



**Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission
Governor’s Office of Youth, Faith and Family
1700 West Washington Street, Suite 230, Phoenix, Arizona 85007**

A general meeting of the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission (AJJC) was convened September 5, 2019, at the Governor’s Office of Youth, Faith and Family, 1700 West Washington Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, notice having been duly given.

Members Present (17)	
Cindi Nannetti, Chair	Jason Holmberg (Phone)
Helen Gándara	Heather Carter (Phone)
Jane Kallal	Dorothy Wodraska
Alice Bustillo	Guadalupe Durazo
Christina Schopen	Mike Faust
Joe Kelroy	Shawn Cox
Maria Dodge	Dennis Pickering (Phone)
Leslie Quinn	Jeff Hood
Robert Thomas	
Staff/Guests Present (9)	Members Absent (13)
Malcolm Hightower, Deputy Director, GOYFF	Debra Olsen
Steve Selover, Program Administrator, GOYFF	Don Walker
Kate Howard	James Beene
Kelley Martin	Joseph Grossman
Rebecca Chesley, GOYFF	Mindy Flannery
Erin Galloway	Robert Brutinel
Nicole Valenzuela	Shaun Rieve
Terrilyn Miller, GOYFF	Vada Jo Phelps
Gaelyn Davis, GOYFF	Earl Newton
	James Molina
	Navin Crump
	Jose Gonzales
	Tom Callahan

Call to Order

- Ms. Cindi Nannetti, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. with 17 members and 9 staff and guests present.

Introductions

- Ms. Cindi Nannetti, Chair, asked members to introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes

- Ms. Cindi Nannetti, Chair, requested a motion to approve the May 2, 2019, meeting minutes.
 - Ms. Dottie Wadraska motioned to accept the minutes as drafted.
 - Mr. Joe Kelroy seconded the motion.

- The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Governor's Commendation

- **Ms. Cindi Nannetti** recognized **Ms. Chris Schopen** for her amazing years of service on AJJC and CJ Task Force. **Ms. Chris Schopen** was presented with the Governor's Commendation.

Missing and Exploited Children Clearinghouse

- **Ms. Kelley Martin** from the Department of Public Safety introduced herself to the Commission and the public. **Ms. Kelley Martin** presented on the Arizona Missing and Exploited Children Clearinghouse, which aids the public and law enforcement in the search and recovery of missing children. It was reported that over 1200 children are missing in Arizona currently. **Ms. Kelley Martin** reported that in 2016 the Arizona Database was created and in 2017 the database went live for law enforcement and the general public. **Ms. Kelley Martin** stated that prior to this release, the only records that were used came from the national database. **Ms. Kelley Martin** reviewed different investigative and research methods that were used to create current profiles of missing children. An overview of different profiles was given, that included where to find the profiles and what information is included in the profiles. **Ms. Kelley Martin** discussed how missing juvenile posters are created from the profiles and can be used by the public or law enforcement in print or through distribution on social media and news outlets. **Ms. Kelley Martin** explored the difficulties of finding and completing information, particularly with finding suitable pictures of the children. **Ms. Kelley Martin** reviewed the dynamic search abilities that are included in the database and discussed the helpful benefits of having these options. **Ms. Kelley Martin** gave an overview of different information sources, including social media, law enforcement databases, local news outlets, web searches, police reports, other law enforcement agencies, and parents or family members. **Ms. Kelley Martin** also informed the Commission that reports and communication with parents has increased since the public release of the database. **Ms. Kelley Martin** reported that the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) frequently collaborates and coordinates with the clearinghouse. **Ms. Kelley Martin** reviewed certain success stories that she had encountered through her work with the database.
- **Ms. Cindi Nannetti** asked if there is a capability to input aliases and nicknames into the profiles. **Ms. Kelley Martin** confirmed that this was possible and typically included in reports when the information is known or provided.
- **Dr. Leslie Quinn** questioned how far back the database information goes. **Ms. Kelley Martin** discussed the compilation of information and reported that there was also a database that incorporated older cold cases on missing children that are now adults.
- **Ms. Leslie Quinn** discussed that Arizona was one of the last states to create and use such a database.
- **Ms. Jane Kallal** remarked that it is promising that parents and agencies are helping and providing information. **Ms. Jane Kallal** requested **Ms. Kelley Martin** describe what typical questions are asked when the families were being interviewed and talked to. **Ms. Jane Kallal** also explored options on other networking options that are out of State but that could be beneficial for the maintenance and completion of reports or profiles.
- **Ms. Kelley Martin** was encouraged to share and review flyers that are provided on the website that analyzes 15 apps that parents should be aware of and the most common terms used in texting for parents to be aware of.

JJDPA as Amended by 2018 Juvenile Justice Reform Act

- **Mr. Steve Selover** introduced himself to the Commission and the public and presented an overview of changes made to the JJDPA per the amendments passed by the Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2018.
- **Mr. Steve Selover** reviewed the timeline of when the JJDPA was signed into law and different requirements that are upheld by the Act. **Mr. Steve Selover** elaborated on certain areas of the history of the JJDPA, such as the Act addressing Disproportionate Minority Confinement, Gender Bias, authorizing training, research, and technical

assistance. **Mr. Steve Selover** informed the Commission that in 2018 the Juvenile Justice Reform Act was passed which substantially amended the JJDPA of 1974.

- **Mr. Steve Selover** reviewed the revised the JJDPA and current outcomes. **Mr. Steve Selover** stated that the State Advisory Group has changed to include expanded representation of various roles or expertise in 3 main categories: 1) Mental health and substance abuse needs of youth; 2) Victim/witness advocacy containing an emphasis on sexual exploitation/abuse and trauma; 3) Native American representative or experience in tribal LE and JJ. **Mr. Steve Selover** also addressed the changes that have been made to State Plans, including having a stronger emphasis on evidence-based and trauma-informed programs and practices, taking into account the adolescent brain development, and having additional available funding areas such as Problem-Solving Courts; programs addressing needs of justice-involved or at-risk girls, and supporting the process for sealing and expunging juvenile records. Further changes to the State Plan were discussed to be detention alternative for status offenders and sex trafficking victims, reducing the number of incarcerated youth awaiting out-of-home placement, and procedures for screening and identifying victims and potential victims of human trafficking and their diversion into appropriate services. The changes to the State Plan have been reported to have eliminated use of dangerous practices, such as unreasonable restraints and isolation in juvenile corrections by developing effective behavioral management techniques and eliminating restraints for incarcerated pregnant juveniles during labor, delivery, and post-partum recovery. Additional changes to the State Plan have also included the collection of child welfare information for crossover youth to improve services to victims of child abuse and neglect, using the EBP for behavioral health screening and treatment, engaging family members with systems-improvement efforts, and providing detailed descriptions of re-entry processes related to case planning, living arrangements, and other needs and follow up review.
- **Mr. Steve Selover** gave a description of collaboration with the Arizona Department of Education, such as having student records transferred from education programs in secure facilities to other schools or training programs, transferring credits for adjudicated juveniles, and allowing credit for coursework completed before or while in secure custody to count toward high school graduation.
- **Mr. Steve Selover** reviewed other state requirements to include the Tribal Government compliance with JJDPA and crossover youth information sharing. JJDPA Core requirements were further reviewed, specifically focusing on changes to Valid Court Orders (VCO), Racial and Ethnic disparities, and jail removal and separation. It was explained that the JJDPA prohibits detention of juveniles in jails and temporary lockup facilities with the exception that accused delinquent offenders can be detained up to 6 hours for processing. **Mr. Steve Selover** stated that by December 2021, jail removal will also apply to minors charged in the adult system.
- **Ms. Maria Dodge** asked for clarification on the categorical basis of judgements on an offense to which **Mr. Steve Selover** reviewed the limits and determinations required.
- **Ms. Jane Kallal** commented on the policies and regulations that regard youth with intellectual disabilities and the issues that are presented in juvenile justice because there are not appropriate facilities to house and handle this particular population. **Mr. Steve Selover** stated that the Juvenile Justice system is broadening the way that the act is evolving and directing outcomes to address this concern through increased regulations, improved standards, and resources that are available.
- **Ms. Cindi Nannetti** discussed that commission members can submit names for consideration of open areas as well as provide advice and recommendations to present on the JJDPA. **Ms. Guadalupe Durazo** discussed getting youth involved while being mindful of school class schedules which limit attendance availability. **Ms. Helen Gandara** asked how many commissioners were allowed and how many positions were currently available. **Mr. Steve Selover** stated that there were about 4 spots that could be filled if appropriate applicants were found.

- **Ms. Dottie Wodraska** asked about interpretation of law and the language that is used in the Act for tribal regulations and compliance. **Mr. Steve Selover** addressed past precedent for how the regulations and standards are implemented and interpreted.
- **Ms. Cindi Nannetti** commented that upon evaluation of the presentation and regulations, it appears that Maricopa county had been ahead of the game in implementing these standards and commended the overall work of the State of Arizona.

AJJC Committee Reports

Children's Justice Committee

- **Ms. Chris Schopen** shared that the committee is currently working on a document that provides clear language to the public and providers that describes the various degrees of trauma-informed certification in the context of specific application to treatment and programming. **Ms. Chris Schopen** also stated the committee is looking at being able to present the report soon to the Commission.

Racial and Ethnic Disparities Committee

- **Ms. Helen Gándara** advised on the continued work of the committee to align and follow federal authorization, including redefining parameters of the group, revised roles and responsibilities for the committee and working to understand inclusiveness across the state. **Ms. Helen Gándara** also discussed working on initial goals that work with new regulations and standards as presented that will best support initiatives.

Staff Updates

- **Mr. Steve Selover** advised on Year 2 of renewal proposals for the Juvenile Justice Title II grant, including tribal involvement from Salt River Pima Community.
Mr. Steve Selover provided information on the Faith Community Roundtable on Vulnerable Youth planned for November 5 and the Child Wellbeing Symposium scheduled September 23.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

- **Ms. Cindi Nannetti**, Chair, advised of the next meeting date scheduled December 5th and asked members to reference the list of upcoming meeting dates provided in their meeting packets to ensure they are added to their calendars.

Call to the Public

- **Ms. Cindi Nannetti**, Chair, made a call to the public. No comments from public members were made.

Adjournment

- **Ms. Cindi Nannetti**, Chair, called for a motion to adjourn.
 - **Mr. Robert Thomas** moved to adjourn the meeting
 - **Ms. Leslie Quinn** seconded the motion.
- Motion carried with no dissenting votes. Meeting adjourned at 10:52 am.

Dated September 6, 2019
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Submitted by Gaelyn Davis
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