

WSBA Juvenile Law Section - minutes

Monthly Meeting - May 2021

Friday - May 21, 2021

12:00pm – 1:00pm

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Present: Michael Addams, Laura Baird, Gina Cumbo, Marci Comeau, Meghan Casey, Megan Valentine, Bailey Zydek, Kari Petrasek, Hillary Madsen

- 1) Welcome - started at 12:05**
- 2) Approval of agenda**
 - a) approved**
- 3) Approval of April minutes**
 - a) approved**
- 4) Financial Report**
- 5) Committee Reports**
 - a) Civil Legal**
 - i) no updates**
 - b) Juvenile Justice**
 - i) no updates**
 - c) Child Welfare**
 - i) no updates**
 - d) Legislative**
 - i) Session is over - some bills signed into law**
(1) HB 1219 signed

(a) Children 8 & up now get attorneys at every stage of dependency proceedings

(b) 0 and up assigned counsel at filing of term petition

(i) (a) and (b) to be phased in over few years

(ii) Standards of children's rep to be reviewed and revised

(2) HB 1194 signed

(a) Requires first parent-child visit to occur within 72 hours of removal after dependency petition filed

(b) Presumption that visits should be unsupervised

(3) HB 1227

(a) Change to standards in removal of children from parents

(i) must be evidence of imminent physical harm; if conditions of the home are at issue, must be causal connection between the condition of the home and imminent physical harm

(ii) court must balance the harm of removal vs. threat of harm in determining whether there is cause to remove a child from her parents' home

(4) HB 1140, signed

(a) Children contacted my law enforcement must be given opportunity to consult with an attorney before waiving any constitutional rights

(b) Consult itself cannot be waived

(c) Exceptions for youth suspected to be victims of sex trafficking and scenarios where questioning necessary to prevent imminent harm bill

e) CLE

i) Jill & Megan discussed CLE plan recently

(1) had meeting with some from KCBA who have presented on this topic

(2) topic: role of DCYF, foster youth, and assigned counsel

(3) putting on in summer - virtual format

(4) platform and cost still unknown

(5) single session

ii) Mike mentioned putting on session re history of SS Act and Title IV programs this past week

(1) able to do in future if we want to put on another CLE

6) Elections and candidates

a) names of candidates submitted to WSBA for election ballot

b) some spots had multiple candidates, some had none

i) no one applied for Sec/Treasurer, CLE coordinator, civil legal needs, juvenile justice

ii) New elected committee can appoint in October

7) Roundtable

a) Should we have summer meetings?

- i) Since planning a CLE we still should**
- ii) Many take August vacations - maybe take off August?**
- iii) Will keep on schedule for now, and in July decide re: August**

Concluded at 12:25