

**Juvenile Court Improvement Program Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes – September 9, 2024  
In Person and Via WebEx**

Juvenile & Family Court Programs Division  
1133 Chemeketa Street NE, Salem, OR 97301  
10:00 am-4:00 pm

<b>COMMITTEE MEMBERS</b>			
X	Hon. Manuel Perez, Marion County Circuit Court	X	Hon. Eva Temple, Umatilla and Morrow Counties Circuit Court
	Hon. Darleen Ortega, Oregon Court of Appeals		Hon. Amy Holmes Hehn, Multnomah County Circuit Court
	Hon. Megan Jacquot, Oregon Court of Appeals	X	Hon. Valeri Love, Lane County Circuit Court
X	Hon. Bethany Flint, Deschutes County Circuit Court	X	Lacey Andresen, Deputy Director, ODHS Child Welfare
			Jenna App, Director, Oregon CASA Network
	Alexis Amorelli, Foster Care Ombudsman, Governor’s Advocacy	X	Kim Keller, Child Permanency Manager, ODHS Child Welfare
	Gail Schelle, Assistant Child Permanency Program Manager,		
X	Maggie Carlson, Attorney, Youth Rights and Justice	X	Tabitha Stevenson, PCRCP Case Manager, UVPD
X	Megan Brazo-Erickson, Asst. Manager of Federal Policy and Resources, ODHS Child Welfare	X	Joanne Southey, Chief Counsel, Child Advocacy Division, DOJ
	Mandi Montgomery, TCA Yamhill County		Christine Kamps, ICWA Consultant, Office of Tribal Affairs, ODHS
	Becky Mastne, Parent Mentor at Morrison Child and Family Services		Jennifer Ricks, ODHS, Child Welfare CQI Manager
	Aprille Flint-Gerner, ODHS Child Welfare Division Director		Marlie Magill, Foster Care Liaison with Oregon Department of Education
	Jennifer Holman, Family Preservation Manager for Self Sufficiency, ODHS	X	Kevin Hupy, OPDC, Juvenile Resource Counsel
	Kim Lorz, Training & Workforce Development Manager, ODHS Child Welfare	X	Daniel Schneider, Training Program Administrator, Child Welfare Partnership, Center for Improvement of Child and Family Services
X	Wade Calkins, Parent Mentor, The Family Nurturing Center	X	Suzanne Callahan, CRB Field Manager

X	Sherril Kuhns, Office of Tribal Affairs, Interim Director	X	Melissa Krouse, Child Welfare Program Specialist, Administration for Children and Families
X	Alysia Cox,	X	Chris Hinkel, Oregon CASA Network, Staff Attorney
<b>INTERESTED PARTIES</b>			
	Helen Terry, Lead Trainer, Child Welfare Partnership, PSU Center for Improvement of Child & Family	X	Kelly Scales, CQI Analyst, ODHS
<b>JFCPD STAFF</b>			
X	Nanci Thaemert, Director, JFCPD		Jordan Bates, OGC, OJD
	Amy Miller, Asst. Deputy Director SCA	X	Rachel Woods, Data Analyst, BFSD
X	Jayne Cooper, ICWA & JCIP Analyst, JFCPD		Nella Hogberg, JDIP Analyst, JFCPD
X	Heidi Moon, Juvenile Law Analyst, JFCPD		Yousef Allouzi, Data Analyst, BFSD & JFCPD
X	Nikki Hahn, Management Assistant, JFCPD		Christina Jagernauth, Asst. Director of CRB
X	Adrea Korthase, ICWA Analyst		

1. Welcome & Networking (10:00 am-10:30 am)
2. Model Court Teams (MCTs) (10:30 am-12:00 pm)
  - a. JCIP's Vision & Support for MCTs

*Jayne Cooper:* Discussion about Model Court Teams and how JCIP can support them. Suzanne Callahan has visited with Model Court Teams, gathered information, and how they can best be supported. Model Court Teams are a very effective way for JCIP to implement statewide efforts. In conversations with other states, they have to create teams to implement projects at a local level. Model Court Teams may also be an effective place for partners to bring efforts to as well. JCIP created a half-day Model Court Team reset training, which is to visit the courts and help identify the purpose for the team, make sure the members are appropriately placed, discuss structure, assessing the needs for the

teams, and presenting a high-level structure for how to create an effective project. JCIP helped create a process for teams to obtain information as well as a SharePoint site with resources for Model Court Teams.

b. Updates from the MCTs, Project Themes

*Suzanne Callahan:* Model Court Teams seem to have lost their momentum, there had not been a way to bridge the gap between state and local levels. Has been sending out quarterly updates to field managers for Model Court Teams. Shares a PowerPoint with an overview of each county's Model Court formats and projects. Review of a Model Court Team workplan. Re-entry numbers were obtained from ODHS and can reach out to additional partners for further data.

*Judge Flint:* Was able to connect with the local level based on the presentations given at Through the Eyes of a Child Conference and the Model Court Summit and create goals for local the Model Court Team. Found that model helpful and would like to go back to that format. Curious about who is collecting the data and how it is obtained. Discusses the court invite that was created for children to feel more comfortable in the courtroom, relies on attorneys to disseminate.

*Judge Love:* Lane County looked at their data and found that it depends on how the data was entered and categorized, which takes additional time to investigate data entries.

*Wade Calkins:* Having parents involved in the peer review process has been helpful and gives the ability to be a conduit between parents and the Model Court Teams. Shelters have changed in positive ways such as later in the day and less people in the courtroom. Parent mentors are now allowed to receive information about shelters such as how many are set for the day, and a brochure was created to assist parents. Parent mentors saw an increase in engagement from the first day.

c. Alignment of MCTs with ODHS CQI & Partner Efforts

*Kelly Scales:* The state implementation consists of fourteen of the twenty-three districts are working on parent safety action plans. Two districts are working on monthly face-to-face visits. Family time with parents, the

frequency and quality. Needs assessment and services for parent is a CFSR measurement. Risk assessment and safety management.

*Jayne Cooper:* How frequently is the legal community attending the ODHS efforts. Need more time for scheduling. Have CQI analysts present on action items and how to implement, would give a specific outcome.

*Judge Love:* Conditions imposed from the court and ODHS may be different, would be helpful to appear at meetings, just need more advance notice.

*Suzanne Callahan:* It is a natural avenue to pair Model Courts with CQI action plans and for Model Courts to support those action plans.

- d. Re-Imagining JCIP Support for MCTs  
What support would best allow to build the capacity of Model Court Teams, what do they need and topic areas or themes that JCIP should be focusing to help support project areas.
- 3. CQI Data Review (1:00 pm-1:20 pm)
    - a. Quarterly Statistical Reports
    - b. Reasonable and Active Efforts Data
  - 4. JCIP-ODHS Joint Project—Oregon State Tribal Partnership (1:20 pm-2:00 pm)

*Adrea Korthase:* Break into groups to discuss views on working with tribes. Working with Grand Ronde to do a tour and observe tribal court. Went to Warm Springs to observe and discuss IV-E funding.

*Sherril Kuhns (Group 4):* For the nine federally recognized courts, they are showing up to court. The out of state tribes are more difficult to get to appear in court. Understanding what is important to the tribes and why. Some tribal courts would like to the transfer jurisdiction if they had the infrastructure, some partner with ODHS. Placement preference list should be in the ICWA state agreements.

*Jayne Cooper (Group 2):* Tribes are often invited to various spaces but there may not be enough thought into what is important and having foundational understanding of tribal perspective.

*Joanne Southey (Group 3):* Focused on different ways to be involved in cases even if it's not an ICWA case. What steps can be taken in roles to ensure voices of tribe are heard.

*Judge Love:* Was able to visit two tribes and engaging in conversations to build relationships.

*Group 1:* Different levels of relationships partners have with the tribes. True collaboration, find out what is already going on with the tribes and getting involved.

5. JCIP Quality Legal Representation Project—A Community of Practice for Juvenile Attorneys (2:00 pm-2:30 pm)

*Jayne Cooper:* Completed a root cause analysis, looked at driving causes of retention and recruitment, consider a community of practice, which is to create a space to disseminate information and come up with new ideas. Possible launching a juvenile community of practice for information sharing.

*Judge Perez:* Should be for all attorneys and include a judge. Marion County juvenile defense attorneys meet frequently. Will bring the topic up at the next Dependency Improvement Group (DIG) meeting.

*Joanne Southey:* Best practices vary statewide and may be a challenge for training. Depends on the size of the group.

*Suzanne Callahan:* Jackson County attorneys are a close-knit group and have their own trainings and meetings.

*Kevin Hupy:* The National Association of Public Defenders has several community of practices to train attorneys to do other things, intended to be a discussion rather than a training.

*Judge Flint:* Likes the idea of collaboration, focus on recruitment and retention, primary concern in Deschutes County.

*Heidi Moon:* Starting with a scope of the audience may be a good starting point.

6. JCIP Quality Hearing Project—ABA Safety Framework Training Series—A Partnership with Casey Family Programs (2:45 pm-3:15 pm)

*Jayne Cooper:* Wrapping up the questions component, have an opportunity to do more local training with judges and attorneys. Will send an email out with more information.

7. Legal and Judicial Engagement in the Child and Family Service Reviews (3:15 pm-3:45 pm)
8. 2025 JCIP AC Meetings—Vote on Meeting Locations for March & September Mtgs (3:45 pm-3:55 pm)
9. Wrap-Up (3:55 pm-4:00 pm)

**Next meeting: December 9, 2024, 1:30 pm-3:00 pm**