

## South Dakota Court Improvement Program Committee

### Meeting Agenda

April 17, 2024

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Virtual

**Attending:** Justice Myren, Judge Magera, Judge Rasmussen, Susan Compaan, Jackie Horton, Lindsey Riter-Rapp, Ashley Asmus, Vicki Burger, Dustin Morrison, Jessica Morson, Carrie Mees, Chrissy Young, Roxie Erickson, Michelle Vande Weerd, Misty McAllister, Sara Sheppick, Pamela Bennett.

**UJS Staff:** Sara Kelly

**Absent:** Rep. Rebecca Reimer, Ashley Schlichenmayer-Okroi, Mickey Devine, and Shawn Castonguay.

Justice Myren called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.

Justice Myren gave an over gave an over of CIP program and committee.

**Committee Membership:** Committee members introduced themselves. Sara Kelly asked committee members to review the committee contact list and let her know of any changes or corrections.

**October 2023 Meeting Minutes:** No changes noted.

**Conference/Training Updates:** Sara Kelly gave an update on the past and upcoming training.

- a. West River MDT – was held in Rapid City on March 7, 2024. Approximately 125 attendees. Planning for 2025 has begun.
- b. USD Law School – was held in Vermillion on April 4, 2024. It was held off campus at the Old Lumber Company and has less student attendance than in years past. Sara Kelly and Chrissy Young will meet with Dean Fulton and Dean AbouSamra to ensure the date and location work best for the university for 2025.
- c. Community Response to Child Abuse will be held in Sioux Falls October 3-4, 2024. The planning committee has met are working on the agenda, speakers and breakout sessions.
- d. QEW (ICWA) - Sara Kelly states the first QEW training was held in Rapid City, December 4-6, 2023, with over 20 attending. The next training will be in Sioux Falls, June 24-26, 2024.

**Lunch and Learn - Legislative Updates:** June 2024 – Sara Kelly stated Chrissy Young and either Senator Reed or Representative Rehfeldt will present on the 2024 legislative session and the bills that were related to child welfare. Sara Kelly reminded the committee of any topics or speakers they would like to hear more about to let her know. Sara reminded the committee to go to the CPCM website for future lunch and learn sessions.

**Green Book Updates:** Sara Kelly stated she is looking for a workgroup to work on updates to the SD Guidelines for Judicial Process in Child Abuse and Neglect Cases (aka: Green Book). Committee members noted to be on the workgroup are Judge Magera, Judge Rasmussen, Sara Sheppick, Roxie Erickson, and Carrie Mees. Sara Kelly will follow up with the group.

**MOU with CASA, DSS & Court – updates & discussion:** Sara Kelly stated with the two new programs and a new Presiding Judge in Seventh Circuit it's a good time to review the MOU for any edits. Once the edits are approved by the committee the revised MOU will be sent out for signatures.

**DSS Updates:**

Court hearing observation project: Sara Kelly stated two counties (Codington and Brown) are completed, Hughes is currently being observed, hopefully Pennington will take place in the fall.

Child and Family Services Plan (CFSP) and Child and Family Services Review (CFSR): Ashley Asmus gave an overview of the process for the CFSP and what is expected of the CFSR process and stakeholder involvement. Ashley will keep the CIP Committee updated on the plan and the review.

Data review/workgroup: Ashley shared data points with the committee and asked for feedback or questions on the data and asked for a workgroup to work on the vision, goals and initiatives. Sara Kelly stated she will be on the workgroup.

(Presentation slides attached)

**Other business:**

CPCM – Tribal relations grant opportunity – Chrissy Young stated CPCM explored the option to apply for a State & Tribal Relations and Best Practices in Indian Child Welfare, the application is due June 7, 2024, however, may not apply this year and look to apply in the future. The application requires partnerships with the court, state and tribes and the timeframe to get this accomplished isn't feasible this year. The CIP Committee supports the idea and recommends moving forward and will help in any way possible. Pamela Bennett stated the department is limited in capacity this year and next due to the Child and Family Services Review preparation and implementation.

**Next meeting:** Sara Kelly stated the CIP grant awards need to be distributed by mid-June and will need to have the committee will need to meet in late May or early June. Justice Myren and Judge Magera will send Sara dates that work for their schedules and Sara will send out a Doodle Poll to secure a meeting.