

# Arkansas Supreme Court Commission on Children, Youth and Families

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## Juvenile Justice Reform Subcommittee Minutes January 23, 2015

### Subcommittee Members in Attendance

Hon. Rhonda Wood, Chair  
Paula Stone  
Judge Bobby McCallister  
Paul Kelly  
Deborah Coffman  
Dr. Michael Twyman (via telephone)  
Drew Shover

### Other Attendees

Connie Hickman Tanner  
Kate Shufeldt  
Brian Johnston  
Julie Feil  
Holly Glover (in place of Deborah Coffman)

### CALL TO ORDER

Hon. Rhonda Wood called the meeting to order.

### AGENDA TOPICS

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#### *Welcome & Introductions: Hon. Rhonda Wood*

Judge Rhonda Wood thanked the committee members for their service and asked the group to introduce themselves since a couple people were new to the group.

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#### *Update on RABS Risk Assessment Grant: Connie Hickman Tanner*

Connie gave the committee an update on the RABS Risk Assessment Grant through the MacArthur Foundation and OJJDP. Arkansas has been awarded the grant and will pilot in Pulaski, Faulkner, Craighead and Crittenden Counties. Dr. Gina Vincent and Project Director, Rachael Perrault were in Arkansas January 12-14 to meet with various stakeholders and conduct an initial training with the probation officers in the pilot counties. The committee has chosen to use the SAVRY risk and needs assessment tool. Dr. Vincent presented a proposed work plan that outlines the timeline for training, implementation of the pilot and evaluation of the project. The AOC computer information systems team was on hand to answer questions about Contexte and data capabilities. One day of the three day visit was an initial training with officers from the pilot sites on risk and needs assessments. The next meeting is planned for some time in March.

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#### *Discussion of Objectives in Action Plan: Committee*

Discussion for Principles 1 and 2 took place at the previous meeting. Connie shared that Objective 2.5 that calls for the statewide sharing of probation information can be accomplished with a change to Administrative Order 19. The committee voted unanimously to move forward with updating the order to allow officers statewide access to juvenile probation records. She will be discussing the matter further with Tim Holthoff of AOC CIS.

Objective 2.2 calls for the establishment of a Data Quality Committee. Connie requested that Kate head the committee. The committee will be comprised of Kate, Dr. Twyman, Holly, Drew, Paul, a representative from DYS and a provider. Kate will contact the committee to set a meeting.

Paula explained her proposed objectives 3.1-3.5 regarding care coordination. She that DBHS currently has a wrap-around tool being used in a small project. She proposed developing a pilot project to expand the implementation of the tool.

The committee discussed the importance of the objectives regarding education and the need to have access to education data. Holly stated that Dr. Cody Decker at ADE is probably the person to contact regarding sharing data. Holly explained that there are some data points such as attendance and discipline that is kept on the district level. Connie mentioned that it would be beneficial for officers to have access to the school's electronic grade center that parents can log into. An objective was added to develop a standard release form that officers can use for this purpose.

Justice Wood presented two options for suggested language for districts' administrative plans that provide for the jurisdiction of the transfer of hearings to be in the juvenile division of circuit courts. The two options will be distributed to the judges to use as they prepare their next plan.

The committee discussed the remaining objectives under principle 4, many of which are to educate professionals and promote the implementation of current best practices. There was much discussion around the need for local or regional roundtables where all professionals who work with these youth can discuss their services, projects and collaborate with each other, which was added as an objective. Some areas may have an existing forum for these efforts or may have United Way's 2-1-1. Further research is required.

<b>Action items</b>	<b>Person responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Update action plan	Kate	5/12/2015
Update on RABS pilot project	Connie	5/12/2015
Research and recommend definition of recidivism	Kate & Scott	5/12/2015
Data quality committee meeting	Kate	TBD

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### ***Next Meeting***

The next meeting will be held on May 12, 2015 at 11 AM at the Justice Building in Little Rock.