

CIP Committee Meeting Agenda
October 31, 2013
10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Cedar Shores – Wetlands Room

Attending: Tony Benning, Virgena Wieseler, Judge Myren, Judge Davis, LuAnn Van Hunnik, Corey Brubakken, Roxie Erickson, Sharon Kallemeyn, Amy Benda and Sara Kelly

Absent: Vicki Burger, Dave Valandra, Susan Compaan, Jeff Schlekeway, Beck Morlock-Reeves and Melody Schopp

Introductions: Corey Brubakken introduced himself to the committee and the committee members introduced themselves to Corey, as this was his first in-person meeting.

Overview of Conference (2014 dates): Judge Davis stated the dates for 2014 are September 16 (Rapid City) and September 18 (Sioux Falls). The committee reviewed the conference evaluation summaries. The committee discussed the topic of services to youth transitioning out of the system as an overall theme of the conference. Sara stated she has started searching for keynote, breakout and wrap-up sessions speakers. She found a keynote speaker, Travis Lloyd, which may be a good fit to the theme of transitioning youth. The committee discussed having the keynote and then a spin-off session from the keynote for the whole group and the afternoon session could have breakout sessions and the wrap-up speaker. Topic ideas were discussed and what themes of topics would interest attorneys, CASA, child welfare staff, educators etc. Sara mentioned Jim Tanner has marked down 2014 dates to present on “Living with the Memories”. Sara will explore the topics for breakout sessions and presenters and report back to the committee. Virgena stated the NRC for Youth and Transition could possibly help in finding presenters and cover the cost. Sara will meet with Virgena and LuAnn to plan for the morning session.

Judge Myren asked what the breakdown was of those registered and attending. He questioned if we should market more heavily attorneys and possibly have the judge that oversees A&N cases to mention it to the attorneys that cover A&N cases. This may increase attendance. Sara stated she can send out additional reminders to the attorneys on the certified A&N attorney list. Judge Myron thought having an article in the newspapers and local television coverage of the conference would also increase awareness and attendance. Tony Benning suggested more recruitment toward school counselors and the department of education.

Sara stated the Hilton Garden Inn – Rapid City is holding September 16 for the conference. Committee members commented that the space in Rapid City worked well; the hotel was very accommodating and easy to work with. Sara stated she and Amy will visit the new Hilton Garden Inn, downtown Sioux Falls, November 20, for a potential conference space.

Discussion took place on credit recovery and how to simplify this for foster children. LuAnn said it expands beyond foster youth and includes children moving into a school district because of parent relocation. Virgena suggested a committee of DSS, DOC, DOE and youth to look at what is being done, what is working and what change is needed. Judge Davis suggested approaching a few legislators to recommend a legislative committee/task force. He will talk to the Chief about this.

Translators – CIP basic grant expand to reimburse CASA for translators: Sara ask for committee approval to expand the CIP Basic grant to reimburse CASA programs when needing to use a translator for an A&N case. Committee approved.

Green Book update: The committee discussed the changes made to the 2007 Green Book. Judge Davis handed out copies of the changes his law clerk, Nathan Chicoine, did. The committee discussed having future updates handled as they come up and sent out with a cover letter telling users what pages to change out. Sara will send out a mark-up copy and a final copy for the committee to review and approve for completed version to go to users.

Data Collection: The committee discussed data collection from DSS and the court. It was recommended to see what other states are collecting and how the data is collected. Sara has joined a CIP Odyssey users group that explores what other states are doing with Odyssey reports, custom reports and Courtools. Virgena suggested Sara join the DSS permanency workgroup. She will notify Sara of future meetings. Sara will collect more information on what type of reports other states are generating from Odyssey and report back to the committee.

Legislative member: Judge Davis will talk to Chief Justice Gilbertson for name suggestions/preference

Next meeting: Sara will send an email to the committee with possible dates for early 2014