

# Arkansas Supreme Court Commission on Children, Youth and Families

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## Juvenile Justice Reform Subcommittee Minutes May 12, 2015

### Subcommittee Members in Attendance

Hon. Rhonda Wood, Chair  
Paula Stone  
Judge Bobby McCallister  
Deborah Coffman  
Drew Shover  
Carmen Jordan  
Marcus Devine

Scott Tanner

### Other Attendees

Connie Hickman Tanner  
Kate Shufeldt  
Brian Johnston  
Holly Glover  
Fayetteville Externs

### CALL TO ORDER

Hon. Rhonda Wood called the meeting to order.

### AGENDA TOPICS

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

Justice 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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#### *Legislative Update: Committee*

Connie gave the committee an update on legislative changes from the session. New legislation included language regarding the use of a validated risk and needs assessment. Justice Wood and Judge McCallister voiced concern over the seven day requirement in the act, but discussion concluded that the seven day requirement could be waived if the process was moving quickly. Marcus discussed Act 1010 which included the creation of the Youth Justice Reform Board. The Board will be announced this summer and will focus on reforms within the DYS system. The committee discussed the possibility of duplication of efforts with the Board and the need to coordinate the committees and recommendations. Marcus stated that there will be a few people from the committee on the Board.

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

Connie gave the committee an update on the RABS Risk & Needs Assessment Grant. The officers have the main SAVRY training on May 14-15 and another training on June 26. The plan will be to go live on July 1. The RABS Implementation Committee discussed compiling service matrices to map what services are in the counties as well as gaps in services. Drew discussed the mapping process they used in Benton County. The providers have agreed to assist in the compilation of services. Paula stated that eligibility needed to be included in the matrix.

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#### *Update on JJ Reform Data Committee- Data Team*

The data team gave an update on their meeting from the previous week. The team stated initial discussion highlighted that there were gaps in data substance, quality, and ability to be analyzed. The team spent the first meeting learning about the RITETRAC and Contexte Systems. Discussion then moved to education data. Deborah stated that almost all of the

districts use the Home Access Center for parents to access student grades and other information. The enrollment form is part of school enrollment. Access to HAC and what parents see differ by district. Brian, Deborah and Holly will connect to see if a standard can be used for officers to have access to the Home Access Center.

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***Proposal to consult with the RFK National Resource Center on Juvenile Justice-  
Kate Shufeldt***

Kate proposed writing a grant to receive technical assistance funds from the State Justice Institute to engage with the RFK National Resource Center on Juvenile Justice to conduct a probation review. The review methodology the Center utilizes would examine multiple counties and provide recommendations that we could incorporate into recommendations for legislative reforms. The Center has conducted similar reviews in other states with success. The review would be a good complement to the RABS project. The Committee voted to submit the grant.

<b>Action items</b>	<b>Person responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
SJI grant for Probation Review	Kate & Connie	8/1/15
Update on RABS pilot project	Connie	8/18/15
Research and recommend definition of recidivism- moved to next meeting	Kate & Scott	8/18/15
Data quality committee meeting	Kate	8/11/15

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***Next Meeting***

The next meeting will be held on August 18, 2015 at 11 AM at the Justice Building in Little Rock.