilking and Snyder (both CANI graduates) have volunteered and have mentees. 	
<p>ICWA and Legal Aid Collaborative Opportunity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background and opportunity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wind River expressed the need for help with abuse and neglect cases, GALs, and setting up MDTs. GALs in tribal areas do not need to be attorneys and are called “tribal advocates.” Tribes need assistance training the tribal advocates. • Legal Aid has a summer legal intern that will help with a specialized hotline for Native American callers. • Tribal judges can attend CANI as well and are invited in 2019. 	
<p>Citizens Review Panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Made connection with Panel and Carol is the liaison <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of Citizen Review Panel's major responsibilities is to review child maltreatment and injury cases and enter information into a national database. The Panel then make recommendations and find trends and risks based on data. • Panel wants an open line of communication with CJP. 	
<p>Parent Legal Representation Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking for new members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential to restructure the committee. Would like one representative from each judicial district. Next meeting is 1/23/19 at 12:00pm. • Working to improve parent attorney communication through a listserv, newsletter, tip sheet and the use of Slack. Slack will be added to website for Parent Attorneys as a blogging resource. (Complete) Priority is more engagement from parent attorneys and getting information and training out. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whitney requested that people send suggestions to her for parent attorney committee members.
<p>Training Committee –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wyoming Joint Symposium on Children and Youth - June 25-27, 2019 (Cheyenne) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration will open in January and we are currently pre-registering GALs (Complete) • Working to finalize agenda and speakers • Now accepting Golden Award Nomination for exceptional work in communities • Adding a special Central Registry Blog Talk concentrating on what Parent Attorneys need to be telling their clients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golden Award Nomination - Please submit nominations by March 30, 2019 to Whitney • Recruiting judges for 2019 CANI

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal resource manual and prosecutor manual are complete and will be on the website soon (Complete) 	
<p>Sex/Human Trafficking Taskforce Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No update 	
<p>IV-E Taskforce Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audit findings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive findings overall. However, there is an identified gap in some jurisdictions where required IV-E language is not included in court orders. CJP will train on required IV-E language. Data from the audit is on the dashboard The pre-audit is important because the cases that don't pass are pulled out. 80 cases will be sent to the Feds for review. If there are 5 cases that don't meet the standard, DFS can be subject to another PIP. 	
<p>Prevention Subcommittee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audit Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee looked at re-entry statistics. On some cases, the committee had issues finding the re-entry case so 21 cases were reviewed where the committee was able to determine the initial case and the subsequent reentry case. The committee focused in on the districts with reentry over 10%. One challenge was defining how re-entry is used in ROM vs. how CJP defines with both cases being opened and closed. Drugs and alcohol were the primary reason for first and second removal; mother was listed the most as alleged abuser. Kinship care was the most listed of where the children went after removal. It was challenging to determine which reasons for removal were included. CJP included all reasons listed when available. Suggestions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sort data into abuse, neglect, and abuse and neglect and then provide specific reasons or risk factors for removal. Use the data when talking to providers. Spend time identifying definitions Continue this work but be careful of sample size and the listed reason for removal. 	
<p>Family First Services Prevention Act (FFPSA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Push to keep children in their homes. Make a point to start speaking with the judiciary about what reasonable efforts to keep a child in the home. <i>See reasonable efforts handouts.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shelter care hearings need to improve and give evidence that show what the reasons are for removal. This ties into having stronger parent attorneys. Family First legislation is a big piece of legislation and Wyoming will delay implementation as allowed. Family First emphasizes the front end of child welfare to fix the problems before the child is removed. Assumes saving funds on the back end for use on the front end. 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exercise caution with trainings due to differing views of the law. The impact is still unclear and some of the information is still unclear. There is still a lot of work to be done and shouldn't get too far in front of it. District Court Judges need assurances that DFS can safely leave a child in a home and not always order removal. DFS will not get federal money for children who remain in institutional care. Suggested courts focus on reasonable efforts for reunification at this time. 	
<p>2018-2019 Meeting Schedule</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 15, 2019 – 10:00 a.m. – <i>Calendared</i> May 17, 2019 – 10:00 a.m. – <i>Calendared</i> September 13, 2019 – 10:00 a.m. – <i>Calendared</i> December 13, 2019 – 10:00 a.m. – <i>Calendared</i> Proposed 2020 Dates March 13, 2020 – 10:00 a.m. May 15, 2020 – 10:00 a.m. September 11, 2020 – 10:00 a.m. December 11, 2020 – 10:00 a.m. Proposed 2021 Dates March 12, 2021 – 10:00 a.m. May 14, 2021 – 10:00 a.m. September 10, 2021 – 10:00 a.m. December 10, 2021 – 10:00 a.m. Motion to Approve 2020 and 2021 Dates – no concerns noted. 	
<p>Adjournment – 11:45 a.m.</p>	