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JUVENILE SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

January 19, 2023
12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Advisory Body Members Present: Hon. Kathleen Kelly (Chair); Crystal Davis; Katie Lee Mayeda, Hon. Charles Smiley II

Advisory Body Members Absent: Hon. Sam Lavorato; Rebecca Marcus, Rachel Solov; Dr. Kathleen West

Others Present: Andi Liebenbaum, Aviva Simon, Rani Singh; Cathy Wachter; and Carrie Zoller

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m. and Cathy Wachter took roll via Zoom for Government.

Approval of Minutes

The subcommittee will approve the December 6, 2022, minutes at the February meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (ITEM 1)

Item 1

Juvenile Subcommittee Annual Agenda Project Discussion

A vote by email was conducted regarding potential projects to focus on this year. Most votes: Option A – Mental health/lack of placements: Seek to help address the crisis regarding placements for young people with significant mental health issues.

Project Ideas

- Carrie discussed a recent RFP to update the “Every Child, Every Hearing” guide. Unfortunately, this received no bidders. Carrie will discuss the possibility of going out again for bid with the attorney involved with the RFP where the subcommittee would be able to work as consultants, giving expertise and ideas to the contractor. This could be a selling point to get bidders.

- National Center for Youth Law (NCYL) is conducting a needs assessment of areas for education where they are identifying additional needs for resources and education and will conclude with recommendations. The Judicial Council has some funding for this type of project for speakers or other resource to help with these efforts.
- Identify areas/tangible things that we can do to have an outcome: IEP (very helpful to provide better education, better resources). We can prioritize this within our own planning and hire someone to conduct a webinar and maybe a tool that goes along with that webinar.
 - Get more information about the IEP process and the ability to place young people with mental health needs via the IEP process.
- East Bay Children’s Law Office (EBCLO) have attorneys dedicated to addressing education, and they developed an education toolkit including IEPs and 504 plans. They could have resources available to us and possibly could provider a speaker if interested. EBCLO created a booklet and/or series of pamphlets with concise information about issues within the education arena that are constantly confronted in dependency with a focus on IEP.
- Develop expectations about what the ideal is. For example, Alameda County needs more acute beds for young people, adolescents who are experiencing mental health crisis. There is pushback for mental health services for youth on both the delinquency juvenile justice and dependency side.
 - Confirm a mental health evaluation is conducted, an assessment for trauma before every placement. For placement on the dependency side and on the juvenile justice, it’s an important to figure out how to address needs and what placement is going to be appropriate.
- Think out of the box for alternatives to the current system (i.e., a place that provides services and supports to individuals with developmental disability like Golden Gate Regional Center).
- Invite Dr. Katherine Lucero back to our subcommittee meeting to see what she has learned since being in her current position. Discuss placements, resources, funding resources, current issues, and how she thinks the courts and stakeholders can best use the judge’s time and the time we have with litigants.
- What would people outside the system want to see the courts do (create wish list) and how obtainable is it
- More systematic way of using the funds or advocating to eliminate some of the barriers because a lot of the funding doesn’t allow for infrastructure. Barriers don’t allow nonprofits to expand any of their services.
- Committee members will research speakers for the meetings.
- Judge Kelly will reach out to Dr. Tolou-Shams and see if she has any thoughts on this topic from the medical perspective.

- Rani mentioned there might be other innovative ways that we can look at finding placement and then layering outpatient services in these placements that are not traditional.
- Send email inquiry to 2022 speakers and ask them to respond to a few questions: What would they have the courts do? What is their wish list for the courts supporting the work that they're doing or supporting youth in general?
 - Carrie can reach out to speakers from last year and get some thoughts from them.
- Bring in experts and task them to give us five things that need to be changed in the system and tell us why.
 - We can review their responses and invite speakers back to refine interesting ideas or bring in new speakers who address our interests.
- Suggest a webinar recording, online live event, and it can be shorter than an hour. We can create a short 15-minute informational item and post it on our website.
- If subcommittee members have ideas for subject matter experts, send to Judge Kelly and/or Carrie.

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

Approved by the subcommittee on March 23, 2023.