

Board of Judicial Policy and Administration

Supreme Court Building, Room 237

Cheyenne, Wyoming

June 17, 2019

9:00 A.M. – NOON

Video Conference

Minutes

BJPA Members Present: Chief Justice Michael Davis (Chair), Justice Kate Fox, Justice Lynne Boomgaarden, Judge Bob Castor*, Judge Wes Roberts*, Judge Curt Haws*

Others Present: Judge Tim Day,* Judge John Perry,* Judge Nick Deegan,* Judge Brian Christensen,* Diane Sanchez, Laramie County District Court Clerk, Patty Bennett, Clerk of the Supreme Court, Cierra Hipszky, Business Manager, Julie Goyen, Chief Information Officer, Claire Smith, Chief Fiscal Officer, Heather Kenworthy, IT Applications Project Manager, Keven McGill, Network Administrator, Elisa Butler, General Counsel, Phil Donoho, Associate General Counsel, Whitney Agopian, Children's Justice Project Coordinator, Ronda Munger, Deputy State Court Administrator, and Lily Sharpe, State Court Administrator.

**Appeared remotely via phone or video conference*

Agenda Items	
Roll Call	Lily Sharpe introduced Whitney Agopian, Phil Donoho, Heather Kenworthy, Claire Smith, Keven McGill, and Diane Sanchez.
Welcome	Chief Justice Davis welcomed the members and attendees.
Campbell County Update	<p>1. County Initiative – Judge Deegan</p> <p>Judge Deegan relayed good news from Campbell County. The County has purchased an office building across from the courthouse and is planning space for the addition of a fourth district court judge. Judge Deegan recapped that the 6th Judicial District is the second most distressed district in terms of workload. Although some counties have struggled to find quarters for an additional judge, Campbell County is actively moving forward with planning. Ronda Munger offered that she will be able to prepare a 2019 workload study for the district courts in August. A study will not be possible for circuit courts since the FullCourt Enterprise case management system has been implemented in several circuit courts and the new case types do not correspond to the case types in the workload study. Chief Justice Davis encouraged the Campbell County district court judges</p>

	to meet with the Joint Judiciary and Joint Appropriations Interim Committees to discuss funding and legislation for a new judge.
CJP Update	<p>1. CJP Request (Appendix 1) – Whitney Agopian</p> <p>A. MDT Report Draft Form (Appendix 2) and request for District Court Judges Feedback</p> <p>The Wyoming Department of Family Services (DFS) is updating its policies and procedures for Multidisciplinary Teams (MDTs). As part of the update, DFS would like a uniform MDT report format for statewide use. DFS is requesting feedback regarding the attached MDT report. Specifically, does the format allow judges to easily ascertain the status of a juvenile case and, if not, how can DFS improve the form? Please provide feedback by July 1 to Whitney Agopian (wagopian@courts.state.wy.us or 307.777.7575). Judge Perry will send the form to the judges for comments.</p>
Judicial Vacancies	<p>1. Eighth Judicial District – Chief Justice Davis</p> <p>A. Judge Arp retires July 2, 2019</p> <p>The three names submitted to the Governor were Patty Bennett, Ed Buchanan and Nate Hibben. The Governor has until June 21 to announce the appointment. Judge Christensen encouraged everyone to attend Judge Arp's retirement party on July 2, 2019 from 11:00 – 2:00 p.m. at the Goshen County Courthouse.</p>
New Judicial Appointments	<p>1. Third Judicial District – Chief Justice Davis</p> <p>A. Greg Corpening was appointed to fill the vacancy when Judge Zebre retired May 1, 2019.</p> <p>2. Ninth Judicial District – Chief Justice Davis</p> <p>A. Jason Conder was appointed to fill the vacancy that will arise when Judge Young retires on July 3, 2019. Judge Conder will take his oath on July 8. The pay raise for the district court judges and for the justices will become effective on July 8. The circuit court judges' raise will become effective July 1.</p> <p>Justice Kautz relayed that a judicial orientation will be conducted on July 23, 2019 for the three new judges.</p>
BJPA Elections	<p>1. Expiring Terms – Chief Justice Davis</p> <p>The terms of Judge Rogers and Judge Castor expire June 30, 2019. The Circuit Court Judges' Conference has elected Judge Castor to serve another term. His new term will expire June 30, 2022. Judge Day noted Judge Rogers has agreed to serve another term and is expecting to the District Court Judges' Conference to formalize her successive term soon.</p>

<p>Interim Committee Meetings</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Joint Judiciary Interim Committee – Justice Fox and Ronda Munger <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Meeting June 3-4, 2019 in Gillette <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Committee Topics (Appendix 3) <p>Justice Fox reported to the Joint Judiciary Interim Committee (JJC) on the progress of creating a Chancery Court. Some of the Committee members expressed shock about the cost of a new court. Justice Fox also discussed the Children's Justice Project proposal of moving the Guardian ad Litem program out of the Public Defender's Office and creating an Office of Parents Counsel. Funding was a concern, but the JJC will continue the discussion at its next meeting.</p> <p>Ronda Munger explained to JJC proposed amendments from Court Administration to clarify the information on criminal court abstracts. Currently FullCourt Enterprise creates a summary of information about a case. The rollout of the new system in the Circuit Courts highlighted the fact that there were as many court abstracts as there were courts. After researching the statutes, it became clear that there was not one definitive statutory definition of a criminal court abstract. The Wyoming Supreme Court held a meeting on May 29 with all the different law enforcement agencies that require a court abstract. At that meeting input from all agencies was incorporated into possible statutory amendments to be presented to the JJC. After an in-depth discussion, the JJC agreed to have LSO draft a proposed bill. Chief Justice Davis questioned whether the bill would increase the work on the clerks. Ronda noted the intent is to save the clerks time. DCI had previously requested clerks to log into the DCI criminal record system and manually re-enter data on each case. However, it would have been inefficient for the clerks to input the data into the court case management system and again into a DCI record system. Consequently, the intent is to create bridge to electronically transfer data.</p> 2. Joint Appropriations Committee – Lily Sharpe and Julie Goyen <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Tentative Meeting July 9 in Cheyenne <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Committee Topics (Appendix 4) <p>Lily Sharpe advised that the Joint Appropriations Committee (JAC) will discuss electronic access to court records in its meeting in July. Electronic access to court records has become a feature of the legislative effort to make Wyoming more business friendly. The meeting will be held on July 9 in Cheyenne. Electronic access may decrease the time it takes to conduct background checks. Chief Justice Davis added that JAC will consider a subscription-based service similar to what Utah has. The subscription model, however, is very complex and expensive.</p>
<p>Judicial Conference Reports</p> <p><u>Circuit Conference President:</u> Judge Christensen</p> <p><u>District Conference President:</u> Judge Day</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Circuit Court Conference – Judge Christensen <p>The Executive Committee recently met to discuss issues that have arisen concerning public defenders. The Committee also discussed possible changes to Criminal Rule 4 requiring justification for a misdemeanor warrant.</p> 2. District Court Conference – Judge Day

	<p>The judges met in Lander during their spring meeting. Professor Easton gave a presentation on evidence. The Conference recommended Judge Lavery to replace Judge Sharpe on the Court Technology Committee. At the fall meeting, the Conference will consider its policy on sick and annual leave for law clerks and payout for accumulated leave upon termination from service.</p>
<p>Budget Requests</p>	<p>1. Update – Claire Smith</p> <p>A. Budget</p> <p>Claire Smith reminded the Board that it is time to start working on exception requests for the 2021-2022 biennium. In general, a court's 2019-2020 budget is what the court will receive during the next biennium unless a judge asks for an exception to her or his budget. The district court judges need to submit their exception requests to their budget committee. Please call or email Claire if there are any questions or you need help in determining whether you need an exception request.</p> <p>B. Pay raises</p> <p>The executive branch has set limitations on who can receive the July 1 pay raise. It is excluding probationary employees who have been employed less than 1 year. As a result, the executive branch will be allocating their appropriation to fewer employees and that equates to a 2.5% raise for employees instead of 2%. The judicial branch has not set limits on who will receive the raise. As long as the person is employed on June 30, the employee will receive the 2% raise on July 1.</p>
<p>Judicial Branch Technology</p> <p><u>Courtroom Automation Committee</u></p> <p>Members: Chief Justice Davis (Chair), Judge Fenn, Judge Edelman, Judge Campbell, Judge Christensen, Judge Castano, Judge Haws</p> <p><u>Courtroom Technology Committee</u> Members: Chief Justice Davis (Chair), Justice Fox, Judge Sharpe, Judge Johnson, Judge Christensen, and Judge Prokos</p>	<p><u>Court Automation Committee Updates</u> – Elisa Butler and Heather Kenworthy</p> <p>1. DCAC/CCAC – Heather Kenworthy</p> <p>A. FCE Circuit</p> <p>The following courts have gone live:</p> <p>Campbell County Go-Live, March 24</p> <p>Goshen County Go-Live, April 14</p> <p>Sublette County Go-Live, May 5</p> <p>Sweetwater County Go-Live, June 16</p> <p>Total of 8 counties, (9 databases) on FCE</p> <p>We will be testing a new release soon that contains some more of the customizations requested by the Circuit Court Change Committee.</p> <p>B. FCE District Court</p> <p>I. Committee Work</p> <p>We are working on a review of the CR/CV setup as well as setting up the child welfare module. We should also be getting a new copy of the migrated pilot database soon for our review.</p>

2. Jury Management – Elisa Butler

A. Commencement of Activities for Group 2

We are currently in the thick of rolling out the new AgileJury system to the next group of courts, which includes:

- Crook County Circuit and District Courts
- Niobrara County Circuit Court
- Converse County Circuit and District Courts
- Goshen County Circuit and District Courts
- Natrona County District Court

These courts will go live in the next 6 weeks, with some courts going live at the beginning of July. We currently have 11 courts live on the system, and that will soon be 19 courts as the courts in the second rollout group go live.

The clerks seem to like the functionality. The public also likes to be able to submit electronically. Diane Sanchez mentioned that she had received some complaints from the users receiving notifications that are striped of information to report for jury duty. There have been a few no shows caused by this issue. Diane will submit a helpdesk ticket and the CTO will see what is happening.

Courtroom Technology Committee Updates – Julie Goyen

Emergency Requests

As we come to the close of the first year of the 2019-2020 biennium, we have had 6 emergency requests. Of those, most are full audio upgrades. The Court Technology Office (CTO) is aware of another possible emergency request that may be coming in, but we have yet to receive any paperwork.

We continue to work with the State of Wyoming, General Services Division, on the Supreme Court courtroom emergency request. The ceiling is presenting issues, but General Services was on-site the last two weeks for troubleshooting purposes. We hope to have a quote in the next few days with a tentative install date shortly after Frontier Days.

Rollout

Thus far we have either implemented or schedule 12 courtrooms in the official rollout. Installation began in February. After September, we will have 1 courtroom remaining with a 2016 audit rating of two 2, the Washakie circuit courtroom in Worland. In addition to the courtrooms receiving the audio upgrade and Hub integration, if applicable, the associated jury rooms in those locations are being updated, as well. Once the rating 2 courtrooms are done, we will move onto those courtrooms with a rating of 3 and so on.

Hubs

Until recently, we were unable to order any additional Microsoft (MS) Surface Hubs. MS has begun allowing pre-ordering of their newest version, the Hub 2s, in late May. We have some on order and expect to receive them sometime in late July or early August. We will then be testing the new units before placing them into the courtrooms on the rollout that lack a Hub.

Portable Recording Unit

The Committee has also approved the use of a portable recording unit for those courtrooms that have Liberty recording in the event the recording system fails. The system is portable and once notified, the CTO can ship the equipment overnight for temporary use until the system is fixed. For now, there is only one unit and if we find more are needed, we will re-evaluate. The recording system does not have speakers and is not a replacement for the audio address system, but to maintain the court record. We will be sending out an email of its availability after testing is complete.

Courtroom Recording Signage

The Committee has recommended notification signage should be displayed in courtrooms where Liberty recording is employed. Several options were put before the Committee during their May meeting. Of those options, two are being evaluated further. Both options allow customizable look and feel, as well as, verbiage. Option 1 is a retractable fabric display and option 2 is similar to a picture frame. The CTO is in the process of obtaining both options and sending them onto Judges Johnson and Christensen for their feedback.

Livestreaming

The Committee has reached out to the district judges asking about interest in livestreaming courtroom proceedings to their chambers staff. While a hard-wired option is the preferred method, livestreaming allows those chambers staff whose offices are in another city from the courtroom, some access that is now lacking. Locations like Newcastle and Sundance in JD-6 are prime examples since the JA is located in Gillette. Previous feedback from the district judges stated that they wanted to stream confidential cases but livestreaming with an affordable off the shelf system does not allow this and is therefore not recommended. However, it can be an effective tool for non-confidential cases. The CTO has heard from a couple of judges of their interest in the livestreaming option. Our next Courtroom Technology Committee meeting is in August and we should have more to report after the meeting.

Laramie County

We continue with the rollout in Laramie County but have been experiencing significant delays. However last week, two partial installations occurred. One for

	<p>Judge Sharpe’s district courtroom and the other for Judge Williams circuit courtroom.</p> <p>Additionally, we had been previously told that the new district courtroom would be available for the audio and video installation on June 24. After touring the courtroom early the week of June 3, it was apparent that this would not be possible. The CTO continues to work with the county’s project manager, Ben Hornok, to complete the courtroom. We have been given another date of July 15. We are still working out the logistics of that week since Frontier Days begins that Friday. Additionally, the CTO plans on touring the courtroom on June 28 to determine if the July 15 date is possible.</p> <p>Phase III Update – Julie Goyen</p> <p>Today Nate Goddard and Jen Petrella are in Douglas refreshing the hardware in both the Douglas district and circuit courts. With this refresh, the only locations remaining are Kemmerer and Evanston district court. They are slated for later this summer, since the original installation was thwarted by a blizzard.</p> <p>Once completed, we will go onto a more regular refresh cycle of switching out the equipment on average every 4 years. It is on average because the first iteration of the new cycle will have some courts go a bit earlier or later than 4 years since what was just completed in 18 months will now be done over a 3-year cycle with a down year in between.</p> <p>Julie Goyen thanked everyone for their help in scheduling and working with the CTO.</p> <p>Azure Migration – Julie Goyen</p> <p>Last Friday evening, the CTO completed the migration of the WyUSER application into the Microsoft Azure cloud. WyUSER is one of the last applications to be moved to the cloud. Only a couple of systems are yet to be moved or retired; the data warehouse and a web service with the Highway Patrol.</p> <p>We are in the process of moving the data warehouse and have some final touches to complete. We hope to have this done in the next few weeks.</p> <p>The Highway Patrol is currently migrating onto a new software system that provides the Court with citations. Once their migration is completed, the web service will be retired.</p> <p>Overall, we have had some bumps in the road, but the migration has taken approximately 18 months.</p>
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	<p>Chief Justice Davis asked about the added security from the migration. Julie confirmed that there is significantly more security as we have a backup data center in Arizona and fail over in Virginia.</p>
<p>Permanent Rules Advisory Committee (PRAC)</p> <p><u>Appellate Division</u> Judicial Members: Justice Boomgaarden, Judge Fenn</p> <p><u>Civil Division</u> Judicial Members: Justice Fox (Chair), Judge Castano, Judge Kricken, Judge Rumpke</p> <p><u>Criminal Division</u> Judicial Members: Justice Kautz (Chair), Judge Sharpe, Judge Phillips</p> <p><u>Evidence Division</u> Judicial Members: Judge Rumpke (Chair), Judge Nau, Judge Radda</p> <p><u>Juvenile Division</u> Judicial Members: Judge Wilking (Chair), Justice Kautz, Judge Campbell, Judge Fenn</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appellate Rules Update – Justice Boomgaarden and Patty Bennett <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. No Update 2. Civil Rules Update – Justice Fox and Patty Bennett <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. No Update 3. Criminal Rules Update – Patty Bennett <p>The committee met by phone on today, and began consideration of amendments to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Rule 3 (related to specificity in information which allege multiple counts), b. Rule 24 (related to the number of peremptory challenges when there are multiple defendants) c. Rule 46.4 (related to disposition of forfeited bonds) d. Rule 48 (related to speedy trial) <p>No proposed amendments have been drafted or discussed yet but may be by the next meeting.</p> <p>The committee also is making a comparative analysis of amendments that have been adopted by the Federal Courts where Wyoming still has the prior rule.</p> <p>The next meeting is planned for late July 2019.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Rules of Evidence Update – Judge Rumpke and Patty Bennett <p>The recent changes to Rules 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 803 and 902 have been adopted. They were signed on May 20 and effective August 1.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Juvenile Rules Update – Justice Kautz and Patty Bennett <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. No Update
<p>Court Security Commission</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update – Ronda Munger <p>Ronda Munger delivered a report on the distribution of the Legislature’s \$400,000 appropriation that in the Supreme Court’s budget in 2018. She explained the grant process for the seven counties that were offered and carried through with submission of their applications for the funds: Carbon, Converse, Hot Springs, Lincoln, Sheridan, Uinta and Washakie. Ronda reported that of the \$387,500 granted to these counties, the court has paid out just over \$64,000 in reimbursements of expenditures to date. An additional request for reimbursement is expected from Converse County in a few days; they have completed their projects. (Ronda added that even better news is that Carbon County’s grant monies served as seed money for a much bigger project. A bond initiative that recently passed in that county for infrastructure improvements (a 6th Penny Tax)</p>

	<p>will allocate \$18 million to consolidating the offices that deal with criminal justice functions into the existing courthouse—thereby creating a justice center—and consolidating the county’s administrative offices into the existing Carbon Building.) Once the authorized grant reimbursement requests for the \$400,000 appropriation are processed, there will be a remaining balance of \$12,500. Five requests were received after notification was sent to the local court security management committees about the remaining funds being opened up to all the counties. Requests were received from the following counties: Albany \$8,550; Crook \$7,107; Goshen \$9,545; Teton \$5,243; and Washakie \$15,988. Lengthy discussion was held about the grant requests. Judge Tyler moved, seconded by Judge Roberts, that the remaining \$12,500 in grant funds be awarded to Washakie County since their request was supported by a courthouse security assessment that was conducted in 2016. The Court Security Commission will have its next meeting in August in Riverton. Justice Kautz has agreed to be the Chairman of the Commission, with Deputy Director of Homeland Security Leland Christensen as the Vice Chairman.</p>
<p>Chancery Court Committee Judicial Members: Justice Fox (Chair), Chief Justice Davis, Judge Fenn, Judge Waldrup, Ret.</p>	<p>1. Update – Justice Fox</p> <p>We have been working very hard to move forward the creation of a chancery court. Information about the court can be found on the supreme court website. The information includes the order appointing the members of the chancery court committee. The chancery court bill requires that rules be in place by 2020. A number of issues need to be resolved before then. The Committee is considering locations for the court but seems to be leaning towards Casper where a new state building will be constructed. The legislature is motivated to get the court up and running, so we anticipate using a fairly simple version of FullCourt Enterprise as the case management system. We will also move towards eFiling and Public Access without consideration of any paywall, which would significantly slow the ability to make records available to the public. One positive note is that we may be able to use the chancery court as a pilot project for eFiling and Public Access.</p>
<p>Access to Justice Commission</p>	<p>1. Update – Justice Boomgaarden</p> <p>Brad McKim is leading the work on an end-of-year program report as well as a new strategic plan. The strategic plan will be informed on the needs assessment that is expected to be completed in early 2020. The Commission has a new member, Professor Lauren McLane. Professor McClean is the Faculty Director of the Public Defender Aid Clinic at the Law School. The Commission will also need to replace Kerri Yarter, who retired from the Circuit Clerk's Office in Laramie County. The Commission is currently collaborating on 2 projects with Equal Justice Wyoming. The first project is a uniform fee waiver in civil cases. There wasn't unanimous support for this project earlier, so the district judges have been asked for more input. Once the district court judges have had an opportunity to discuss a uniform fee waiver, the input will be sought from the circuit court judges. The second project is to investigate opportunities with Attorney General Hill for lawyers in the Attorney General's Office to volunteer for pro bono work. If this effort is successful, it may provide an avenue for city and county attorneys to participate in pro bono efforts. Judge Christensen added that his Court has been looking at projects to get new attorneys into the courtroom. The Access to Justice</p>

	Commission's project may allow young attorneys to both get into the courtroom and to do pro bono work.
New Business	<p>1. Member Input</p> <p>Judge Day described the progress of improving security in the Teton County Courthouse. He conveyed that the county commissioners obtained for a full study by the National Center for State Courts on courthouse security and facility need. Nathan Hall from the Center and his staff were there earlier in the year. They reported that for about \$5 million dollars, the most pressing concerns can be addressed. However, the addressing all the security concerns would require a remodel or a new courthouse. The current circuit court and district court courtrooms are too small. Moreover, the size of the courthouse is about half of what it should be. The cost of a new courthouse is \$60 million. A remodel would be approximately 2/3rds of that. The Commissioners are suffering sticker shock and the future is uncertain, but there is something to work with and this is on county commissioners' radar.</p> <p>Judge Day also passed on a request from the District Judges' Conference that the BJPA agendas be circulated earlier to allow for suggestions for additional topics and for feedback on the topics from the Conference. Chief Justice Davis agreed and thanked everyone for participation and service to the branch on this board.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.</p>

<p>Action items:</p> <p>1. None.</p>

Action taken by Board: None.	
Schedule of Future Events	Joint Appropriations Committee (Cheyenne) – July 9, 2019 Joint Judiciary Committee (Casper) – August 15 – 16, 2019 BJPA Meeting – September 16, 2019

Appendix 1: CJP Request.

Appendix 2: MDT Report Draft Form.

Appendix 3: JJC Committee Topics.

Appendix 4: JAC Committee Topics.

Attachments are highlighted

Approved on June 28, 2019



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Memorandum

To: Wyoming District Court Judges

From: Wyoming Children's Justice Project (CJP)

Date: June 17, 2019

Purpose: Information and request for feedback on the Multi-Disciplinary Team Report format

Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) Report Format

The Wyoming Department of Family Services (DFS) is updating its policies and procedures for MDTs. As part of this update, DFS would like to have a consistent MDT report format for statewide use. DFS is requesting feedback regarding the attached MDT report. Specifically, does the format allow you to easily ascertain the status of a juvenile case and, if not, how can DFS improve the form. Please provide feedback by July 1.



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MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM MEETING REPORT

CHILD'S NAME:	DATE OF BIRTH:
JUDGE:	DOCKET#:
ACTION: (ABUSE/NEGLECT, CHINS, DELINQUENCY)	COURT DATE:
MEETING DATE:	NEXT MDT MEETING:

MDT MEETING COMPOSITION:

TEAM MEMBERS PRESENT:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Address</i>
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TEAM MEMBERS APPEARING BY TELEPHONE:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Address</i>
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TEAM MEMBERS INVITED BUT NOT ATTENDING:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Address</i>
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MDT COORDINATOR:

HARM AND DANGER STATEMENTS

Original Harm Statement provided by the Department of Family Services (DFS):

Original Danger Statement provided by the Department of Family Services (DFS):

Current Worry provided by the Department of Family Services (DFS):

CURRENT SITUATION

Recap of case:



WYOMING DEPARTMENT *of* FAMILY SERVICES

Purpose of MDT:

Permanency Plan/Concurrent Permanency Plan:

Physical and legal custody:

Placement information/date and length of placement:

EXPENDITURES

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DILIGENT SEARCH

WHAT IS GOING WELL

This section will encompass oral and written reports from MDT members, *i.e., parent(s), child(ren), attorneys, GAL, school, counselors, placement, foster parent(s), other family members, etc.*

NEXT STEPS

Family Service Plan:

Compliance:

Complicating Factors:



WYOMING DEPARTMENT *of* FAMILY SERVICES

SAFETY NETWORK GOALS

This will be developed by DFS before the MDT is held.

RECOMMENDATIONS

REASONABLE EFFORTS

TEAM TASKS

If applicable, these will be tasks given to various MDT members that will assist in moving the case toward closure and should be completed before the next MDT.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy S. Gilliam
MDT Coordinator

Date

Attachments:

2019 Joint Judiciary Committee Interim Topics

Priority #: 1 Review of Recent Wyoming Supreme Court Opinions

The Committee will study and consider recent opinions where the Wyoming Supreme Court noted the absence of legislative action or called for legislative action.

Priority #: 2 Public Meetings and Public Records

The Committee will undertake a two-year study of the public meetings and public records statutes to modernize statutes in light of changes to the law, technology and to promote realistic transparency.

Priority #: 3 Supreme Court Updates (including the Family First Prevention Services Act and Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) and Parents' Counsel Programs)

The Committee will receive reports and recommendations from the Wyoming Supreme Court, including a written update on the development, financial history, and future fiscal impacts of the e-filing system. The Committee will consider legislation from the Department of Family Services necessary to comply with federal funding requirements of the Family First Prevention Services Act. The Committee will also study and consider the agency location of the guardian ad litem and parents' counsel programs.

Priority #: 4 Conservator and Guardianship statutes

The Committee will examine issues relating to conservatorship and guardianship statutes.

Priority #: 5 Justice Reinvestment Updates

The Committee will receive reports and updates regarding the justice reinvestment program implementation.

Priority #: 6 Review of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System

The Committee will receive updates and recommendations regarding the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS).

Priority #: 7 Trespass

The Committee will receive reports and recommendations from stakeholders regarding Wyoming's law on trespass.

Priority #: 8 Sexual Abuse of Minors and Human Trafficking

The Committee will receive information from state agencies about crimes and statistics relating to sexual abuse of minors and human trafficking.

2019 Joint Appropriations Committee Interim Topics

Priority #: 1 Court System Filing and Automated Background Checks

The Committee will review the status of storage and access to public court records and documents, especially within the district and circuit courts, to improve access, including access for documents necessary for background checks. The Committee will review and consider the revenues used to fund implementation of needed and desired technology upgrades, including subscription-based funding models utilized in other states, i.e., Utah, as a means of providing a sustained source of funding for court record automation and the Judicial Branch IT budget.

Priority #: 2 Contract and Leasing Procedures

Conduct a review of multiple issues related to state contracting and leasing processes and procedures, primarily implemented by the Department of Administration and Information (A&I) and the State Construction Department (SCD). The review will include, but not be limited to: definition of “resident” contractor and resident preference; review of contractor outreach and establishing bid specifications; modernization of public notice requirements/processes; ensuring alignment of statutes with agencies and professional disciplines; competitiveness of leasing processes; evaluation of final contracting payment procedures, retainage, and timeliness; UW’s Buy WYO program and potential metrics to be extended to other agencies or political subdivisions; and effectiveness of alternative construction delivery methods, including design-build.

Priority #: 3 Databook Revision and Budget Document Transparency

The Committee will review the Legislative Service Office (LSO) Databook and related budget documents to improve and streamline presentation, including transparency of state fiscal conditions, policies and actions for legislators and the public.

Priority #: 4 Enterprise Technology Services: Scope of Services

The Committee will initiate an information request with the Department of Enterprise Technology Services (ETS) to begin review of agency staffing, budgeting, and services provided to state agencies. The Committee will also review the original mission of ETS and identify examples of successes and areas requiring improvement.

Priority #: 5 Department of Corrections: Facilities

The Committee will continue its regular review of the Wyoming State Penitentiary (WSP) maintenance and remediation efforts. The Committee anticipates holding one interim meeting in Rawlins for the education of newer committee members.

Priority #: 6 Statutory Requirements and Receipt of Reports

The Committee will receive reports required by legislation from state agencies, as provided by law, including:

- Receive and provide a recommendation on the K-12 external cost adjustment (ECA);
- Receive a report on higher education study on baccalaureate degrees; and
- Receipt of status report from the State’s government efficiency contractor, or responsible parties within the executive branch;
- Review performance compensation programs for the Wyoming Retirement System and State Treasurer’s Office in accordance with 2019 House Bill 222 (2019 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 57).