

CIP Committee Meeting

October 6, 2011

Welcome/Introductions:

Committee members in attendance: Sharon Kallemeyn, Roxie Erickson, Marty Graves, Dave Valandra, LuAnn Van Hunnik, Vicki Burger, Judge Jeff Davis, Becky Morlock-Reeves, Amy Benda, Todd Schlekeway and UJS staff Sara Kelly
Committee members not attending: Judge Scott Myren, Virgena Wieseler, and Tony Benning.

Committee members introduced themselves to new committee member Senator Todd Schlekeway. Senator Schlekeway introduced himself and gave a brief overview of himself and of his involvement with the legislature.

August Meeting Minutes:

The committee reviewed the August meeting minutes, there were no corrections noted. Minutes approved.

CIP Budget:

The committee reviewed the CIP grant budget. The basic CIP grant is resolved annually, however the CIP data and training grant does have funds reverted due to funding cycle and billing cycle of vendors.

CIP Grant Update:

CIP reauthorization was signed by the President on Friday, September 30, 2011. Sara Kelly state she expects the Program Instructions (PI) for the CIP funds will be sent to CIP Coordinators by the end of October. The projected due date for the grants is mid-December. Sara Kelly stated she will forward the PI to committee members as soon as she gets them, Kelly stated she expects some significant changes to the PI and will need to meet with the committee for strategic planning purposes. November 2, 2011 1:00 MT/2:00 CT was scheduled.

Other Grant Information:

On October 4th, the SD Department of Social Services was notified that their grant application was selected for the Family Connections Grant: Using Family Group Decision-making to Build Protective Factors for Children and Families, from the US Department of Health & Human Services, Administration for Children & Families. This is a collaborative effort with American Humane Association, Casey Family Program, the state of Texas, and Larimer County, CO. It's a 3 year implementation and evaluation grant which will include evaluation of outcomes of Family Group Conferencing and implementation of an immediate response model, as well as assistance in expanding this process to the Sioux Falls office. It will include extensive technical assistance and training from American Humane, as well as frequent peer networking among the partners, and national conference presentations regarding the grant process and outcomes. There were

only 7 grants awarded nationally to both private and public applicants, for up to \$550,000 per year for up to 3 years. American Humane is the Lead Agency; the total amount of the grant awarded is unknown at this time. There is a kickoff meeting in Washington DC on November 14 & 16 which LuAnn VanHunnik will be attending and will learn more at that time.

Children's Justice Conference:

Committee members reviewed the conference evaluation summary. Committee members stated they received positive feedback regarding the conference. Sara Kelly stated she is preparing a summary for Pat Duggan, State Court Administrator and Chief Justice Gilbertson.

The committee noted the successes as the number of registrants and those attending, the topic/choice of breakout sessions, keynote speaker and wrap-up speaker.

The committee noted the items to improve are: more detail description of breakout sessions, better advertising, improve website/registration, and send out confirmation information to registrants.

The committee also discussed location, both sites were acceptable but Rapid City's site needs to be in one area of the hotel; participants had difficulty finding breakout rooms and large conference room was too big. Sioux Falls site had a better set up, but needed coffee/water area for participants. The committee agreed having the conference in both Rapid City and Sioux Falls worked well and preferred to keep future conferences as such.

Ideas were mentioned for better advertising; Todd Schlekeway mentioned advertising in local newspapers (i.e. Argus Leader), Schlekeway also mentioned contacting fellow legislators for increased participation of law makers. LuAnn Van Hunnik mentioned Sandy Diegel, of the John T. Vucurevich Foundation that spearheads the Black Hills Mental Health Substance Abuse Collaborative, as a resource to send out conference postcards.

The committee would like to hold another conference in 2012. The committee discussed increasing the law enforcement component of the conference, along with ICWA and native culture. A panel breakout session with several individuals (Defense Attorney, State's Attorney, Judge, Tribal Judge) how these entities work together was discussed. Dave Valandra mentioned BJ Jones as a possible presenter for ICWA and culture. Amy Benda mentioned "From Place to Place" as a possible keynote. Vicki Burger mentioned Victor Veith, National Child Protection Training Center, as a possible keynote.

The committee agreed September is a good time of year; possible 2012 dates are September 11 and 13.

State's Attorney Professional Reference Guide:

Roxie Erickson and Sharon Kallemeyn revised the most recent draft and presented it to the committee. Committee members were asked to review it and have changes to Roxie Erickson before the November 2 conference call. Erickson will send a final draft to Sara Kelly for committee distribution and final approval at the November 2 conference call. The guide will then be distributed to state's attorneys and added to the UJS website.

Other Business:

Amy Benda presented an issue of a parent (mother) paying back child support to a person (father) in prison (convicted of abusing his children). The issue has been brought to the Governor's office and will be addressed during session. Benda will watch legislative bills and notify the committee as the issue is addressed.

Amy Benda presented a case in which law enforcement removed a child from a relative's home (in the middle of the night) after the mother was arrested. A local judge was unhappy with this procedure. Marty Graves gave some insight as to why law enforcement will do that; a parent can bond out of jail and if the relative doesn't have legal custody of the child, the parent can't be stopped from taking their child. Vicki Burger stated she is meeting with a local judge on other procedural issues and will discuss this situation with him at their meeting.

Next Meeting:

~~November 2, 2011 1:00 MT/2:00 CT – Conference Call~~

Rescheduled for November 29, 2011, 3:00 – 5:00 CT – Conference Call