



## Welcome/Introductions/Roll Call

- **Ms. Nannetti, Chair**, asked members to acknowledge their attendance during roll call.
- **Ms. Nannetti, Chair**, asked the newest appointed commission, Judge Suzanne Nicholls to introduce herself.

## Approval of Minutes

- **Ms. Nannetti, Chair**, requested a review of the **May 5, 2022** meeting minutes. No corrections were identified by members.
  - **James Molina** motioned to accept the minutes.
  - **Vada Jo Phelps** seconded the motion.
  - The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

## Commendations

- **Cindi Nannetti, Chair**, introduced **Emily Uline-Olmstead**, Justice Program Manager at the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family (GOYFF). **Emily Uline-Olmstead** thanked the commission for allowing her to present on behalf of Executive Director Maria Cristina Fuentes. She commended the commissioners on their impact over the last eight years.
- **Emily Uline-Olmstead** acknowledged the space that the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission (AJJC) has created for stakeholders to discuss comprehensive community-based program implementation which has improved outcomes for at-risk and delinquent youth. **Ms. Uline-Olmstead** continued by highlighting the increase in collaboration between the Arizona Office of Courts (AOC) and other agencies, such as the Department of Child Safety (DCS). These relationships have continued to reduce the number of youth with dual system involvement and a significant decline in the number of juvenile referrals to the system. During the last eight years, youth in secure care saw a significant reduction which to date sits at 148.
- **Emily Uline-Olmstead** ended by thanking all the commissioners for their support of the GOYFF Title II grant program which has invested \$6.4 million distributed to 84 sub-grantees in rural, urban and tribal communities over the past eight years. These programs promoted community-based services to minimize trauma, and eliminate detention for low-risk offenders to the greatest extent possible while maintaining strong partnerships with law enforcement agencies. **Ms. Uline-Olmstead** further highlighted the work of the GOYFF Compliance Monitor and technical assistance from commissioners Arizona has maintained compliance with the core requirements of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP) which includes: deinstitutionalization of status offenders; removal of juveniles from adult jails; and separation of juveniles from adult inmates.

## Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections Program Initiatives

- **Ms. Nannetti, Chair**, introduced **Peter Luszczak**, Assistant Director of Operations for the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections (ADJC).
- **Mr. Luszczak** started his presentation by providing the important Arizona statute updates which greatly impacted the ADJC over the past eight years. **Mr. Luszczak** explained the significant statute changes included a 2015 revision for youth ages 14 and older who have committed a felony offense or are seriously mentally ill could be committed to ADJC. Additionally, in 2018 Arizona established extended jurisdiction which meant youth can be committed to ADJC until the age of 19 under certain limitations including the prosecutor choosing to extend the juvenile court's jurisdiction. **Mr. Luszczak** explained these statute changes allowed juveniles within juvenile jurisdiction to continue to receive vital programming. Currently, 27 individuals are under extended jurisdiction.
- **Mr. Luszczak** provided an in-depth review of ADJC's clinical services, education programming, pro-social activities, and the dynamics of community corrections. **Mr. Luszczak** explained the variations in the treatment

services at ADJC vs. the department's crisis interventions. **Mr. Luszczyk** explained COVID-19 provided an opportunity to provide comprehensive clinical services including virtual sessions on an ongoing basis.

- **Mr. Luszczyk** finished his presentation by reviewing the work of volunteers within ADJC to include community religious leaders, scoutmasters, and interscholastic sport coaches.
- **Ms. Nannetti, Chair**, thanked **Mr. Luszczyk** for his presentation and encouraged the commissioners to ask any additional questions.
- **Mr. Newton** asked what programming is available for juveniles in secure care who are fathers. **Mr. Luszczyk** explained there are parenting classes, support groups, and simulation activities provided to juveniles in secure care.
- **Mr. Pickering** asked if juveniles in extended jurisdiction could vote. **Mr. Luszczyk** confirmed that once juveniles turn eighteen they do have the ability to vote.
- **Ms. Nannetti, Chair**, asked how juveniles who are in extended jurisdiction impact Arizona's compliance with the core requirement of sight and sound separation from adults. **Mr. Luszczyk** explained because these juveniles are still in juvenile jurisdiction then there would be no violation of this separation requirement. **Mr. Kilroy** explained there continues to be good discussion around juvenile brain development and the possibility of additional services for juveniles within the probation system.
- **Mr. Newton** noted that juveniles receive dialectical behavior therapy while at ADJC and wondered if there is an opportunity for those services once they leave secure care. **Mr. Luszczyk** explained there are a number of ways juveniles are connected with ongoing counseling services to meet the needs of juveniles once they reenter the community.
- **Ms. Dodge** asked about the status of virtual visitation for juveniles whose families live in outlying counties and may have increased barriers to travel to Adobe Mountain in person. **Mr. Luszczyk** stated ADJC has continued virtual visitation and many families have found it very beneficial.

### Annual Interstate Commission for Juveniles

- **Ms. Nannetti, Chair**, introduced **Howard Wykes**, Deputy Parole Administrator of the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections (ADJC).
- **Howard Wykes** reviewed the Interstate Compact Juvenile (ICJ) data for the past two years. **Mr. Wykes** stated during FY 2021 76 youth moved to Arizona and 63 youth moved away from Arizona under the ICJ Compact. In FY 2022, **Mr. Wykes** stated 103 youth moved to Arizona under the ICJ Compact and 54 youth moved away from Arizona.
- **Howard Wykes** ended his presentation by reviewing the runaway data for the last three years. **Mr. Wykes** explained in FY 2020, Arizona returned 25 youth from other states, approximately 11 youth in FY 2021, and in FY 2022 Arizona returned 65 youth from other states which would be a significant increase.
- **Howard Wykes** provided additional insight to the dynamics of the new ICJ data trends which included multiple returns for youth. **Mr. Wykes** explained of the 65 youth, one female juvenile was returned three different times from three different states as a runaway.
- **Ms. Nannetti, Chair**, thanked **Mr. Wykes** for his presentation and encouraged the commissioners to ask any additional questions.
- **Ms. Lopez-Reiter** asked what other states other than Nevada does Arizona partner with on the ICJ. **Mr. Wykes** stated all 50 states are required to participate in the ICJ but a majority of the states Arizona works with are Arizona's neighboring states including California, New Mexico, Utah, Colorado, and Idaho. **Mr. Wykes** further explained many juveniles transfer to Arizona from Texas and Washington because of the significant sex offender laws in their home states.

- **Mr. Pickering** asked if most of the juveniles are on probation or parole. **Mr. Wykes** explained if the juveniles are being supervised then yes they are on probation or parole however if the youth are runaways then that may not be the case.

### Accomplishments within the Juvenile Justice Division of the Courts

- **Ms. Nannetti, Chair**, welcomed **Joe Kilroy**, Director of the Juvenile Justice Services Division, Arizona Supreme Court. He gave a presentation on the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) Juvenile Justice Services and the accomplishments within the Arizona Juvenile Court.
- **Mr. Kilroy** started by sharing a broad overview of the AOC Juvenile Justice Division initiatives which include: establishing the Kids at Hope Assessment Centers, creating regionalized detention centers, utilizing the national instant criminal background check system (NICS) within Arizona, implementing validated risk assessments, and supporting minor victims of sex trafficking. **Mr. Kilroy** further explained the components of each of these initiatives in detail including the financial savings for each county and the support provided to communities, schools, parents, and law enforcement agencies.
- **Mr. Kilroy** then explained to the AJJC commissioners that reporting to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) began on July 11, 2021. This followed the statutory requirement restricting juveniles with felony adjudications from purchasing a firearm unless gun rights were restored. **Mr. Kilroy** further explained juvenile data will be sent to NICS upon their 18th birthday if rights have not been restored and required juveniles to apply to have rights restored.
- **Mr. Kilroy** reviewed the four new validated risk assessments that the court has implemented during the last eight years. These assessments include the Detention Screening Instrument (DSI), an assessment to determine risk level immediately after the following arrest until appearing before a judicial officer; the Arizona Youth Assessment Survey (AZYAS) used to assess risk for juveniles post-disposition; the Disposition Matrix which provides probation officers with recommended disposition consequences based on risk level and offense severity and lastly the Minor Victims of Sex Trafficking Screening Tool which is used at any contact point in the system to determine indicators of victimization. **Mr. Kilroy** stated these assessments provide an opportunity for the courts and probation to emphasize evidence-based practices.
- **Mr. Kilroy** finished his presentation by reviewing the court's other ongoing initiatives including programming for juveniles with sexually abusive behaviors, increased distribution of the fentanyl awareness project, additional support for emerging young adults, and implementing the new case management system.
- **Ms. Nannetti, Chair** thanked **Mr. Kilroy** for his presentation and encouraged the commissioners to ask any additional questions.
- **Ms. Dodge** asked for clarification on how a destroyed juvenile record interacts with NICS in relation to juveniles having the capacity to own a firearm. **Mr. Kilroy** explained there is a flag that is added in the NICS system for juveniles who have a destroyed record and it does not restore their gun ownership rights.
- **Judge Nicholls** asked for clarification on any program initiatives to reach youth before they begin using fentanyl and come in contact with juvenile probation. **Mr. Kilroy** explained right now the Hope Centers serve as great resources to help families who are in crisis.

### Children's Justice Task Force

- **Ms. Nannetti, Chair**, stated she and **Rachel Mitchell**, Maricopa County Attorney, would like to provide an update on the Children's Justice Task Force which used to be a subcommittee of AJJC.
- **Ms. Nannetti, Chair**, explained GOYFF moved the Children's Justice Task Force from the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission to the Child Safety and Family Empowerment Council to further support this work which **Rachel Mitchell** now chairs the Task Force. **Ms. Nannetti** provided an overview of the work that has had a positive impact on these initiatives including the Children Justice trainings conducted by Prevent Child Abuse Arizona.

- **Ms. Nannetti, Chair** explained the statewide training team is available to provide each workshop curriculum to approximately 1,000 individuals yearly including DCS, detectives, law enforcement, probation officers, judges, and forensic interviews all over the state. **Ms. Nannetti** explained these workshops are AZPOST certified and when appropriate continue learning units can be provided to Arizona lawyers.
- **Ms. Nannetti, Chair**, reviewed the dynamics of the Children's Justice Coordinators which assist with updating the county protocols in each region. **Ms. Nannetti** explained the legislature required each county to have updated child abuse protocols and the Children Justice grant program supported these children's justice coordinators to assist with the protocol updates, trainings, and MDT facilitation.
- **Ms. Nannetti, Chair**, introduced the chair of the Children's Justice Task Force, **Rachel Mitchell** to talk about the Children's Justice Task Force. **Ms. Mitchell** stated the current initiatives of the Task Force include the Children's Justice 3-Year Plan, expanding statewide training, and providing subject matter technical assistance to the counties that need an updated child abuse investigation protocol.
- **Ms. Mitchell** explained the task force worked on recommendations for a bill passed in 2021 which included mandatory reporter training in both private and charter schools, and other organizations including churches. **Ms. Mitchell** explained additional legislative work supporting these initiatives including a bill that closed a loophole in sex trafficking statute of limitation cases. Lastly, **Ms. Mitchell** stated Kayleigh's Law which allows victims of dangerous crimes to petition courts for what amounts to a lifetime restraining order against their abuser.
- **Ms. Nannetti, Chair**, thanked Rachel for her time and determined there were no additional questions.

#### OJJDP Compliance

- **Ms. Nannetti, Chair**, explained the commission would hear **Lucy Noriega's** OJJDP Compliance Monitor presentation at the next commission meeting in February to better accommodate everyone's schedule.

#### Future Meeting Dates

- **Ms. Nannetti, Chair**, announced the tentative 2023 meeting dates to include February 9, May 4, September 14, and December 14.
- **Ms. Nannetti, Chair**, asked commissioners to mark them on their calendars and stated GOYFF will be sending out calendar holds to help with planning.

#### Adjourn

- **Ms. Nannetti, Chair**, called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:34 AM.
  - **Joe Kilroy** motioned and the motion was seconded by **Alice Bustillo**.

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