

CIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 5, 2020
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm (Central Time) – Conference Call

Attending: Judge Myren, Judge Comer, Judge Shelton, Dr. Becky Guffin, Susan Compann, Roxie Erickson, Lisa Fleming, Virgena Wieseler, Pamela Bennett, Vicki Burger, Carrie Mees, Carrie Sanderson, Corey Brubakken, Lisa Von Wald, Kate Kelly, and Sara Kelly (UJS Staff)

Absent: Representative Timothy Johns and Dave Valandra

Children’s Justice Conference – May 14, 2020 – Ramkota Convention Center – Rapid City <https://ujscjc.sd.gov/> : Sara Kelly report the registration for the conference is going well, there are approximately 120 participants registered. The agenda is on the website. The venue logistics are finalized. Sara asked for committee members to share the website with colleagues and if anyone wants a vendor table to let her know. Carrie Sanderson asked if there was anything committee members need to help with, Sara stated not now, but as it gets closer she will reach out to committee members that plan on attending for their assistance.

CIP Training Focus 2020 and beyond

- **Quality legal representation (lunch and learns, presentation at Rural Attorney Conference-June 16):** Sara Kelly stated she was informed by the federal CIP representative that for the next application process for CIP grants there will be a requirement for CIP to have a quality legal representation project identified. Sara stated that even though the CIP has done projects such as the updates to the Guidelines for the Judicial Process in Child Abuse and Neglect Cases and the updates to the attorney training video the CIP will be expected to do more. Sara suggested trainings specifically focused on attorneys and offer it either over a noon hour or early evening and feed the attendees. There is also an opportunity for the CIP to present at the Rural Attorney Conference (Pierre, June 16) the CIP could host a presentation like the panel presentation help in Sioux Falls and Rapid City. Carrie Sanderson organized the CLE events in both areas and Sara will

coordinate with Carrie to offer something similar to the Rural Attorneys.

- **Community Response to Child Abuse Conference:** Sara Kelly stated the dates for this year are October 1-2, 2020, at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. A call for proposals for speakers will go out soon.

Family Dependency Treatment Court – FYI Proposal: Sara Kelly stated Judge Means, Circuit Judge in Codington County, asked if the option could be explored. Sara met with her and Noreen Plumage, Problem Solving Court Director, and researched the option. A proposal to continue the feasibility study and continue to gather more information was sent to Greg Sattizahn, State Court Administrator for his and the Chief Justice approval to move forward. There will be a team attending the National Drug Court Professionals conference the end of May 2020. Sara will keep the committee updated on any advancements of this court option. Here is a resource link for more information on Family Drug Treatment Court.

<https://www.cffutures.org/>

SD Guideline for Judicial Process in Child Abuse and Neglect Cases – update: Sara Kelly reported the books were mailed out to all Circuit Judges and State’s Attorneys with a letter that had the online link. An email went to all state bar members from the UJS Helpdesk with a link to the online version and Sara’s contact information if they wanted a hard copy. Sara also reported that other child welfare related agencies, such as DSS-CPS and CASA received copies as well. Sara reported there will be a table of the books at the Children’s Justice Conference and will continue to distribute as requested. Judge Myren thanked the committee members that worked on the book and commented it’s a well-used resource for judges. Judge Comer also thanked the workgroup for their work and stated the judges in her circuit were excited to receive the book and appreciate the effort.

Attorney Training Video – update: Sara Kelly reported the first draft of the script has been edited and is with Epicosity. Sara stated once she hears from Epicosity on the next steps in production she will let the committee know. Sara stated that the committee will need to think of who would be good for testimonials in the video for judge, attorney, child welfare staff and maybe a former foster care child/adult.

CIP State Team Meeting – March 12-13, 2020: Sara Kelly stated the annual grantee meeting is March 12-13 in Washington DC and she is working with Virgena Wieseler to get a team to attend. The team that attends will continue the work on coordinated planning and support common goals to improve the outcomes for children and families.

SD CASA Commission Meeting – scheduled for April 30, 2020: Sara Kelly stated the date for the CASA presentations is set for April 30, room 412 of the State Capitol, if any CIP member wants to attend to let her know and she will get the grant materials to them. Judge Myren stated this is a great opportunity for CIP Committee members to hear what CASA programs have accomplished and helps when the committee is making CIP Basic Grant awards. Carrie Mees stated she is available to attend. Sara stated she will send out a reminder when she sends out the CASA Commission grant information to the Commissioners for those that want to attend to let her know and she will send the grant information.

Schedule CIP Basic Grant Award conference call or in-person meeting: Sara Kelly asked the committee if they would like to meet in-person or over conference call for the next meeting, which would be for the CIP Basic Grant award. Judge Myren stated it is a good idea to meet a few times a year in-person. Judge Myren asked Sara to send out a Doodle Poll with some dates in May and June.

Updates from DSS-CPS -Court Observation Tool: Virgena Wieseler stated part of the department's Program Improvement Plan (PIP) is to enhance the quality and timeliness of permanency hearings and to get a good evaluation of the hearings an observation tool was created. Sara Kelly shared the observation tool with the CIP Committee and Virgena asked for feedback from the committee on the tool. Once a final version is approved Sara Kelly will present it to Greg Sattizahn and a plan will be put into action to arrange for observes to attend hearings in identified counties.

Other Business: Nothing further was noted or discussed.

Next Meeting: May 22, 2020 – Red Rossa – Pierre, SD 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
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