

**FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE JUSTICE WEBINAR MEETING
JULY 18, 2019
SUMMARY**

On July 18, 2019, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) hosted a working meeting of the **Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice (FACJJ)**. The meeting was open to the public.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

OJJDP Administrator Caren Harp provided updates on the FACJJ membership:

- Judge Michael Arrington and Richard Thompson have stepped down. Administrator Harp is reviewing FACJJ applications and hopes to have replacement members on board prior to the committee's in-person meeting in late September.
- Kenneth Tramble has stepped down as Chair of the Subcommittee on Special Topics; Kathryn Richtman has taken over that position.

Administrator Harp encouraged the committee's full attendance at the in-person meeting in Kansas City in late September. OJJDP will convene the meeting during its national training for DMC Coordinators, Juvenile Justice Specialists, and State Advisory Group (SAG) members. Administrator Harp has invited the Government Accountability Office; and the Office of Audit, Assessment, and Management (OAAM) at the Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs. Each office is performing an expected audit of OJJDP. Representatives from the Department of Education, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the State Department will attend as well, offering opportunities to collaborate on programming and applying for federal funding.

Administrator Harp announced OJJDP's plan to update its curriculum for onboarding SAG members. She noted that understanding the full scope of a SAG's responsibilities can lead to recognizing opportunities for partnerships, programming, and more.

UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

FACJJ Chair Joseph Vignati stated the main goal of the FACJJ – to improve juvenile justice systems across the country — and expressed his excitement about the early work of the three new subcommittees. He reiterated the need for FACJJ to define its role in translating the complexity of juvenile justice for those not directly connected with it.

FACJJ SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES AND DISCUSSION

Subcommittee on Compliance with the Juvenile Justice Reauthorization Act (JJRA)

Judge David Hejmanowski, Chair

Judge Hejmanowski noted that this subcommittee lost 50 percent of its membership, as both Judge Arrington and Mr. Thompson had been members. The group has met twice and focused on:

1. Drafting of regulations for the reauthorization;

2. Helping to define the phrase “Effective Monitoring Universe” contained in the reauthorization, with the goal of states maintaining compliance; and
3. Developing a better understanding of the phrase “Second or Subsequent Order” for states.

Administrator Harp will join the subcommittee’s upcoming meeting (scheduled for August 19) to clarify policy and process for the states.

Subcommittee on Educating the Field

Anthony Pierro, Chair

The subcommittee has held multiple meetings with high participation. It is developing a way to make sure that anyone entering the juvenile justice system is as motivated, committed, and trained as they can be. One main goal is to create and/or identify appropriate resources; OJJDP has many helpful assets, but they are not well known and sometimes are difficult to access. The subcommittee is working to create a gateway to the information and is drafting a mission statement. The group also has discussed the idea of creating a “101 training” for those entering the field. It will meet again sometime in August.

Subcommittee on Special Topics

Kathryn Richtman, Chair

The subcommittee has held three meetings thus far with high participation, and it has identified a dramatic need for support and resources for rural communities. Betty-Ann Bryce, Special Advisor/Rural Lead, Public Health Education and Treatment in the Office of the National Drug Control Policy, presented to the group, highlighting issues in rural areas. She offered to address any SAG meeting; one SAG already has followed up, and Ms. Richtman’s SAG is working to have her present to it as well.

The subcommittee is in the process of developing its goals and mission statement. It seeks to increase access and opportunities of rural communities to apply for funding and sustain programs after the end of grants. It requests that OJJDP consider designating at least one staff member as a rural community subject matter expert (SME).

Administrator Harp shared that the Administration has identified more than 8,000 “Opportunity Zones” by ZIP code, the bulk of these being rural areas. Almost 90 percent of recent OJJDP grant solicitations included priority consideration for applicants serving Opportunity Zones. Regarding designating one rural SME or more, Administrator Harp agreed that this is feasible, as OJJDP staff already serve as SMEs in other areas.

Ms. Bryce already is slated to present at the September conference; OJJDP staff will reach out to invite her to address the FACJJ meeting.

NEXT STEPS

The FACJJ will meet in person in Kansas City in late September, and the subcommittees will continue their efforts. Administrator Harp will invite and onboard two new committee members.

Written comments from the general public may be submitted to Elizabeth Wolfe, Designated Federal Official, at Elizabeth.Wolfe@ojp.usdoj.gov.

For more information on OJJDP or the FACJJ, visit www.ojjdp.gov or www.facjj.ojp.gov, or email Ms. Wolfe.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Judge Thomas Frawley

Adolphus Graves

Chief Corey Haines

Judge David Hejmanowski

Anthony Pierro

Kathryn Richtman

Thomas Rose

Korey Solomon

Joseph Vignati

Tiffany Wilkerson-Franklin