

CIP Committee Meeting Minutes
June 07, 2021
10:00 am – 12:00 pm Central Time
Zoom Meeting

Attending: Justice Myren, Lt. Dustin Morrison, Susan Compaan, Roxie Erickson, Vicki Burger, Dr. Becky Guffin, Pamela Bennett, Carrie Sanderson, Lisa Fleming, Lisa Von Wald, Carrie Mees, UJS Staff-Sara Kelly

Not Attending: Judge Shelton, Judge Magera, Virgena Wieseler, Kate Kelley, Rebecca Grey Bull, Senator Timothy Johns

Justice Myren called the meeting to order at 10:03.

Approve minutes: No noted changes. March meeting minutes approved as written.

New Members: Justice Myren stated Judge Gregg Magera has joined the CIP Committee, he wasn't able to attend the meeting today and will introduce him at the next meeting. Justice Myren stated Dave Valandra gave notice to Sara Kelly that he is stepping down from the committee due to work commitments. Justice Myren asked if any committee members know of tribal members who we could contact to be on the committee to please send the name to Sara Kelly.

Discussion: - **SDCL 26-8A-26:** Carrie Mees stated she wanted to have the committee review the language regarding a guardianship issue, but it can be added to the workgroup on **SDCL 26-7A-43:** Sara Kelly stated the workgroup hasn't met yet due to scheduling conflict. Roxie Erickson asked if the group could meet soon as she is still having issues with the clerk's office. Sara asked Roxie to send her several date and time options for a new Doodle Poll.

Community Response to Child Abuse Conference: Sara Kelly informed the committee the agenda is close to finalized and registration will be opened in June. The CIP Committee members will have a special code for registration as to not have to pay the registration fee. Sara will send out the email once the registration is open. Sara reminded the committee the dates are September 29 – 30, 2021 and the pre-conference the morning of September 29. Carrie Sanderson stated the cost for the conference is \$100 for early bird and additional \$25 for the pre-conference.

Updates on Attorney Trainings Opportunities: Sara Kelly and Carrie Sanderson gave an update on the online training opportunities. Carrie stated there have been four trainings to date and June will be skipped as the state bar conference is in June. Sara will continue to send training invite emails to the committee to attend and share with colleagues.

QEW Training Discussion: Justice Myren commented he is seeing the same one or two QEWs listed on appeal cases and is concerned the QEWs being used will burn out and if they step down as a QEW the court will struggle to find a replacement. Sara Kelly stated Joseph Ashley is the Tribal Liaison with DSS-CPS and will contact him to see if there are upcoming QEW trainings planned and offer support of the CIP.

DSS-CPS ICWA Training: Pamela Bennett stated Casey Family has conducted ICWA training with DSS-CPS management staff and now field staff, Pam asked if the UJS would like to offer similar trainings to judges and attorneys. Pam said she would be happy to facilitate a meeting with Casey Family. Justice Myren stated it is a good idea, the UJS has a lot of new judges and would be an excellent addition to training options. Lisa Von Wald agreed this is a great opportunity. Sara Kelly asked if the training could be recorded for those who can't attend a virtual training. Pam stated she believes Casey Family is good with recording. Pam stated Casey Family will customize the training to meet the target audience need.

Family First: Pamela Bennett and Ashley Schlichenmayer-Okroi presented a power point presentation on Family First Prevention Services Act implementation of federal requirements for group care placements. Justice Myren commented the 60-day approval timeline for the placement may be a challenge, especially in the rural courts if they only have a judge once or twice a month. Justice Myren stated it will be helpful if the feds give options for the courts to meet the 60 requirement if courts don't meet often. Roxie Erickson stated it will be critical for DSS-CPS staff to notice the state's attorneys before placement so notices can be done and determine if a placement hearing is needed for court approval. Carrie Mees asked what happens if the placement need is immediate. Pam stated they can make the placement and have 30 days for assessment and then 30 days for hearing for court approval.

Codington County Pilot Project (A&N Court) Update: Sara Kelly stated the court and stakeholders are moving forward with training and getting a strategic plan together. The CIP has contracted with the Center for Family Futures to lead the group in the planning and implementation stages. Sara stated she hope to have the legal interns assist with the procedure's manual. Sara stated they need to find a name for the specialty court and is open to any suggestions. Carrie Sanderson stated she has heard from some legislatures they are excited to see a family court pilot project.

CIP Grant Application: Sara Kelly stated she is completing the CIP grant application to be submitted by the end of June. Sara stated she will send the grant application and strategic plan to the CIP Committee.

CIP Grant Awards to CASA: (Kate Kelley excused)

Justice Myren stated he attended the SD CASA Commission annual meeting on June 3, 2021. He noted all the CASA programs are doing well and have handled the issues of the pandemic well. Justice Myren shared his thoughts on the breakdown of the \$136,389.

1st Circuit requested \$33,325. Proposed award \$23,000.

South East requested \$14,863. Proposed award \$11,500.

Sioux Falls requested \$32,924. Proposed award \$23,000.

East Central requested \$31,120. Proposed award \$22,000.

Northern Hills requested \$44,140. Proposed award \$28,500.

7th Circuit requested \$38,731. Proposed award \$28,389.

Dr. Guffin stated she appreciates the work of CASA and the proposal from Justice Myren. Dr. Guffin supports the recommended amounts. Lisa Von Wald also agreed and supports the recommended awards.

Pamela Bennett moved to approve the recommended awards

Carrie Mees second the motion.

There was no further discussion.

All approved, no opposed.

Motion carried.

Next meeting: Sara will send a Doodle poll for the next meeting.